



# Blair Youth Shooting Sports



Every competitor, coach, and parent needs to work together to ensure we lead by example in what we say, what we do and what we don't do. This handbook establishes how we will operate a **Safe & Competitive** organization that models the highest standards of **Good Sportsmanship & Citizenship**.

## Requirements of Participation

### Required in order to **Practice**

- ✓ Completed [Liability Waiver](#) on File
- ✓ Completed [BYSS Code of Conducts](#) on File
- ✓ Completed [Health Waiver](#) on File
- ✓ No Unresolved [Code of Conduct](#) Violations
- ✓ Each team member must have;
  - a 12 or 20 gauge shotgun, (12 gauge preferred),
  - a shell pouch or vest,
  - eye & ear protection,
- ✓ Ammo
  - Seniors should bring a min. of 5 boxes to each practice
  - Juniors should bring a min. of 3 boxes to each practice
- ✓ Punch Cards or Cash for [Range Fees](#)
  - \$5.00 per round of trap (25 targets)
  - \$50 per punch card (10 punches = 10 rounds of trap)
  - Checks Payable To: **Blair Youth Shooting Sports** or **BYSS**

### Required in order to **Compete**

- ✓ All requirements to **Practice** have been met.
- ✓ All **Fundraising, Payments** and **Work Assignments** that are due prior to scheduled competitions have been accomplished
- ✓ Each shooter must have successfully completed a State Hunters Education Course by March 1, 2023
  - ☐ Please contact DJ ZOLCK if you need to complete Hunters safety, He is an instructor and can assist with getting the class scheduled



## Cost Estimates

### Equipment & Attire

- We require break action shotguns, prefer 12 ga.
- Most popular trap gun purchased is a Browning BT99 (\$1200-\$1700)
- Guns Unlimited in Omaha Ne. will have the best selection and knowledge about trap guns and equipment
- Guns unlimited gives cash discounts if you advise you shoot for the Blair Trap Team and you pay with cash or check.
- **Shell Pouch or Vest:** shell pouches and /or vests (vest is most commonly used) **\$15.00 - \$60.00**
- **Shooting Glasses:** from \$5.00 to \$150.00 AVERAGE pair with multiple colored lenses **\$30-\$40**
- **Ear Plugs:** **\$4.00** for normal plugs. (Custom molded "Ear Gems" **\$50.00**)
- **Barrel Rest:** **\$15 - \$30** Ask a coach or board member if you don't know what this is.
- **Shell Catchers:** Required for semi-automatic shotguns **\$15-\$25**
- **Shells:** **\$ 7.50 - \$12.00** a box. There are 10 boxes in a case. Typically Sr. high competitors will need 10 cases & Jr. High will need 5 cases to cover the season. (this is a minimum number they could shoot more if they chose to do so)

### Range Fees

- Current Range Fees for Students: \$5.00 per round of 25 targets
- JR High Competitors will shoot approximately 5 cases during the season at practice and competitions. (50 boxes of shells)
- SR High Competitors will shoot approximately 10 cases during the season at practice and competitions. (100 boxes of shells)
  - Shooters who don't have a punch card will have to borrow a punch from a friend or will have to pay for the rounds shot that day of practice at \$5 a round, no makeup punches will be allowed.
  - Rules require Shotgun shells no faster than 1290 fps 1 1/8oz or 1310 fps 1oz for handicap competitions (most common is 1145fps and 1200fps)



### **Entry Fees**

- ▮ During the 2023 season (March 11th – April 15th), there are 6 ECTC conference competitions and entry fees are \$14 per Junior and \$28 per Senior competitions.
- ▮ April 23<sup>rd</sup> the Gayle Hanshaw All Conference shoot is held in Lincoln and if attending additional money will need to be paid at the time of the event, Blair will host a shoot on this day at our range in preparation for Doniphan.
- ▮ The Cornhusker Nationals @ Doniphan were \$30 for JR's and \$40 for SR, they have not yet been set for this year.
  
- ▮ Junior Estimated expense for the season
  - Shells: 5 cases @ \$85 = \$425
  - Punch cards: \$5 @ \$50 = \$250
  - Entry Fees for ECTC Shoots: \$84
  - Doniphan Entry Fees: They have not been determined and will be collected later.
  - \$250 raffle ticket (this raffle helps pay for the team insurance for the competitor and parents, it also allows us to not raise the cost of practices fees.
  - Additional competitions competitors may want to attend \$50 (Blair has two shoots hosted on the week before and the week after ECTC competitions.)

