



# Trapshooting Team 2024

## Basic Information for Newcomers

If you are new to trapshooting and the trapshooting team, the following information will hopefully answer some of your basic questions.

Q: What is trapshooting?

A: Trapshooting is an Olympic sport that involves using a shotgun to shoot clay targets that are launched through the air.

Q: Is the Trapshooting Team an official Newberg High School Sport?

A: Yes. That means that athletes can earn certificates and varsity letters, but it also means that athletes must adhere to the minimum NHS requirements to participate in extra-curricular activities including grades, behavior, and attendance.

Q: Do I have to have a firearm to participate?

A: No. While many athletes do have access to a shotgun for the season, we have a number of firearms available for use during the season. These loaner guns are made available at the range by the coaching staff.

Q: What are the safety requirements to join the team?

A: Athletes must complete approved safety training and attend a mandatory range orientation at the range. There are two options for safety training. An athlete may complete a state sponsored hunter safety course and have a state issued hunter safety card OR they can complete the online SAFE course offered by the USA High School Clay Target League. The SAFE course is \$25.00 and the fee is paid at completion of the course. More information and registration is available on the league's website at <https://usaclaytargetsafe.com/>. There are two opportunities for range orientation, they are listed on the season schedule.

Q: How do I join the team?

A: Joining is easy but requires a bit of patience. The first step is to create a profile in the League's system. Go to <https://www.claytargetscoring.com/ams/> to set up a new account. You will be asked for the team code for your team; the team code for Newberg High School is NEG040. You will receive an email with a link to confirm your email. Be sure to use an email that you actively check as this email will be used for communication by both the league and the coaching staff. Once you have confirmed your email, you will show up on a waiting list for the coaching staff. If I do not know who you are, I will likely reach out before adding you to the team roster. Once I add you to the team roster, you will have to log back in and complete registration including payment of the league's \$40.00 registration fee. The registration deadline is a hard, no exceptions deadline so please do not wait until the last minute to register as a registration problem may prevent you from being able to participate.

Q: When can I Join?

A: The registration period for the 2023 spring season is Feb 1<sup>st</sup> through March 24<sup>th</sup>. If not registered with the league by the deadline, there is no way to participate.

Q: What does it cost to participate?

A: It will cost about \$400.00 for everything to get a new athlete through the 2024 season. This includes Gun Club membership, Annual Gun Club grounds fee pass, shooting glasses, hearing protection, team shooting vest, ammo, targets, state tournament registration, league registration, fun day, and team picture. Fundraising is expected to cover more than half of this cost. The 2024 team fee has been set at \$145.00. This is up \$5.00 from 2023 due to an increase in the League's registration fee. \$40.00 pays to the league to register, the balance of \$105.00 pays to Newberg High School.

Q: Will I have to find ammo?

A: No, we have successfully acquired all of the ammo for the season.

Q: Who can participate on the Newberg High School Trapshooting Team?

A: Anyone who attends school in the Newberg School district and is enrolled in grades 6 through 12. In addition, any students who attend a school that does not offer trapshooting may participate on the Newberg Team with a completed cooperative agreement.

Q: Can girls participate?

A: Absolutely. The top Oregon Athlete at the National championships in 2019 was a girl. Female participation on the Newberg Team has been growing steadily since we started. We have two of the best female shooters in Oregon on our coaching staff.

Q: If I join the team can I go to state?

A: Yes, the state shoot is open to everyone. The National shoot is by qualification only.

Q: Where do competitions take place?

A: All targets with exception of state and nationals are shot at each school's home club. In our case that is Newberg Rod and Gun Club in Dundee. Competition during the regular season is virtual.

Q: Can I participate in another spring sport and still participate on the trap team?

A: Yes. We typically have a number of athletes that do two spring sports. We have structured the season to provide some flexibility from week to week. Athletes must make one session each week, but there are two opportunities each week: Wednesdays after school and Sunday afternoons.

Q: Will the Trapshooting season be safe?

A: Yes. The Newberg Coaching staff takes safety very seriously. We follow the league's priorities: Safety, Fun, and Marksmanship - in that order. Statistically speaking, trapshooting is the safest sport in the history of high school sports. The League has sanctioned over 30 million targets to date with over 32,000 participants last season and have yet to have a single injury.

Q: Will it be fun?

A: Absolutely! Ask around at school and find someone who has already been on the team. They will tell you all about it!