

**FRANKLIN COUNTY CLAYBIRD LEAGUE**  
**RULES**

JANUARY 20, 2011

1. **Shoot Program:** The program shall consist of (25) 16-yard targets and (25) handicap targets. Adult price for targets will be \$8.00. Junior shooters will pay \$4.00. Optional Lewis Purse will be \$4.00. If a junior shooter elects to play the Lewis Purse, the junior shooter must pay the adult price for targets. No shooter may officially shoot the program more than once. Starting time will be when at least two (2) teams are represented.
2. **Team:** Each shooter must remain shooting for the team he starts for that season.
3. **Scores:** At each shoot, the five highest scores will be used from each team. Teams will be rated on a point system, 5-4-3-2-1, and ties will be divided equally. The shooter with the highest score will receive a trophy. Ties (of the highest score) will be decided at the following shoot. Ties at the last regular scheduled shoot will be decided at the Booster Shoot. Ties at the Booster Shoot will be shot off at that shoot.
4. **Entry Fee & Trophies:** An entry fee of \$175.00 (made payable to the treasurer) will be assessed each team for trophies and awards. The entry fee will be paid by August 1 each year to the Awards/Trophy Committee. If there are insufficient funds at the end of the year, each team will be assessed equally to cover trophy expenses. Trophies will include: highest score at each shoot (15 each), Permanent High Team Trophy, High Over All (H.O.A.) average, high 16 yard average, high handicap average, H.O.A. for Lady, Junior, Veteran and Sr. Veteran, individual trophies for all 50 straight(s). A “Junior” will be all shooters starting the first shoot under 19 years of age. Those shooters starting the first shoot at 65 through 69 years of age will be classified as “Veteran” and a “Senior Veteran” will be those which start the first shoot at age 70 or older.

It is the shooter’s responsibility to declare these special categories (Ladies, Junior, Veteran and Sr. Veteran), to the league statistician.

To be eligible for trophies, except 50 straight and individual shoot trophies, a shooter must record at least 600 targets. The lowest scores over the required 600 targets will be omitted when determining the averages for trophies.

5. **Statistician/Secretary Fee:** At each shoot, except the Booster Shoot, the host club will pay \$30.00 to the Statistician/Secretary of the league.
6. **Handicap Yardage:** The Handicap Yardage Chart determined by the shooters previous year overall average will be prepared by the statistician. This will be each shooter's starting handicap yardage. There will be **no** reductions during the year. **There will also be three (3) yards maximum yardage reduction each target year.** No shooter will be reduced below the yardage position that corresponds to their previous year overall average. The maximum reduction will not be lower than the 20-yard line, 19 yards for ladies. **NOTE:** A shooter may refuse the “formulated starting yardage reduction” at their first shoot that year, but must maintain that yardage from that point forward. The shooter should also initial their chosen yardage entered on the League Bulletin Sheet.

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- a. **New shooters to the league** will be placed on the 20 yard line, (women 19 yards), unless they have an ATA yardage that is greater. A new shooter which has had an established ATA yardage must start his\her league shooting from that known ability and shoot at least 600 targets to be eligible for a Franklin County yardage review for the upcoming year.
  - b. No yardage will be added to any shooter unless earned at a league shoot.
  - c. At each shoot, the shooter(s) with the highest score will receive 2 yards additional handicap. The second highest score(s) will receive 1 1/2 yards and the third highest score(s) will receive 1 yard additional handicap. **IT IS THE SHOOTERS RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT THE PROPER HANDICAP IS USED. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL MAKE THEM SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION.**
  - d. In handicap, there shall be no more than two (2) yards difference between adjacent shooters in the squad and **NO MORE THAN A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF TWO (2) YARDS IN A SQUAD.**
7. **Disqualification:** Scores shot in an event for which a contestant is disqualified will not be counted for that team and any trophies and/or moneys which the contestant has received for an event for which he or she is disqualified **MUST** be returned. Returned trophies and/or moneys will be redistributed at the decision of the team captains. Any contestant who is disqualified for any event and **FAILS TO RETURN** any trophies and/or moneys which they received in that event will remain disqualified and will be barred from shooting Franklin County League targets until all trophies and/or moneys have been returned and written notification from the league is received by same contestant.
  8. **Lewis Purse:** The work sheet as prepared by the current shoot management must be posted at the shoot following with the winning scores and payoff indicated, and the winnings available to be paid at that time if not paid before. It is desirable to have this information to the team captain of the next shoot before the start of that shoot.
  9. **Traps:** All clubs must have at least two (2) traps with one trap handicapped to 27 yards. A club may shoot practice as long as it does not interfere with the scheduled shoot. Each club will throw all orange targets.
  10. **Additional Rules:** A.T.A. Rules will apply in absence of other rules. The Team Captains will rule on any controversy.