

2019 NW MO Sporting Clays

League Rules and Info

Shoot 8 rounds for score between March 2019 and August 31, 2019. After 3 rounds you will be classed with shooters that record similar scores. Our goal is 10-12 shooters per class. The number of classes will depend on the number of shooters that sign up for the League. The League Awards Banquet and prize distribution will be on September 1, 2019. The last day to shoot for score will be August 31, 2019. (yes, we know that's opening day of Dove season, but by the time you are done with the league you should be able to shoot your limit in less than a box of shells and be back to the range by Noon for the Banquet).

2 LEAGUES:

As an experiment in 2018, we offered a sub gauge league to go along with the regular, "Open" League. It was so successful that we are expanding the Sub Gauge League into 3 divisions. So, the Open League remains the same, shoot 8 rounds of 100 Sporting Clays over the 6-month season. The Sub Gauge League will now have 3 separate Divisions. 20-gauge, 28 gauge, and .410 bore. Each division require 8 rounds of 50 Sporting Clays to be shot over the 6-month season. Each gauge is scored separate. Shooters can shoot as many or as few of the gauges as they want. See below about qualifying for the incentive gun drawings and how to qualify.

PRIZES:

Incentive gun drawing:

8 guns per league will be awarded in drawings that include all the shooters that are up to date on their shooting. This means the Open League will draw 8 gun winners throughout the year. Then the Sub Gauge League will also draw 8 gun winners throughout the year. To qualify for the drawing in the Open League you must be current on your Open League Targets per the schedule at the end of this section. To qualify for the drawing in the Sub Gauge League you must be current with your targets for at least one sub gauge division. If you are shooting multiple divisions, you only need be current on 1 division to qualify, but it is always to your advantage to stay current on all. A shooter can only win once in each division. Winners can still win the Grand Prizes.

The shooting schedule for incentive drawings is as follows:

1st round by March 31st, 2nd round by April 28th, 3rd round by May 12th, 4th round by May 26th, 5th round by June 30th, 6th round by July 28th, 7th and 8th round by August 31st.

Grand Prizes:

CZ-USA has once again donated all the Grand Prizes. In the Open League the Grand Prize will be a CZ-USA Sharptail Target 12-gauge SxS Shotgun. In the Sub Gauge League instead of 1 Grand Prize CZ-USA has graciously donated 3 Grand Prizes, one for each division. The 20-gauge division will have a Grand Prize of a CZ-USA Sharptail 20-gauge SxS shotgun. The 28-gauge division will have a Grand Prize of a CZ-USA 28-gauge Sharptail SxS Shotgun. The .410 Bore Division will have a Grand Prize of a CZ-USA Sharptail SxS Shotgun in .410 Bore. These will all be drawn by random drawing of all shooters in each gauge that finished all 8 rounds of the league by August 31st. A shooter can win multiple grand prizes, since the gauges are separate events, with separate entry fees. **Please support CZ-USA whenever possible!!!**

Special gun drawing rules for youths:

In the event a Youth wins a monthly Incentive gun draw the league will give that youth the cash equivalent of what we paid for that gun, then we will offer that gun for sale to league shooters (so we can recoup what we paid to the youth winner). The first offer will go to the youth's Parent or legal Adult shooting partner. If they do not want it, we will offer it first come first serve to any other league shooter that wants it. Youths will NOT be in the Grand Prize drawing simply because we are not buying those guns, so we have no basis to make a cash payout. Plus, that draw happens on the last day of League, when we will have no money in the League coffers to offer the Youth in lieu of the gun.

CASH PAYOUTS:

All Entry fees collected will be returned to the shooters at the end of the year via prize money. It is impossible to determine those amounts before the league starts. It will be very similar to the 2018 league. In the Open League we had 102 shooters in 12 classes of 8 or 9 shooters and paid the top 4 spots in each class in the amount of \$425, \$300, \$175, and \$100 for a total of \$12000. In the Sub gauge we had 56 shooters and 5 classes of 11-12 shooters and paid 5 spots as follows: \$250, \$150, \$125, \$75, and \$50 for a total of \$3240. It will all depend on the number of shooters and where we can find easy breaks in the scores to divide up the classes. We will do the best we can. You can assume that the more classes there are, the fewer places in each class. The fewer classes we have, the more places within each class we can pay. The one thing we can assure you is that every dollar we collect in Entry Fees will be paid out as prize money. We will announce payout amounts and number of places the same time we announce the classes.

