

## Rules of Trapshooting Etiquette

1. Make sure you understand where your assigned bank is located.
2. Be sure you are behind the bank well in advance of your turn to shoot. Forcing the rest of your squad to wait is inconsiderate and holds up every squad behind you. **This also means having all of your equipment and gear ready to go.**
3. Be ready when your squad is called and when it's your turn to shoot.
4. Do not lean over after each shot to pick a shell out of a box on the ground or to pick up empties.
5. Have your shells where you don't have to stoop over to get them; it is distracting to other shooters on the squad.
6. Do not raise your gun until the shooter ahead of you has fired.
7. **Avoid any unnecessary movement on your post that might distract or interfere with other shooters.**
8. Remain on your post, standing facing the trap quietly, until the fifth man has fired and then move to the next post.
9. At the end of the round remain still on your last post facing the trap until the last man has fired the last shot.
10. If you are leadoff, do not fire until you have checked and ensured that all the members of the squad are on their post and are ready to fire after each change of post.
11. **Never load your gun before changing positions.** When moving from Post 5 to Post 1, turn to the right to avoid bumping guns with the shooter coming from Post 4.
12. When moving from Post 5 to Post 1, **always** walk behind the other shooters.
13. Load only one shell at a time except in doubles. **If a delay occurs, remove the shell(s) from the chamber.**
14. Close your gun only when you are on the post and facing the trap. Close it only when you are preparing to shoot and avoid distracting other shooters when doing so.
15. Do not allow ejected shells from your gun to hit or annoy the other shooters.

16. Do no unnecessary talking on the firing line. **A cell phone is not required to call for targets. If you have a cell phone, leave it in your bag or place it in the silent mode.**
17. When not on the firing line, keep your voice down when you are around other squads who are shooting. Remember other shooters on the squad and adjacent traps deserve to shoot undisturbed.
18. Coaching is not allowed at any time when shooters are on the line (Registered Shoot).
19. Time your shooting to establish a rhythm in the squad.
20. Call for your target in a clear voice; but do not call in such a loud voice so as to trip the voice releases on adjacent fields.

**21. Be a Sportsman at all times.** If you are shooting well, others are aware of it, and you don't need to brag. By the same token, if you are having a bad day, accept it without complaint or displays of anger. Don't do anything that might interfere with the other shooters.

**22. OBSERVE ALL SAFETY RULES.**

1. Do not point your gun at another shooter, even if you think it is unloaded
2. On the firing line always keep your gun pointed toward the ground and down range.
3. Off the firing line, keep your action open.
4. Always keep your muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
5. Treat every gun at all times as if it's loaded.
6. The chamber is to be empty at all times except when on the firing line preparing to fire.

**23.** Shooters are almost always happy to have you look at their guns if you ask for permission first. **Do not pick up another shooters gun from the gun rack and handle it without first asking his/her permission.**

**24.** Follow all rules for shooting trap per the Amateur Trapshooting Association rule book. Registered trap shoots and registered trap leagues are governed by these rules.

**25.** Above all, have fun and treat every shooter the way you would like to be treated.