



2026 Rule Book

BANQUET & ELECTION

1. Election of Officers (President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer) shall take place at the annual banquet of the Erie-Crawford Trap Shooting League. All League members attending the banquet shall be entitled to cast votes on matters pending before the membership. The current Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of this meeting unless otherwise exempted in this document. This banquet meeting will take place within the two months following the last shoot of the season. This banquet meeting will be held at a time and location to be announced to all member clubs at or before the final shoot of the season. Newly elected officers shall take office immediately following the adjournment of the Banquet/Meeting. (3-03)
2. The Secretary/Treasurer honorarium will be determined annually by league captains. The Scorekeeper honorarium will be determined annually by league captains (3-23)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Executive Committee of the Erie-Crawford Trap Shooting League will consist of the President, Vice-President and Secretary /Treasurer. The Executive Committee will maintain the day-to-day operations of the Erie-Crawford Trap Shooting League. The Executive Committee shall conduct such business as is necessary to allow normal operations to take place, including, but not limited to, the setting of League standards, scheduling, club memberships, classifications and the receipt and disbursement of funds. (2-02)

FISCAL YEAR

1. The fiscal Year for the League will begin on November 1 and end on October 31. (3-03).

CLASSIFICATION

(adjusted in 3-11)

AA	50.0 -- 47.00
A	45.50 – 46.99
B	43.50 -- 45.49
C	41.00 -- 43.49
D	40.99 -- 0

1. The classification at the pre-season shoot shall remain in effect for the entire year, but not including the post-season shoot. At the Post Season shoot, a shooter will be classified based on their average earned in the just ended season. There will be no “Bumps” (placement into a higher class) for winners of either a pre or post-season class. All existing uncleared “Bumps” from previous seasons are no longer applicable. (3-16)
2. A shooter must shoot in at least six regular season matches to be classified for the Post-season shoot. (2-87)
3. All unclassified shooters, other than Junior or Sub-Junior shooters shooting in their first ECTL season, will be placed in class AA with the exception below. First year Junior shooters will be entered in Class B and First year Sub-Junior shooters will be entered into Class C unless known ability warrants a higher classification. New shooters reclassification to remain at mid league schedule

EXCEPTION: New members who can prove classification by way of ATA or from another recognized league requires approval by Executive Board. (3-18)

4. Any member who has an average established for the current shooting year based on the previous year's average but who is unable to shoot the six shoots minimum to establish an average in the current year because of medical conditions may, upon request to his/her Team Captain and forwarded to the League Secretary, be granted a one year non-renewable extension of his/her average through the current year. (3-10)

TEAM CAPTAINS

1. At their request, Team captains will be provided with envelopes and postage for mailing master sheets. Mailing the sheets is not required if electronic score reporting is used. (3-06).
2. We will use master sheets to record scores. These Master Sheets will be transmitted electronically to the Home Team Captain for each match. (3-11)
3. All names must be printed in full on the master sheets. (3-72)
4. The captain of the home team will be responsible for mailing in master sheets of his home matches. Both the Home and Visiting Captain shall retain a copy of the completed Master Sheet. Electronic mailing of master sheet score reports will be used if the format used is agreed to by the League Scorekeeper. If the electronic reporting of score as proposed above is planned to be utilized, the visiting captain may object to the report. If he/she does object, the Home Captain must submit the report by mail. (3-03)
5. All scores must be postmarked no later than midnight Saturday following the match. There is a \$5.00 penalty to the team captain for failure to meet this deadline. Mailing the sheets is not required if electronic score reporting is used. (3-06).
6. Captains will send only the original master sheet to the scorekeeper and the team captains must sign the master sheet unless such a submission was done electronically. (3-03)
7. All score reports mailed to the team Captains, either via e-mail or postal service mail, shall be posted for all team members to view within two weeks of being received. Any discrepancies noted must be reported, by the team captain, to the League Scorekeeper within two weeks of the report being posted. (3-03)
8. The pre-season Captain's meeting will be in March at the discretion of the Secretary. (2-89)
9. Anyone may attend the Captains meeting and have a voice; however, only the team captain can make motions and vote on motions. (4-77)

SCHEDULE

1. All regular shoots will be held on Thursday evenings at 5:00 pm with sign-ups ending at 8:00 pm. (3- 06)
2. We will have a split season. 1st half championship and 2nd half championship ties will be broken by total bird count. If a tie remains, a shoot-off will be held and a coin toss will determine home field. Season championship shoot-off will be conducted if needed. Total bird count determines home field. Sign ups for Sunday shoot offs will be 12 pm - 2 pm. (3-2022)
3. Season championship shoot-off will be 50 targets and held on a date mutually agreed upon or on the scheduled date. Sign-ups to begin at 12:00 pm (noon) and end promptly at 2:00 pm or, if held on an alternate day other than Saturday, the regular league shooting hours will apply. To be eligible for the championship shoot-off, a shooter must have shot at least 300 targets in the season. (3-03)
4. Each years schedule will be prepared by the League Officers and submitted to Captains for approval prior to the first captains meeting of the year. (3-18)
5. We will use a rotation schedule for the pre and post season shoots by drawing for position in 1974. (2-74)

