

## Information for new and previous year athletes to our Clay Crusher family

We are excited about the upcoming year and grateful to have you be part of our team. We couldn't do everything without the numerous coaches, parent volunteers and generosity of the shooting community. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit youth shooting sports education organization and are 100% Volunteer. We may have some fund-raising activities during the season and you can always donate via either link below:

<https://www.benaveryclaycrushers.org/donate.html>

### **Our Season:**

Our program operates from September through April. Practices are held every other Sunday or Tuesday. Many athletes opt to attend both practice days at an additional cost of \$450.

During our first practice we will introduce our coaching staff and explain what you might expect to experience during the season such as Fun Shoots, State Finals, local competitions and SCTP National Competition. New athletes will attend a shotgun safety meeting and returning athletes will have a gun safety refresher. Additionally, new athletes will be measured/sized for their team vest.

### **What to expect at our practices:**

We meet at a designated field at the range for your athlete to sign in and receive their practice field assignment. After check-in, each athlete will pick up their practice ammo and shotgun if needed. A normal practice consists of shooting 50 targets in one of the three American disciplines (skeet, trap or sporting clays). All athletes need to have eye and ear protection, a hat with a bill as well as closed-toed shoes. At the end of practice all athletes need to assist in the clean-up of their assigned field and not leave their field until the coach dismisses them. If an athlete has utilized a club shotgun for practice it must be returned after dismissal by the coach.

Please arrive a few minutes prior to the practice start time and make sure that you have all of your required shooting gear. If unable to attend a practice please notify us as soon as possible.

Please have your athlete wear our team apparel to practice to promote team spirit.

*A parent/guardian **MUST** remain at the range while their athlete is attending the practice.*

### **SCTP Events:**

**Fun Shoots** are to introduce athletes to a competition environment via a casual setting which allows them to learn competition etiquette and test their shooting skills.

*December-7 & 8 Ben Avery Clay Target Center (BACTC)*

*January-18 & 19 Tucson Trap & Skeet Shooting Club (TT&S)*

**Commissioners Cups** (State Final) are the end of Season competition. Involvement in this competition qualifies the athlete for Nationals. All athletes are highly encouraged to attend. *This is the ideal competition to measure learned skills.*

*Sporting Clay April 12, 2025 (TT&S)*

*Trap April 26, 2025 (BACTC)*

*Skeet April 27, 2025 (BACTC)*

**SCTP National competition in Ohio:** Held each summer at the end of June or beginning of July.

**Local Events:**

Local Skeet, Trap and Sporting Clay events are open to all athletes. Athletes wanting to participate in local competitions including the State Commissioners Cups will need to be a member of the national governing board ie. (NSSA, NSCA, ATA) conducting the event. SCTP athletes can join and pay discounted membership fees by notifying us via email prior to the event.



# Ben Avery Clay Crushers



## Arizona Scholastic Clay Target Program

### SCTP INFORMATION SHEET 2024-2025

ATHLETE'S FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_, AZ, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ School Name \_\_\_\_\_ HS Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ M-F \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT: FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

PRACTICE DAY: SUNDAY 5:30pm \_\_\_\_\_ (OR) TUESDAY 6pm \_\_\_\_\_

ATHLETE SHIRT SIZE (youth or adult) \_\_\_\_\_ Ammunition Ga. (12ga or 20ga) \_\_\_\_\_

#### ATHLETE DIVISION

\_\_\_\_ (R) ROOKIE DIVISION (5<sup>th</sup> Grade and under)

\_\_\_\_ (IE) INTERMEDIATE ENTRY (6<sup>th</sup> Grade or FIRST YEAR Athlete Grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)

\_\_\_\_ (IA) INTERMEDIATE ADVANCED (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grands- SECOND & THIRD YEAR Athlete)

\_\_\_\_ (JV) JR VARSITY (9<sup>th</sup> Grade or FIRST YEAR Athlete Grades 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)

\_\_\_\_ (V) VARSITY (10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grades SECOND, THIRD or FOURTH YEAR Athlete)

\_\_\_\_ (C) COLLEGIATE (Athlete enrolling in College or University)

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#### PROVIDE National Governing Board NUMBER IF MEMBER:

ATA \_\_\_\_\_ NSSA \_\_\_\_\_ NSCA \_\_\_\_\_ USAYESS \_\_\_\_\_

ASTA \_\_\_\_\_ ASSA \_\_\_\_\_ USAS \_\_\_\_\_



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Phoenix, AZ 85086

### Code of Conduct Policy and Procedure

Safety is the number one priority at any shooting event.

While participating in shooting sports the athlete and their parents/guardians, must adhere to the following code of conduct. All shooters must always conduct themselves in a safe and professional manner while at a shooting range without exception.

#### *PROHIBITED CONDUCT*

##### *Major Offences*

- 1) Use of foul, offensive language or threatening language
- 2) Acts or threats of violence
- 3) Endangering, threatening, or causing physical harm to any spectator, member of the SCTP, or to oneself, causing any person to reasonably fear for their safety.
- 4) Pointing of firearms (of any kind) at other individuals
- 5) Use of alcohol or tobacco products
- 6) Violation of any criminal law of the State of Arizona related to the misuse of firearms or violence against another person.
- 7) Destruction or defacing of any property including but not limited to graffiti.