### **Jr Amount needed to be paid at team sign up**

- Entry Fees: \$84 ECTC Entry fees
- Initial practice Fees: \$100 - (2 punch cards)
- \$250 raffle tickets
- **Total = \$434.00**
- Make check payable to BYSS (You can split the payments by making multiple checks and postdating the checks for the dates you wish them to be deposited on. All payment must be deposited by March 1, 2023)



- Senior Estimated expense for the season
  - Shells: 10 cases @ \$85 = \$850
  - Punch cards: 10 @ \$50 = \$500
  - ECTC Entry Fees: \$168
  - Doniphan Entry Fees: They have not been determined and will be collected later
  - \$250 raffle tickets (this raffle helps pay for the team insurance for the competitor and parents, it also allows us to not raise the cost of practices fees.
  - Additional competitions competitors may want to attend \$50 (Blair has two shoots hosted on the week before and the week after ECTC competitions.)

### **Sr Amount needed to be paid at team sign up**

- Entry Fees: \$168 ECTC Entry fees
- Initial practice Fees: \$150 □ (3 punch cards)
- \$250 raffle tickets
- **Total owed \$568.00**
- Make check payable to BYSS (You can split the payments by making multiple checks and postdating the checks for the dates you wish them to be deposited on. All payment must be deposited by March 1, 2023)

### **Team Lettering Requirements:**

- ✓ In compliance with expectations set in the Team code of conduct.
- ✓ No more than 4 unexcused practices.
- ✓ Must shoot in at least 5 of the 6 ECTC conference shoots.
- ✓ Must shoot at the Cornhusker National at Doniphan Nebraska.
- ✓ Have an average of 75 % or higher according to the ECTC average book. (published at the end of the season)
  - Or a high school team member for 3 years (eligibility would be their Senior Year)

**NOTE:** Head Coach and Board approval required.



### **Rules & Practices Requirements:**

☐ There must be at least 1 Coach or Assistant Coach and 1 adult on each trap being used before the squad begins practice. This means we need your help ☐

### **Remember Safety is our # 1 Priority.**

☐ Each shooter must have successfully completed a State Hunters Education Course.

☐ The shooter must have his or her own 12 or 20 gauge shotgun, (12 gauge preferred) a shell pouch or vest, eye & ear protection.

☐ Each shooter is responsible for purchasing their own shells.

☐ Shooters are expected to stay for the entire practice. You will be expected to be at practice at the beginning and be there at the end unless excused by a coach.

☐ You must make sure that your punch cards have been punched.

☐ As a student, and a member of the Blair Trap Team, you are expected to conduct yourselves in a mature and responsible manner both on and off the line. This includes when you are in public, at home, in school or even by yourself.

☐ We practice Zero Tolerance for those who choose to violate school rules, fall below academic expectations and/or violate written laws of any kind. Act Ethically in all situations

☐ **Absolutely no guns or ammo on school property!**

### **Practice Structure**

Jr and Sr High will need to arrive on time or as close to being on time as possible

Shooter will be responsible for setting up and putting away the trap houses and voice calls. They will also need to help load machines and remove boxes to the recycling trailer. They will need to dump trashes at their trap field. **No one should leave early; you are all expected to stay and help.**

All members of our team and parents may be asked to do the following:

Assist with dumping of Trash

Scoring

Loading of trap houses

Assist with fund raisers

Setting up and cleaning of the team Trailer



### **Clothing**

Shooters will need to wear shoes that cover their toes, no flip flops or similar type shoes.

Shooters will need to wear shirts that are not torn or cut down the sides

Shooters need to wear their team uniform shirts at all competitions

At no time should anyone wear clothing exposing their undergarments or sports bras

Shooters are allowed to wear shorts, but it is not recommended due to the cold weather we compete in. You should practice like you compete.

Shooters who wear gloves need to have shooting gloves that won't affect their trigger when trying to shoot.

### **Practices**

Trap practices will start Sunday January 29th, 2023 starting with Jr High shooters at noon and ending at 1:30-2 p.m. Senior High will start 1:30-2p.m. and end at 4 p.m.

On Monday February 13, 2023 Jr High Practices will switch to Mondays with set up at 4:00 and practices starting between 4:15 and 4:30 and end around 6p.m.

On Tuesday February 14, 2023 Sr High Practices will switch to Tuesdays with set up at 4:00 and practices starting between 4:15 and 4:30 and end around 6p.m.

Starting Sunday February 19th, 2023, we will have open shooting on Sundays from noon – 4p.m. this is not practice.

Starting Friday March 10, 2023 Head Coach Weston Zolck will open the range at 4p.m. – 6p.m. for open shooting for our youth members

Anyone wanting one on one practices will need to talk to Weston Zolck or DJ Zolck to schedule. This will occur before or after normal practice hours.

Coaches or their designee will be responsible for punching cards for each round the shooter shoots, there are no makeup punches, if they don't have a punch card, they will need to borrow a punch card from a friend at the time they are shooting or they will have to physically pay for that round at the cost of \$5 per round.