Year	Pre	Post	Year	Pre	Post
2026	Albion	Black Ash	2030	Black Ash	Albion
2027	Gem City	Bay City	2031	Bay City	Gem City
2028	Erie Co.	Edinboro	2032	Edinboro	Erie Co.
2029	North East	Saegertown	2033	Saegertown	North East

6. We will have a bye for the weeks of the Grand American, Pennsylvania and Ohio state shoots every year. (3-78, Ohio added 3-13)
7. We will have a bye for the week of the Konne-Yaut Indian Shoot. (3-2020)

MEMBERSHIP

1. League dues must be paid in advance of shooting. (3-04, rev. 3-2020)
2. As long as a person is a club member, of the club he/she is shooting for, and has paid their league dues, they may start shooting any time during the season. (3-01)
3. Any new team wishing to join the Erie-Crawford Trap League shall apply for membership, in writing, to the Secretary/Treasurer of the League. In order to avoid any late application fee, such application shall be postmarked no later than December 31st of the year preceding that in which the team requesting membership wishes to start competition. Applications postmarked January 1st or later but before the Annual Meeting of the Captains, will be subject to a late application fee, not to exceed \$50.00. This fee may be waived by majority vote of the Member Team Captains. No application will be accepted at or after the Captains' meeting, which is required by League rules to be held in March of each year. (3-02)
4. The \$50.00 team entry fee must be paid prior to the pre-season shoot.

COST

1. The league fee will be \$10.00. This fee must be paid before shooting at the pre-season shoot or before shooting your first match of the season. The league fee for all Junior and Sub Junior shooters will be \$5.00 (those who have not turned 19 by the first shoot). (3-2023)
2. The weekly cost to shoot will be \$12.00. Of this \$12.00, \$11.00 will go to the home club and \$1.00 will go to the league to be divided between the League Treasury and the Lewis Class Treasury. This is in effect for the current year and may be revised in the following years. (3-2023)
3. The Secretary/Treasurer will let members know when their league dues are not received with their first score. If changing clubs (allowed only at the half) the new membership application and league dues is to accompany scores, if not, the score is to be deleted. (86)
4. If fines levied against a club are not paid after being duly notified, the club will not be able to shoot in the post-season shoot until the fines are paid. (72)
5. The Secretary/Treasurer will strike any score if the shooter is not a league member or the league dues do not accompany the first score. (3-90)

FIELD REGULATIONS

1. All traps are to be checked before each match by team Captains or designated representatives prior to the first squad shooting. Each club must have stakes and a pole to check angles and height. (3-72)
2. Teams with more than one bank of traps may use all banks if they are legal fields and throw legal targets. (3-91)
3. Only All-Orange or Orange dome targets are legal for use in the Erie Crawford Trap League. (3-05)
4. When any shooter requests lights and lights are available, the lights will be turned on immediately. (3-79)
5. The scorer will call all lost targets loud and clear. (rev. 3-24)
6. The lead shooter is to be notified when he has fired his fifth shot on each station. (1-73)
7. Score sheets are to be checked immediately after a squad finishes. (1-72)

