

Shotgun Sports Information

(All info is updated as of August 6th 2024) (Info can be subject to change in the future)

About Us & About Joining

- Shotgun Sports club is for anyone who wants a close group of friends that go out to the range and shoot different disciplines of shotgun sports. Throughout the year, we travel to compete in many tournaments with our two largest being the ACUI tournament in Sparta, Illinois and the ACUI Collegiate Nationals Championship in San Antonio, Texas.
- Main Disciplines
 - American Trap Shooting
 - American Skeet Shooting
 - Doubles Trap & Skeet
 - Sporting Clays
- How can I be accepted on the team?
 - Anyone is accepted on our team! It doesn't matter if you've never competed or competed on the USA Olympic Shotgun Team. The following are the only requirements we ask of you to join the team:
 - Follow ALL safety rules
 - Follow ALL instruction given to you by officers
 - Treat other members with respect and kindness (no matter their skill level)
 - We reserve the right to remove anyone from the club who does not abide by any safety/kindness policy

Practice

- Our team practices every week on Sunday! (Unless expected bad weather or a holiday weekend)
- Practice Execution
 - Meet Sunday at 10:00 AM at the M.L.K. Walmart Supercenter parking lot to carpool to range
 - Officers are willing to pick-up some members from campus if needed
 - You may also drive yourself to the range
 - Drive to Pajaro Gun Range (Arrival 11:00 AM)
 - 802 Old Highway 271, Fort Smith, Arkansas
 - Pre-Shoot meeting to determine what everyone needs to work on
 - Practice until everyone is ready to leave
 - On average, we leave the range at 2:00 PM
 - You are free to arrive or leave the range whenever you like (if you drove yourself or a driver decides to leave)
 - Although, the last member to leave must be an officer. If the last officer leaves, all team members must leave as well.

Range Safety

- **OUR CLUB INVOLVES GUNS!! ALL GUN SAFETY PRACTICES, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES ARE EXPECTED FROM EVERYONE, NO QUESTIONS ASKED!** (We will teach you if you have limited with guns and/or gun ranges)
- Range safety rules
 - Never have your gun loaded unless you are in the station to shoot AND it is your turn to fire
 - ALWAYS treat your gun as if it was loaded
 - Always point your barrel upward or down range (There are very few exceptions for over-under shotguns that break open down the middle)
 - NEVER POINT YOUR GUN AT ANYONE ELSE! (You will be asked to leave immediately and absolutely WILL NOT come back!)

- When you are on the range/in the shooting station
 - Always wear ear and eye protection
 - Point your barrel upward or down range
 - Only put your finger on the trigger when you are ready to fire down range
- In the event your gun doesn't fire
 - WAIT FOR 5-10 SECONDS!
 - Keep your gun pointed down range
 - Carefully open your gun / pull back the ejection port
 - The best practice is to NOT fire that shell again

Shotgun Storage

- YOU MAY NOT KEEP YOUR SHOTGUN ON CAMPUS ANYWHERE! (You can keep ammunition with you, but PLEASE be responsible! You represent our club and the university)
- We are slightly limited on shotgun storage options as most members live on campus or in apartment complexes
- We have a close connection with the UofA police department. You may store your gun in their VERY secure gun locker. Unfortunately, they don't allow you to store your gun in its case while in the locker
 - How do you do this?
 - Talk to a club officer about your interest in UAPD storage
 - Information you will need to provide the CLUB OFFICER
 - Full Name
 - Uark email (Ex: ejm020@uark.edu)
 - Phone number
 - Student ID
 - Driver's License State
 - Driver's License Number
 - Gun Model & Type (Over/under or Semi)
 - Gun serial number
 - Drop Off and Pick Up (ONLY AFTER A CLUB OFFICER GRANTS YOU ACCESS)
 - You WILL NEED a trigger lock for your gun before you go to UAPD
 - Call the UAPD main number (479-575-2222) about 10-15 minutes before you arrive
 - Drive to the back of the building and park close to the grey door
 - Unless there is a police officer waiting for you, you may call the main number again and let them know you have arrived or walk to the front of the building (WITHOUT YOUR GUN) and let them know at the front desk.
 - A police officer should help you from there

Fees (Dues, Tournament Fees, Ammo, Vests)

- We officers are trying our absolute best to make participation in this club as cheap as possible
 - The more members we have, the cheaper it is to participate
 - The more money our club makes (fundraisers/sponsors), the cheaper it is to participate
- UREC requires us to ask for semester dues. These are fees you pay once per semester to participate in our club
 - We offer 2 free practices before you are obligated to pay semester dues
 - This way you can learn about the club and understand what it is that you are financially committing to

- Ammunition: As of right now, ammunition is your own responsibility
 - We have been given permission to buy ammunition using our club budget.
 - We are working on the best solution to provide ammo for club members.
 - This information is extremely subject to change, so if you have any questions, please contact a club officer.
- Tournament Fees:
 - Club officers do their best to make tournament fees HALF or LESS THAN HALF of the official tournament fee
 - As of now, you will be expected to pay for your own meals and any other items you need to stay a night for a tournament
 - We fit as many people as possible in vehicles to carpool
 - You won't have to split gas money (the university reimburses drivers for that)
 - Tournament fees are too variable to state a clear price
 - Tournament fees have been anywhere between \$50 to \$300 (approximate)
 - Remember you aren't obligated to go to any tournament
- Vests: Vests are a one-time purchase from a business called Shoot the Moon.
 - We try to buy in bulk for a cheaper price
 - Vest payments per individual in the past has been \$150
 - Subject to change due to demand/inflation

Tournaments

- Tournaments are completely optional to compete in
 - Typical tournament night/nights
 - Meet at the same place for practices (M.L.K. Walmart Supercenter parking lot) (unless you need picked up)
 - Drive to Airbnb, hotel, etc.... (most likely Airbnb)
 - Sleep for the night
 - Go to tournament in the morning
 - Leave after tournament or the next morning (depending on distance from home)
- Again, you must follow ALL the safety rules, ALL officer instructions, and conduct yourself in a respectful and presentable manner
 - ESPECIALLY BECAUSE WE ARE TRAVELING WITH GUNS!