There should be absolutely no horseplay during practice, we will warn any shooters that is conducting themselves in this manner, a second warning will have the shooter dismissed from the shooting squad for the rest of practice, and their gun will be secured and given to the parent of the shooter, the parent will then be advised of what has happened.



- For liability purpose parents are not permitted on the trap field (designated as any area north of the main east-to-west sidewalk). Only shooters, coaches, scorers and Range Safety Officers are permitted on the fields (before, during, or after live fire). Designated parent volunteers are permitted to enter the field to load trap houses after the field is confirmed clear by a coach, Range Safety Officer or official in charge.

### **At Competitions**

Coaches or their designee will be responsible to keep score at competitions if it is requested of us

Coaches should try not to score or coach their own child this creates conflict.

Our ECTC competitions are March 11, 2023-April 15, 2023

All Conference is April 22, 2023. Juniors at Lincoln Isaak Walton and Seniors at Lincoln Trap and Skeet.

Cornhusker state shoot is April 27 - 29, 2023 located at Doniphan Nebraska. Please reserve hotel room's months in advance. We have a block of rooms reserved at the Candlewood in Grand Island if anyone wishes to stay there. Reserved under Blair Youth Shooting Sports.

Jr's shoot on Thursday, and Highschool shoot Friday and Saturday.

At competitions shooters need to plan to stay for the whole event and support your teammates. Jr High Shoots are from approx. 8a.m. to noon. Sr High Shoots are usually 7:30a.m. to 5p.m. If you need to leave it must be approved by DJ ZOLCK, WESTON ZOLCK, or their designee.

Squading will be decided by your ECTC average for all ECTC competitions after the first shoot.

The State Shoot squading will be decided by our head coach.

\*\*All shooter will need to have shot 500 documented rounds (Practice and competitions) to qualify to attend the state shoot at Doniphan Nebraska.





### **Basic Firearm Safety Rules**

- 1. Always treat all firearms as if they are loaded and ready to fire.**
- 2. Make sure shooters keep their finger off the trigger and outside of the trigger guard until they are about to call for the target and ready to fire.**
- 3. Make sure you always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction (down range).**
- 4. Be certain that it is safe for the shooters to shoot, make sure no one is loading the trap house and or is coming out of the trap house, use orange cones are used when getting in and out of the trap houses.**
- 5. SHOOTERS MUST wear eye and ear protection; they are required on the range at all times. NO EXCEPTIONS!**  
**Shooters need to be advised not to wear sunglasses.**
- 6. When any firearm is shouldered it MUST BE POINTED DOWN RANGE at all times.**
- 7. DO NOT BRING ANY LOADED OR JAMMED FIREARM off the shooting line, the firearm must remain pointed downrange and have the gun cleared or unjammed by a coach or range safety officer.**
- 8. If you need assistance with your firearm, make sure you maintain the muzzle of the firearm pointed downrange and raise your hand or verbally request assistance**
- 9. The following ammunition types are not allowed inside the range. These types will be confiscated by coaches, any shotgun shell that is larger than 7 1/2 shot (we only allow 7 1/2, 8 and 9 shot)**
- 10. Coaches retain the right to dismiss anyone from the range if they are unsafe and a risk to others (when doing this we will secure the firearm and only release to the parent of the individual dismissed)**



## Code of Conduct

The Blair Youth Shooting Sports Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for all involved with our program. While this Code does not address all scenarios that you may face, it should provide you the information required to make informed decisions. Please feel comfortable talking with any member of the board or coaching staff.

All students participating in team activities are representing not only themselves, but also their school and community in all their actions. With this in mind, we hope that all of our team members' actions reflect a positive attitude toward each other, our opponents, coaching staff, and the training obligations which are an accepted part of team activities. There shall be immediate suspension from team activities if it is determined by the coaching staff that a student has broken the laws of the State of Nebraska (except for minor traffic violations); if a student has maliciously destroyed property; uses or possesses illicit drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco products including vaping or has been guilty of any other conduct unbecoming of a student involved in school activities. All violations that constitute "conduct unbecoming of a student involved in team activities" should be reported by any team official, student or parent to the coaching staff. Actions taken toward a team member shall be at the discretion of the coaching staff. Thank you for helping Blair Youth Shooting Sports establish and maintain a program we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,

- DJ Zolck □ President /NRA Coach
- Greg Preston- Vice President / NRA Coach
- Weston Zolck □ Board Member / NRA Head Coach
- Troy Clausen □ Board Member / NRA Coach
- Mike Valasek □ Board Member /NRA Coach
- Stan Welte □ Board Member / NRA Coach
- Matt Nielsen □ Board Member / Coach
- Kenny Wulf □ Board Member
- Justin Novak □ Board Member



## BLAIR YOUTH SHOOTING SPORTS Trap Team Registration Form 2023

Shooter's Information:

*Please print*

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Shooter's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Shooter's Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: M/D/Y \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of January, 1st, 2023: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter Safety ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name (Please Check the Box):

☐ Otte Middle School

☐ Blair High School

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

List below parents' names and phone numbers:

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## Official Parent Code of Conduct

### Parents:

I understand the Blair Youth Shooting Sports Organization's first and foremost priority is safety.