GENERAL RULES

1. We will use ATA rules with the modifications passed. Our rules supplement the ATA rules. (3-83)
2. We will stand by all rules until changed. (7-72)
3. 12 Gauge Shells are to be factory 1 1/8 oz. loads 3-dram equivalent **MAXIMUM** or hand loads, not to exceed this load. All ATA rules regarding the use of shells other than 12 Gauge will be followed. (3-09)
4. All spectators must stay behind the 27-yard line during shoots. Only the scorer and puller, if needed, are permitted within this boundary. All talking must be low. (rev. 3-24)
5. There will be mailings to the team captains only. Electronic mail will be used to distribute information to the Captains wherever possible. A web site may be used to disseminate information to the membership. (3-03)
6. All shooters must register in person. No advance or proxy sign-ups are allowed. (3-07)
7. Sign up will be from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Matches may begin earlier if a referee is available. If no visiting team member is present by 6:00 pm, the Home team may begin shooting. (3-11)
8. The team that can field a squad first shall shoot first with the host team having the first option. (2-80)
9. If the host or guest club has enough people to shoot X number of squads, the other club will then begin alternating squads when they have enough shooters.
10. Mixed squads may shoot to expedite shooting. (2-80)
11. Five scores per team count for the team score. (3-2022)
12. If on a scheduled league night one of the teams does not show up, it is a forfeit and an automatic win for the team that showed up. (7-73)
13. League scoring will be using a point system. 2 points for a win, 0 for a loss and 1 point for a tie. Team with the highest points at the end of the half wins. In the event of a tie amongst more than one team, revert to the existing rules using the bird count as a tiebreaker. (3-2025)
14. Team captains will sign total scores on the master sheet. (3-01)
15. If a team wants to protest the results of a match, it will designate so on the signed master sheet and will follow up with the details within five days in writing by the protesting team captain to league officers. (7-78)
16. Team captains may decide to not conduct or stop a match in progress for any safety concern. Any match interrupted will be continued from the point of interruption on the agreed upon make-up date. No shooter may shoot a sub-event twice. Any shooter who paid and did not shoot who is unable to shoot on the make-up date, will be reimbursed. All team members are eligible to shoot on the make-up date regardless if they were at the regular scheduled date (rev. 3-24) **Team Captains or their representative will decide on a make up date and location. Make-up events will be conducted head to head at the host club unless otherwise agreed upon by both team captains or their representative. If agreed upon, make-up events may be conducted at home clubs but will be shot on the same date. (rev 3-26)**
17. All shooting for league averages shall be conducted on two rounds of twenty-five targets each. Should a shooter only shoot in one sub-event, the Master Sheet shall be so noted and such averages shall be calculated at the completion of the season based on number of targets shot at vs. number of targets hit. (3-04)
18. It is at the discretion of the officers of the league to decide whether a ringer has been brought in. (7-73)

PRE & POST SEASON

1. Trophies will be awarded for the following at the pre and post-season shoots:
 - First place team
 - High Gun (Can't win a class)
 - AA, A, B, C, D
 - Lady, Junior & Sub-Junior, Senior Veteran, Veteran & Sub-Veteran
2. When 2 or more shooters are tied for a trophy, we will determine the winner by the longest string from the back unless the shooters are tied with a perfect 50. Those tied with a perfect 50 will shoot-off. If still tied, a coin toss by the officers will determine the winner. (3-2022)
3. Specialty classes include: Lady, Jr. (16-18), Sub-Jr. (thru 15), Sr. Veteran (74 and over), Veteran (68-73), and Sub-Veteran (62-67). All age related categories are based on the shooters age on the day he/she submits his/her membership application and will remain in effect for the entire season including the Post Season. (3-14, clarification added 3-16)
4. Teams will not shoot off for the winner of the pre-season or post-season shoots. Winner will be decided by going down the scoresheet for each team tied until the tie is broken. (3-2022)
5. Pre and post-season shoots will be held at a club having two or more traps and restroom facilities. (1-72)
6. During the pre- and post- season shoots the scorer is referee and his/her word is final. Lost targets must be called loud and clear. When changing stations scores must be read aloud. (rev. 3-24)
7. Sign up time for the pre- and post- season shoots will begin at 9:30 am and shooting beginning at 10:00 am unless there are enough shooters and the host team agrees to start at 9 am. Sign-ups end promptly at 3:00 pm. (3-91)
8. Tie during the Championship shoot off will be resolved by shoot-off. (3-23)

TROPHIES

1. Season trophies for 1st place and runner up will be awarded in each class and category. Trophies will be plaques. (3-15)
2. All trophies in the Erie/Crawford Trap League will be awarded based on category taking precedence over class. (3-14)
3. A qualified shooter can select only one Special Category and that category will remain in effect for the entire season including the Post Season shoot. This selection must be made at the time the League Membership form is completed prior to the shooter's first shot being fired. Failure to select a category will allow the shooter to only be entered in his/her classification. A shooter winning or tied for the Category will not be eligible for a class trophy.
4. To be eligible-for a Season trophy, a shooter must have shot at least 9 out of 14 shoots and 11 out of 14 shoots for High Gun (3-03)
5. The 1st Half Champion and the 2nd Half Champion will meet in a shoot off, conducted solely between those two teams, on the date set in the ECTL Season schedule, at the location chosen by the team with the highest total bird count for the season. In the event of a tie for total bird count, a coin toss will determine which team selects the shoot-off location. The winner of this shoot-off will be declared the ECTL League Champion. In the event that the same team wins both the first and second half, that team is declared the League Champion. (3-16).
6. There will be a trophy for first-half team champion and second-half team champion. If a single team should win both the First Half and Second Half thereby winning the League Championship, a single larger trophy may be awarded to the winner in lieu of three separate awards. (Revised 3-07)
7. All team members names will be engraved on championship trophy. (2-89)
8. The Roland Putnam Award will be given to the Fifth Place team based on Won-loss Record for the season. In the event of identical records, the season total Bird Count will be used to break the tie. If both are identical, a coin toss will determine the winner. (3-16)

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