



## **CHS 2024 Trap Team Student and Parent Information**

### **WHAT:**

The CHS Trap Team is a sporting activity offered for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders by Cathedral High School partnering with St Cloud Christian School 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders and Prince of Peace 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades. This activity is a club at CHS and therefore receives no funding through the school. Equipment, including firearms and associated necessities must be provided by the student's family. The booster club assists families in the club by fundraising to pay for items such as the team T-shirt, registration fees to various tournaments and other team necessities. All coaches are volunteers and receive no compensation for their time.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Open to students in grades 6 -12.
- Minnesota Firearms Safety Certificate is **required**; NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Students must maintain grades in accordance with the Minnesota State High School League in order to compete. The athletic department will notify Coach Joe if there is a participant not meeting these requirements.
- Students are able to Letter in trap.

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

- Registration is open for students to begin registering through the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League. Registration runs thru March 25th at Noon. NO EXCEPTIONS ON THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE. **We begin shooting Monday, March 31st**

[www.mnclaytarget.com](http://www.mnclaytarget.com)

- FIRST: You will receive an invite once your shooter has been added to the team site. PARENTS PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL AS YOU SHOULD ALREADY HAVE IT. If you have not received it, please let us know ASAP!
- NEXT: Follow the invite link, it will take you to sign up where you will pay the State League fee of \$40 and enter the shooters Gun Safety Cert # if you are new shooter. You are then added to the team roster with the State.
  - For new registrations, the team code is **cal094**
  - **If you choose not to participate in Trap this year**, please do not complete that registration process. Please let Joe know that you will not be participating so we know your plans.
  - Each member of the team makes a difference in the scoring process.
  - Please update the profile of the shooter if the shooter is a returning shooter
    - Shirt size – will be used to determine team uniform shirt size and state shoot t-shirt
    - Grade
    - Contact info



### EQUIPMENT:

- Eye and ear protection is needed by all shooters.
- Team “uniforms” are provided. Team uniforms are t-shirts: info below related to ordering process and team logoed apparel. The new T-Shirt provided will be different than previous year’s shirt.
- Trap Gun: If students are having trouble finding a gun to shoot with or affording the cost to shoot, please let Joe or Mike know and they will work with you.
- Shells: See below for league and additional purchase info.
- Shell catcher: required for semi-auto’s.

### COSTS:

- **\$320 will cover a single shooter for the minimum shooting requirement for the league** which includes the fun day at the end of the scoring weeks. There is a \$2 difference in actual cost for the league versus what is being paid by each family; this will be covered by the Booster Club revenue generated. **Checks should be made out to SCPF** and can be given to Joe, Mike, Ryan Salner, Jeanne Loch, Sonny Ricke, Brenda Hagenson or Julie Nystrom. Checks need to be received by or on the first day of practice.
  - The \$320 price includes the following:
    - Range time including targets. Pricing listed below for reference:
      - DelTone: \$9.00 per 25 targets/rounds
        - (i)  $\$9 \times 18$  (rounds of shooting) = \$162
        - (b) Shooters do not need to enter the clubhouse at DelTone: Joe and Mike will handle all finances during league shooting; unless you shoot extra
      - Shells: enough for the 20 rounds you are expected to shoot for the full league priced at \$8.00 for a box of 25 shells. You will have 2 extra boxes of shells that are being provided by the booster club. They can be used to shoot extra rounds. You will have to pay for the targets at Del Tone, but you will have the ammo.
        - (i)  $\$80 \times 2$  (cases) = \$160
      - Ammo will be provided to the shooter from the coaches after the initial payment has been made. The shooter should then bring the ammo each week to shoot.
      - An additional way to acquire ammo for shooting anything over the required minimum amount of shooting for the season would be to sell raffle tickets. Following is the program information:
        - (i) Stearns County Pheasants Forever (SCPF) is a HUGE supporter of our Trap Club as they sponsor a raffle that benefits youth trap. Tickets sold come back to students in a \$1 for \$1 exchange. Tickets come in books of 10 and each ticket is \$10. The raffle typically consists of firearms and larger gift certificates. Books of tickets can be obtained through and are returned to Joe & Mike. Proceeds of the ticket sales are exchanged for shells through Pheasants Forever or some form of range time payment at Del-Tone. A flat of shells is \$80 through Pheasants Forever.



