

Greetings Arizona State Trap Shooting Clubs!

First, on behalf of our Arizona State Trap Shooting Association, I want to thank you for submitting your new 2022 ATA registered shoot schedule and continued support of our sport. Because of you, Arizona ranked third out of fifty-seven States and provincial organizations in amount of Dues and Rebates received back from the ATA for the year 2020 to help fund our future events.

As we prepare for our new target year, we feel this is a good time to remind all clubs to review our ATA Rule Book to ensure your events are meeting the policies and procedures of ATA in conducting a registered event. Particular attention should be directed to section **XIII. A-F, Standards for Trap houses, Targets, Target Setting, Guns and Ammunition.**

All clubs holding ATA registered events are required to meet these standards and it is our Associations responsibility to make sure these requirements are met. The ATA reviews their rulebook at the beginning of each new target year and updates the book accordingly. An example of this previous year's update is provided below from ATA:

Section XIII – STANDARDS FOR TRAPSHOUSES, TARGETS, TARGET SETTING, GUNS AND AMMUNITION (page 48)

“F. Rules for the use of radar guns and chronographs to set target speed

There are two types of radar guns, high-power and low power. The practical difference between them is that high-power guns work reliably from the 16-yard line and low -power guns do not.

*High- power guns (Decatur, Stalker, most “police radar guns” and similar) may be used at the 16-yard line. The trap oscillation is stopped, and the target measured is a straightaway. The gun is pointed horizontally. The correct speed for a singles and handicap target is a minimum of 42 MPH, maximum 43 **44** MPH. The correct speed for the right target of a doubles pair must be a minimum of 39 MPH, maximum of 40 **41** MPH.*

*A chronograph is to be used as close to the trap as practical and tipped up at approximately the same angle as the height of the target. The correct speed for a singles or handicap target is 67 ft/sec minimum, maximum of 69 **70** ft/sec. To set doubles with a chronograph, set a singles target to 76 ft/sec minimum, maximum 78 **79** ft/sec. and then switch the trap to throw doubles without changing the spring tension.”*

Although these changes may seem minor, it is to the benefit of all our members to experience the same consistency throughout our State. We ask you to watch for new updates from our ATA in the coming target year to review with your staff to implement accordingly. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact you ASTA Zone Representative.

Best Regards,

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