COST:

Entry fee for the Open League is \$120 and \$60 for youth. Entry Fee for the Sub Gauge League is \$60 per gauge and \$30 for youth. A Youth is someone that will not reach the age of 18 by August 31, 2019. Entry Fees are paid to NW Missouri Sporting Clays League. Targets are \$40 per 100 (\$20 per 50) and this is paid to Boot Hill each time you shoot. For those interested, Boot Hill offers a Calendar year membership. The membership fee is only \$30, and it gets you a reduced target fee. Members pay \$35 per 100 and \$17.50 per 50. These prices are good for league rounds and all open shooting according to Randy. They are **NOT** good for registered shoots. It makes sense to become a member, especially if you shoot multiple leagues.

DEADLINES:

We are doing 8 rounds in only 6 months to make it easier on our Host Club owner. There are **2 DROP DEAD** deadlines. By May 12th you must have 3 rounds recorded. This is important because we will be placing every shooter in their Class on May 18th. The other major deadline is August 31st. You must have a total of 8 rounds recorded by August 31st. This is the last day of the League and it will be impossible to win any class prizes if you don't have 8 scores recorded. Also, you will not qualify for the Grand Prize Drawing or the August Incentive draws. These are the 2 Deadlines that are most important.

We have created incentives mentioned above to help you meet these deadlines.

An additional incentive/penalty exists for the May 12th deadline. If May 12th comes and goes and you don't have 3 rounds recorded, we can't hold off creating the classes. So, for those that did not get 3 rounds shot in time, we will take the average of the round(s) you did get shot and add 10% to it. That will be your score for the missing month(s) for purposes of classing you. This may have the effect of placing you in a higher class. You will still be required to shoot the missing rounds in order to complete the league and your actual scores will be used. The penalty of 10% is only so we can get you into a class.

WHEN CAN WE SHOOT:

Start as soon as Boot Hill opens for the season. That is scheduled to be March 2, 2019. Then his regular hours are Saturday and Sundays 9:00 to 4:00 (last squad out). If the weather permits and Boot Hill Opens a week or two early, we will allow you to shoot your targets and register. I may not have scorecards before March 2nd, but we will make do. Likewise, if the weather is like 2018 and he cannot open on time the league will start as soon as he does open. One important note. Boot Hill hosts an event every August called the Veterans Shoot. It is put on by the Shoot Like a Girl organization run by Neva Woody and Glynda Hascall. This is an important shoot and Boot Hill will close

to all other shooters that day. I believe that day is August 10th. If I find out I guessed wrong I will inform you all.

SHOOTING AHEAD OR FROM BEHIND:

Stuff happens, we all know it. We have tried to make this league the easiest league to comply with that anyone has ever shot. We allow you to shoot ahead 2 months. You can also make up rounds if you get behind (see the above discussion on deadlines and incentives). If you know there is a busy month coming up, shoot ahead so you don't miss out on a gun draw. You are limited to 2 rounds per day per league since there are only 2 courses. You cannot shoot the same course for your 2nd round.

What does 2 months ahead mean?

If you are at the range to shoot and it is May 20th for example, it is possible to shoot June and July targets. July would be "2 months" ahead. The caveat is that you can only shoot 2 rounds in one day. So, in that example of May 20th, if you had already recorded your May score, you can shoot 2 rounds and cover June and July. However, if you had not already recorded your May score you can only shoot May and June due to the limit of 2 rounds in one day.

What if something came up and I couldn't get to the range to shoot in June? (for example).

You can make this round up in July. The only consequence for missing June is that you miss out on the gun drawing for June. Therefore, we hope everyone shoots at least one early, get one in the bank, especially for April and May. We can't stress enough how important it is to get 3 rounds shot by May 12th. A 10% penalty will be hard to overcome as it might place you in a class you don't belong in.