##### *Minor Offences*

- 1) Horseplay
  - a. i.e. play fighting, running or jumping on objects
- 2) Aggressive behavior
  - a. Throwing of equipment (hats, shells, etc.)
  - b. Rough handling of firearms
- 3) Dress code violations
- 4) Violation of any criminal law of the State of Arizona that is not classified as a felony
- 5) Knowingly giving false and misleading information to a coach or Game and Fish official.

##### *Safety Rules*

- 1) Eye and ear protection is required on the shooting field at all times
- 2) A hat with the brim facing forward is required for skeet and/or sporting clays
- 3) When gun is carried with muzzle pointed upward, the muzzle must be above the carriers head, never under the brim of the hat
- 4) AT NO TIME SHOULD A MUZZLE BE PLACED ON THE TOE OR FOOT, this will result in immediate disqualification from the match
  - a. The muzzle can be placed on a rubber pad or carpet mat on the shooting station
- 5) Your finger must be kept off the trigger until your gun is mounted and you are ready to call for the target
- 6) Your gun MUST be open and empty at ALL times except when on the station prepared to shoot



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Break action guns may have the action closed provided the gun is secured in a gun rack

- 7) You may ONLY load your firearm once you are on your shooting position and it is your turn to shoot
  - a. Trap shooters are permitted to have a shell in the chamber with the action open provided they remain facing downrange on their station and the range is "hot"

### *SANCTIONS*

When an athlete is believed to have committed a major offense the Lead Instructor will report the incident to the Shooting Sports Coordinator at the Arizona Game and Fish Department immediately. The Department will immediately conduct an investigation during the investigation the athlete will be suspended. If the offense is confirmed the athlete will be suspended from the program for the minimum duration of one season. Major offenses may also result in expulsion from the program. After an athlete has been suspended, reinstatement may occur only on athlete appeal (see athlete appeal).

When an athlete is determined to have committed a minor offense or violation of the safety rules, the Lead Instructor and coaching staff will determine the duration of the athlete suspension. The incident and suspension will be reported by the Lead Instructor to the Department. The Department will review the findings by the lead instructor and may revise the finding and/or sanction.

Safety violations during SCTP events will result in one warning to the athlete. A second safety violation will result in the disqualification of the individual from the event. The exception to this is any incident involving major offenses or the placement of muzzles on an athlete's toes which will result in immediate disqualification.

The Department retains the right to review any suspension. The decision of the Department after any review is final. The Department and Lead Instructor have the right to remove an athlete from SCTP for failure to adhere to the shooters code of conduct and/or sportsmanship and ethics contract at any time.

### *ATHLETE APPEAL OF SUSPENSION*

An athlete removed from the program for first time major offenses may appeal for next season reinstatement. In no scenario will an athlete be reinstated for the same season in which they were suspended for major offences. The athlete is the only individual who may petition for reinstatement. No parent/guardian or coach may do it on their behalf.



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An athlete petitioning for reinstatement must demonstrate that he or she is aware that there is no tolerance for that type of behavior in this shooting program. The athlete must demonstrate understanding of the code of conduct, sportsmanship and ethics, how it applies to the shooting sports and in which way they violated the code of conduct and the spirit of the codes. The appeal must be accompanied by a letter explaining why they should be reinstated into the program directed to the Shooting Sports Coordinator.

This information will then be evaluated by an appeal board at the Arizona Game and Fish Department composed of the Shooting Sports Coordinator, Hunting and Shooting Sports Program Manager, Wildlife Recreation Branch Chief, an individual from the Department's Law Enforcement Branch, and a member of the advisory council. If needed, the petitioner will be asked to appear before the board. The Appeal Board will evaluate all information and decide on possible reinstatement.

Once the Appeal Board determines that reinstatement is possible it will be the final determination of the Lead Instructor of the Club if they will accept the athlete back into their club for the next or subsequent seasons. If the Appeal Board denies reinstatement the athlete may appeal the following year. Only one appeal per season will be permitted.



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**Team:**

**Lead Coach:**

*Sign and return this portion to your Lead Instructor.*

By participating in the SCTP you are agreeing to the code of conduct and athlete sportsmanship and ethics contract. You are agreeing to accept instruction from a certified SCTP Coach in an organized SCTP activity. You and your parents/guardians understand that the Lead Instructor can issue warnings to participants for code of conduct, safety and ethic violations. You acknowledge that you may be suspended or expelled from the SCTP program for violations of the code of conduct or sportsmanship and ethics contract.

Participants must have a parent or guardian present at events or training programs.

I understand and agree to the safety rules, code of conduct, rules and procedures, and sportsmanship and ethics codes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Student Athlete (Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I understand that my child/children are bound by the guidelines set forth and I as their parent or guardian agree to abide by the code of conduct rules and these guidelines as well.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent or Guardian (Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date