

Guidelines for Texas State Team Selection

Introduction

In 1970 the Directors of the Texas Trapshooting Association passed a motion that established the first Texas State Trapshooting Team. The purpose of selecting a state team was to recognize and reward those shooters who had performed to exceptional levels in the sport of trapshooting. Since that time, the single state team concept has evolved into seven different teams and this document will provide the necessary guidelines for selecting shooters to the various state teams.

Where it is appropriate and sensible, the Texas State Team guidelines will parallel those used by the Amateur Trapshooting Association for All American Team selection. Specific changes unique to Texas will be identified in this document.

The Teams

There are seven state teams that will be determined each year. The 1st Vice President of the Texas Trapshooters Association will be responsible for collecting the team applications, verifying qualifications, and making the final assignments to the teams.

The teams will be made up of the following categories and member counts:

Men's First Team Captain plus four other members

Men's Second Team Five members

Ladies Team Captain plus four other members

Veteran Team Captain plus one other member

Senior Veteran Team Captain plus one other member

Junior Team Captain plus one other member

Sub Junior Team Captain plus one other member

In order for a shooter to be considered for a team, the shooter must fill out a state team application form and send it to the 1st Vice President of the TTA. The deadline for receiving applications will be December 31 of the year in which the targets were shot. The shooting period for determining shooter eligibility will parallel that of Amateur Trapshooting Association in their determination of the All American Teams. For example, the 2006 Texas State Teams will be based on shooting performances in the 2004-2005 target year with the application deadline being December 31, 2005. Awards for the 2006 teams will be presented at the 2006 Texas State shoot.

Blank team application forms will be printed in the state shoot program or can be obtained from the 1st Vice President...

Team Qualification

A shooter can be on only one team in a given year.

If a shooter qualifies for more than one team the 1st Vice President will place the shooter on the team where they rank the highest (ATA guideline). A shooter may request in writing that they be considered for one team over the other (ATA guideline). This guideline will apply in those situations where, for example, a lady could qualify as a Junior, Sub Junior, Veteran or Sr. Veteran. A Veteran male or Sr. Veteran male may apply for one of the Men's teams but must do so in writing at the time they submit their application. A Junior male or Sub Junior male can only apply for their respective category (ATA guideline).

To qualify for a state team a shooter must comply with the following:

1) Meet the state residency requirements as defined by the Amateur Trapshooting Association and be in good standing with the Amateur Trapshooting Association and the Texas Trapshooting Association.

2) Meet the minimum target requirements for the team.

Team	Singles	Handicap	Doubles
Mens	2500	1500	1000
Ladies	1500	800	500
Veteran	2000	1000	800
Sr. Veteran	2000	1000	800
Junior	1500	800	500
Sub Junior	1500	800	500

3) Compete in a minimum of two Texas Zone shoots and submit their scores for the 400 championship targets (singles, handicap, doubles) in each shoot selected. (A person may shoot all five zone shoots and select their best two zone shoot results if they so desire).

4) Compete in the Texas State Shoot and submit their scores for the 400 championship targets (singles, handicap, doubles).

5) File a state team application with the TTA 1st Vice President on or before December 31 of the year in which the targets were shot.

Team Eligibility Based on Age

All age-based categories in Texas will be the same as those defined by the Amateur Trapshooting Association.

The following is a discussion of age-based categories and how those shooters may qualify and apply for more than one state team:

Sub Junior – A shooter that has not reached their 15th birthday.

Junior – A shooter that is at least 15 years of age but has not reached their 18th birthday.

Veteran – A shooter that has reached their 65th birthday but has not reached their 70th birthday.

Senior Veteran – A shooter that has reached their 70th birthday.

If a person's age changes during the target year putting them in a different category, i.e., a Sub Junior turns 15, shooter turns 65, Veteran turns 70, etc., that person may apply for either team in which they participated during the target year. They must advise this when they submit their application to the 1st Vice President. Male Veterans and male Senior Veterans can apply for the Men's teams but must specify this in their application. Ladies, male Sub Juniors, and male Juniors are not eligible for the Men's first or second state teams (ATA guideline).

Ladies are eligible for Sub Junior, Junior, Veteran, and Senior Veteran teams but must advise this in their team application.

State Team Awards

All persons earning a position on a state team will receive an award that recognizes the achievement and a person can continue to win this award in subsequent years. A person can only be on one team in a given year. If possible, the 1st Vice President will present all of the team awards at the Texas state shoot.

In addition to the team awards there are special individual awards that a person can earn. These will be described as follows:

Rings: Special ring awards (for ladies there can be alternate awards such as a necklace, bracelet, and pendent and for Junior/Sub Junior there can be an engraved pocket knife or money clip) are available to be won by shooters but a shooter can win only one of these in their shooting career.

First Men's Team – The first time a person earns their way on to the Men's First Team they are entitled to a special TTA ring if that person has not earned a ring in prior years.

Ladies Captain – The first time a lady earns the captain spot on this team they are entitled to a TTA ring. Ladies not desiring the ring may option for other awards i.e. necklace, bracelet, pendent, etc.

Junior Captain, Sub Junior Captain, Veteran Captain, and Senior Veteran Captain – A person earning one of these captaincy positions for the first time will receive a special TTA ring (or for Jr/Sub Jr an engraved pocket knife, or engraved money clip) provided they have not already won a special award in prior years.

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Ties for Captain shall not be contested and Co-Captains shall be declared. Ties for place shall be decided and ties broken in the following manner. The first tie breaker shall be the total score of the four hundred

(400) Championship targets counted from the State Shoot of the year in question. If a further tie breaker is required it shall be the composite average of total registered targets for the year in question. In no case shall a team exceed the previous mentioned member counts except in the case of multiple ties for Captain exceeding that number.