**Volunteer Coaching Staff:**

Joe Opitz: Head Coach newelopitz@aol.com C: 320.290.7900	Mike Theisen Mikesrepairinc@gmail.com C: 320.267.7340
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**SCHEDULE:**

- Regular Team Practice: The team will shoot at Del-Tone/Luth Gun Club every Monday after school. The Coaches will be there earlier should the team arrive. **Practice begins April 1<sup>st</sup>.**
  - An alternative shoot day is Thursday should rounds need to be made up or extra practice is desired. The Coaches are at Del Tone assisting Tech High School with their Trap Team and can have CHS students shoot as well.
  - If there are changes to the schedule, Joe will let the team know typically via email.
- Season officially starts the week of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
  - Shoot in rain or snow. Dress for weather
- Scoring for the tournament begins the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - This gives the team a few weeks of practice.
- May 20<sup>9h</sup> is the last week of the league scores for state competition submission.
- The week of June 1st will typically have a fun night where the shooters will get to try shooting 5 stand, Annie Oakleys, etc. It's definitely a favorite! In addition, we'll have a potluck and awards for the season.
- Shooting for the team will continue after this date in preparation for the MN State Championship Tournament. This additional practice is outside of the \$320 season fee paid upfront. Target and ammo will need to be procured. (Purchase your shells through the coaches).
- MN State Championship Tournament: The 2024 MN State Championship Tournament is scheduled for June 10-18<sup>st</sup> in Alexandria, Mn. Each team will have their specific date and time to shoot. This is an all-day event. We typically shoot one day towards the beginning of the week.
- The league allows teams to compete against each other by turning in their scores each week. There is not any traveling to other locations for the league play required.

**ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:**

- Tournaments may be available for you to attend. As information becomes available, it will be shared with the team. Some tentative dates to keep in mind:
  - May 4<sup>th</sup>: ANVIL Foundation Tournament # Del-Tone
    - Youth Shoot Starting at 8am
  - June 8<sup>th</sup>: DelTone 100 Tournament



- There may be a more informal league competition between the local schools shooting at Del-Tone to make the season more interesting. This will not require additional shooting times or additional rounds. More information will be forthcoming.
- National Championship: In the past, qualifying athletes are invited to participate in the USA High School Clay Target League's National Championship. Unsure of plans for this year's event.
- AIM Shooting Opportunities:
  - For more information on AIM, visit the Del Tone website
  - 2024 AIM Shoot Dates: All dates are at Del Tone
    - January
    - February 4<sup>h</sup>: Noon Start
    - March 3rd
    - April 7th
    - May 5<sup>th</sup>:
    - June 1st & 2nd
    - AIM State Shoot:
      - July @ Del-Tone: Date TBD

#### **TEAM UNIFORM AND ADDITIONAL APPAREL CLOTHING ORDERS**

- T-shirt and additional clothing orders will be available. More information will be distributed separately.

#### **TEAM PHOTOS:**

Team Photos: Date and time will be communicated separately. Typically, there is a paper order form that needs to be completed for pictures and payment is due at picture time. Stay tuned!

#### **TEAM SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY:**

Businesses and individuals are invited to sponsor the team for \$250 with special recognition on the teams social media sites. The proceeds will be used to cover the cost of the uniforms (t-shirts) for the team as well as tournament entrance fees, ammo as needed for some tournaments, etc. If you are interested in supporting the team or know someone you think may be interested in doing so, please contact Julie Nystrom at 320.420.8330 or [djea@djnystromfamily.com](mailto:djea@djnystromfamily.com). Every sponsorship or donation dollar is appreciated. Donation request letters and additional information are available for you to hand out as needed to possible donors. In addition to the business sponsorships, we approach organizations such as the Legion, Eagles, Lions clubs to sponsor our tournaments. If you are connected to any of these organizations, we would appreciate your help with the money request. Please let us know of your connection. Tournament shooting costs approximately \$68 shooter.



**Booster Club:**

The Trap Team is a club for CHS. It receives no funds from the school, nor does it supply coaches, equipment, etc. All coaches volunteer their time and help raise funds to pay for items that encourage the students to be able to shoot (relieving financial costs). The Current booster club includes a few parents who have volunteered their time to make the program the best it can be for the kids. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to join. For each individual, the 'contribution' may be different as we all have different skill sets and time availability. Some examples of the work that needs to be done annually include: uniform and team logoed clothing ordering, scheduled team pictures, student letter coordination including letter acquisition, awards and fun night planning and execution, parent/student meeting and sponsorship opportunity identification and donation acquisition, State shoot team event coordination and assisting coaches with whatever they may need.

**Booster Club Contact Information:**

Sonny Ricke (CHS) C: 320.492.2920	Brenda Haagenon (SCCS) C: 320.266.1116
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