



**COMPETITIVE SHOTGUN
PROGRAM FOR
VENTURING**

GUIDELINES

**FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE
Scholastic Clay Target Program
(SCTP)**



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Introduction

The BSA is proud to partner with the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) to provide competitive shotgun shooting experiences for Venturing crews. This program uses the SCTP competitive shotgun program. The Scholastic Clay Target Program has hundreds of teams across the country. The SCTP already has in place state, regional and National competitions that your youth will be eligible to enter.

This guidebook is intended to provide a starting point to help councils and Venturing Crews develop competitive shooting sports teams. The information contained within this document should be adhered to and cannot be modified. This is a Level 4 Shotgun Competitive Shooting Sports program as outlined in the Boy Scouts of America National Shooting Sports Manual, all requirements for a Level 4 Competitive Shooting Sports Program should be followed.

BSA Shooting Sports Page

<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/>

Youth Training Requirements

Youth members shall have completed the NRA Basic Shotgun Course before or upon becoming a member of the shooting sports team. Youth may not practice with the team, nor enter any competitive matches with their unit until their training is complete.

Adult Supervision Requirements

BSA Youth Protection Policies for two deep leadership must be maintained at all times.

The BSA registered adult serving as the SCTP Head Coach must:

- Follow all rules related to age and training required to be a Troop leader or Venturing Advisor.
- Register as the Head Coach with SCTP.
- Hold a current certification as an NRA shotgun instructor or level 1 coach.
- Complete the online Double Goal coaching class from the Positive Coaching Alliance.

The BSA registered adult serving as the SCTP Assistant Coach must:

- Follow all rules related to age and training required to be a Venturing Associate Advisor.
- Register as the assistant coach/adult volunteer with SCTP.
- Hold a current certification as an NRA shotgun instructor or level 1 coach.
- Complete the online Double Goal coaching class from the Positive Coaching Alliance.

An NRA Range Safety Officer (RSO) must also be present during all team practices and competitions. Any adult with a current BSA registration and current NRA range safety officer credentials can act as the RSO.

Building a Competitive Shooting Crew Structure

Venturing Crews should be youth lead and adult mentored. Your SCTP competitive team should be no different. Program planning should be done by the elected officers of the Venture Crew.

Venturing Crews will use the ALPS Model found in the Handbook for Venturers to plan your teams program. This includes programming for the team that includes **A**dventure Activities, **L**eadership, **P**ersonal Growth, and **S**ervice. In addition, activities in this program can lead to earning Venturing awards, such as the Ranger Award or the Venturing Shooting Sports Outstanding Achievement Award. To learn more about these awards go to the [Venturing Website](#)

Youth Leadership

Youth leadership roles are also important for your team functioning. In a Venturing Crew, leadership roles may be repurposed for the team as follows:

- Crew President who may act as Team Captain;
- Vice President of Administration who may be the team recruiter;
- Vice President of Program who can work in coordinating service and competition opportunities for the team;
- Vice President of Communications who may be the team communication coordinator; and
- Treasurer who will maintain financial records and coordinate fundraising efforts for the team.

Uniform

Each team should have a uniform to wear at competitive meets and during service projects to form a team identity and help others easily identify them as a team. The uniform is the choice of the team members. Your team can adopt official Venturing uniforms that are available through ScoutStuff.org or local Scout shops. To provide program identity at competitions, this uniform is recommended. However, your crew can design its own uniform to be worn at competitions. The only requirements are that it include the Venturing logo and crew number on the shirt, and that the style and images on the uniform be consistent with the values of the Boy Scouts of America.

Sample Team Budget

Sample Startup/One-Year Budget for an SCTP-Based Venturing Crew of 10 youth and 2 coaches.

One-time start up costs:		
Guns	(2) 12 gauge Remington 11-87	\$1100
Eye Protection	(12) at \$6 each	\$72
Required training for adult leaders	(1) NRA shotgun instructor - \$100 per adult	\$100
	(1) NRA shotgun coach - \$200 per adult	\$200
Total one-time costs:		\$1472

Estimated yearly costs:		
BSA registration fees	12 at \$24 each	\$288
Insurance	Included with annual registration	\$0
BSA charter fee	1 at \$40	\$40
SCTP athlete fees	\$20 for 10 youth	\$200
SCTP coach fees	\$30 for two adults	\$60
State matches	\$40 for 10 youth	\$400
Ammunition for practices	10,000 rounds for 10 youth	\$2,100
Ammunition for matches	6,000 rounds for 10 youth	\$1,260
Gun cleaning supplies	\$50	\$50
Total estimated yearly costs:		\$4,398

Scholastic Clay Target Program Procedures

Running a SCTP Team

An SCTP team should be run using the rules and regulations found in the official SCTP Handbook for the season. The handbook and rules and regulations can be downloaded from the following site – https://sssfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/2018-SCTP_HAND.pdf

All youth members taking part in a BSA competitive team must be in a Venturing program. This is not a sanctioned Cub Scout or Boy Scout program or activity.

Funding your Venturing Crew:

Ammunition and range time are some of the expenses that your team will need to plan to cover. How you cover these expenses and competition expenses are up to the team to decide. You should consider participating in council product sales as this will raise money for the unit and give back to the council for their continued support of the program. Other fundraisers may also be necessary to defray shooting costs and to fund an endowment to support the team and receive matching grants.

There are also several organizations interested at increasing youth participation in shooting sports which provide grants to organizations that apply. Some are listed below:

Friends of the NRA <http://www.friendsofnra.org/National.aspx?cid=9>

Midway USA Foundation <http://www.midwayusafoundation.org/>

Youth Shooting Sports Alliance <http://www.youthshootingusa.com/>

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