MR. MULLIGAN:

We tried another experiment last year. We allowed one mulligan per league to be purchased and used to replace a round that a shooter considered a bad one. It was successful and generated enough money to completely pay for the banquet costs plus about \$300 for door prizes. So, guess what, we are doing it again!!

Cost of Mulligan:

If purchased when you sign up for the league it is \$15 for the Open league and \$7 for the Sub Gauge league (per gauge). If you wait till later in the year and buy it after you think you need it, the cost will be \$25 and \$12.

How do I use it?

We will have on file who owns a Mulligan and it will also be added to the standings posted at the range and on the website. If you decide that you want to replace a bad round just tell us that you want to use your Mulligan and we will give you a special score card, go shoot it and then we will record your new score. If you want to replace one of the 1st 3 rounds you must make this decision and shoot it by May 12th. Rounds 4-8 can be replaced by Mulligan through August 31st. You do not have to use your Mulligan immediately after a bad round. You can replace that round later. For example, if in August, you decide that you want to replace June's score, you can do that. Also, you do not have to use your Mulligan at all. If you don't have a bad round, then don't use the Mulligan just because you had to pay for it. It is insurance against a bad round and the goal should be NOT to use it.

Special rules for using mulligans in rounds 1-3:

To replace a bad round shot in your first 3 rounds the Mulligan must be used by May 12th. Rounds 1-3 are used to class everyone. We can't have shooters replacing those rounds later in the season as it may impact how we classed everyone. It would be a complete Cluster to allow changing a score after May 12th for those rounds. Also, if you want to replace a score for round 1-3, we are going to use the higher of the original score and the mulligan score. We are not going to allow someone to come in and shoot considerably worse, maybe on purpose, just to get in a lower class. If the Mulligan is used in rounds 4-8 we will replace your score with whatever you shoot on the Mulligan round.

What are you doing with the Mulligan money?

All the money collected from the sale of Mulligans will go towards paying for the year end banquet. Anything left over will be used to buy door prizes and then given away by drawing at the banquet. All the money we collect goes back to the shooter in some way.

SHOOTING THE LEAGUE AND RECORDING SCORES:

When you get to the range and get ready to go shoot your league scores make sure you tell whomever is working the counter that you want to shoot a league score. You will be given a special league scorecard with your name, shooter #, and proper month on it. No other scorecards will be accepted. You must shoot with another league shooter or have another league shooter score for you. You will also have the course menu on your clipboard. Make sure you follow that menu. Make sure you turn the scorecard in at the end of the round, no turning them in the next time you come. Please add your score on your card. We will also score your card and let you know the score we counted in case we don't agree.

When shooting, score your targets using NSCA rules regarding broken targets or gun malfunctions. If you do not know those rules please ask, I will have info for you, or shoot

in a squad with someone that does know. All target pairs at Boot Hill will either be True or report pairs. Please try to be legible when scoring. Use an "X" or "/" to represent a target that was hit or broken. A "O" for a miss. By the way, dust is a "O".

You can shoot practice rounds, in fact we encourage it. Our host club does a great job for us so of course we want you to shoot there as often as possible. The only thing we ask is that if you shoot a practice round, then come back later and want to shoot a league round, make sure you shoot the other course from the one you practiced on.

SPIRIT OF COMPETITION:

Billy and Dave came up with this league to bring shooters together for a fun time of shooting with friendly competition. Also, to give shooters that do not shoot registered competition some experience competing. So, with that in mind we hope you all feel the same. In the Open League you can shoot any gun you want, that is why it is called Open. Last year we had shooters shooting mostly 12 gauge, but also some 16s, quite a few 20s and 28s. We ask that if you start the league with a certain gun, please finish with it or another gun similar to it, if that one breaks. Example: don't shoot the 1st 3 scores with Grandpa's old SxS double trigger Hammer gun, then finish the last 5 scores with your target gun. There is a word for that.

UNCLE SAM:

We follow all BATF and IRS rules. This means to take possession of a gun that you have won you must complete a BATF form 4473 and pass a NICS check. As for the IRS, if you are lucky enough to win prizes or cash that equal or exceed \$600, we must issue a 1099. That means we will need your SSN prior to final distribution of your prizes/cash.