I will encourage my child and other team members to have fun. I will behave as a positive role model, respect the goals of the trap program, and reinforce the character values of good sportsmanship, teamwork, and self-discipline.

Any problems or criticisms will be presented in a positive way to the coaches or a designated assistant.

I will refrain from making false statement or conducting myself in a manner that is detrimental to this organization, any youth shooters, volunteers, coaches, or board members.

\*I will refrain from criticizing this organization, any youth shooters, volunteers, coaches, or board members.

I understand that unsportsmanlike behavior on my part may result in me being asked to leave.

Such actions on my part could also result in my child being disqualified or even removed from the trap program.

\*I further understand that Blair youth shooting sports has a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

\*Any violation of this code of conduct can result in expulsion from Blair Youth Shooting Sports.

By signing this form, I affirm that I have read and understand the behavioral standards as stated above and that I agree to abide by the stipulations therein.

Parent/s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Student rules & code of conduct

**Firearm Policy-** 1) Competitors must never direct the muzzle of any gun towards anyone. 2) Neither firearms nor ammunition is to be transported onto school properties. 3) During practice and competitions, firearms will be unloaded with actions open at all times proceeding taking your assigned post - this includes all movements between posts. 4) Firearms will be provided immediately upon request from the coaching staff, competition official or Law Enforcement Officer. 5) During the process of assessing gun fit by the Coaching staff or trained delegate, the muzzle of a gun that has been confirmed empty can be pointed at an instructor.

**Drug and Alcohol Policy** – Blair Youth Shooting Sports student athletes must not distribute, possess or use illegal or unauthorized drugs or alcohol. All prescription medications must be documented within the student athlete's file.

**Violence Policy-** Blair Youth Shooting Sports does not tolerate violence including threats, threatening behavior, harassment, intimidation, assaults, or similar conduct.

**Discrimination & Harassment Policy-** Blair Youth Shooting Sports prohibits discrimination and harassment of student athletes whether the incidents occur during practices or competitions.

All students participating in the team activities are representing not only themselves, but also their school and community in all of their actions. With this in mind, we hope that all of our students' actions reflect a positive attitude toward each other, our opponents, coaching staff, and the training obligations, which are an accepted part of team activities. There shall be an immediate suspension from team activities if it is determined by the Executive Board and Coach Committee that a student has broken the laws of the State of Nebraska (except minor traffic violations); maliciously destroyed property; had possession of or used tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs; or has been guilty of other conduct unbecoming of a student involved in activities (sexual harassment, bullying, in school or out of school suspensions, etc.). All violations that constitute "conduct unbecoming a student involved in team activities" should be reported by any team official, student, or parent to the coaching staff. Actions taken toward a team member shall be at the discretion of the Executive Board and Coach Committee.

Student's Name

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Prospective Student-Athlete Health History Questionnaire

Competitor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Are you currently under a doctors' or councilors care? (If Yes, are the doctor's or councilors aware your youth is involved in live fire shooting and is in control firearms and ammunition. Is the doctor and/or councilor allowing participation in these activities while under their care. Please explain below.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Have you ever been diagnosed with any allergies and/or ever had an unfavorable / allergic reaction to any medications, food items, and/or stings / bites?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Have you ever been diagnosed with asthma and/or exercised induced asthma?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Are you currently on any prescription medication? (if Yes, list the reasons below)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Do you use any illegal drugs?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Have you ever had the feeling of your heart racing or skipping beats during or after exercise / practice?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Has a physician ever denied or restricted your participation in sports due to any heart problems?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Have you ever had seizures or convulsions?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Have you had a viral infection (i.e. mononucleosis, myocarditis, etc.) within the past six (6) months?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Have you ever been told by a physician to restrict your sports activity or not to participate in a sport?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Are you aware of any reasons why you should not participate in Blair Youth Shooting Sports practices or competitions?   |

If you answered **YES** to any of the above questions and/or have any further information which has not been asked of you on this form but is of concern to you that we are aware of please explain in detail (use additional sheet(s) if necessary):

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I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge, affirm, and represent that all above statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge; and that no answers or information have been withheld.

Recruit Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent / Guardian Signature (if younger than 18 years old)