

## ***Papillion LaVista Trap Team Rules & Etiquette***

When you arrive at the trap range make sure your gun is unloaded action open keeping your muzzle down put in a gun rack until it is time for you to shoot.

Make sure you understand where your assigned trap field is located. Be sure you are behind the field well in advance of your turn to shoot.

Be ready to shoot when your squad is called, and when it's your turn to shoot in the squad.

Do not lean over each time to pick a shell out of a box on the ground or to pick up empties. Have your shells where you don't have to stoop to get them. Wait for the entire squad to finish before retrieving more shells in a 10 @ a post round of 50 targets.

Do not raise your gun until the shooter ahead of you fires.

Remain on your post, standing facing the trap quietly, until the fifth person has fired their fifth shot, and then move to the next post. At the end of the round, remain still on your post facing the trap until the last person has fired the last shot. If you are leadoff, do not fire until you have checked and ensured that all members of the squad are on their posts and ready.

Never load your gun before changing positions. When going from post 5 to post 1 turn to the right to avoid bumping guns with the shooter coming from post 4. When moving from post 5 to post 1, always walk behind the other shooters.

Load only one shell at a time, except when shooting doubles. If a delay occurs, remove the shell(s) from the chamber. 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 disturbing other shooters when doing so.

Do not allow shells to be ejected from your gun on to the ground or to hit and annoy other shooters. Team members shooting semiautomatics must use a shell catcher. Empties go in your shell pouch or shooting vest. All empty shells go in the trash can after your round is over. Those reloading may take their empties home.

If you encounter a gun or ammo malfunction on the line stop and raise your hand for a coach or range personal to help you. Keep your muzzle pointed down range at all times until help arrives.

Do no unnecessary talking on the line; keep your voice down when you are around other squads who are shooting.

Time your shooting to establish a rhythm in the squad. Call for your target in a clear voice; do not call in such a loud voice so as to trip the voice release on the adjacent fields. Likewise, do not call with such a quiet voice so that the release does not trip.

Be a sportsman at all times. If you are shooting well, others will be aware of it. You don't need to brag unnecessarily. By the same token, if you are having a bad day, accept it without complaint or displays of anger.

Observe all safety rules. Ear and eye protection are mandatory. Do not point your gun at another person, even if you think it's unloaded. Always keep your gun pointed toward the ground or the trap house. Off the firing line keep your action open at all times. ( if snow is on the ground it is acceptable to have muzzle straight up )

Shooters are almost always happy to have you look at their gun if you ask permission first. Do not pick up another shooter's gun from the rack and handle it without asking. Remember there is no gun handling except on the firing line. If you need help or wish to inspect a gun see a coach or range personal for assistance.

Place your shooting bag on the ground. Benches are for bodies.

When you get home make sure you clean and oil your gun properly. If you take care of your gun it will last for years.

Remember Trap Shooting is a fun sport you can do your entire life.