

TRAP SHOOTING

Trapshooting competition takes three forms: singles, handicap, and doubles-target shooting. In all three the targets are hurled from one trap. In singles shooting, contestants fire from a series of five stations located at 16 yd (14.63 m) behind the trap. At a signal from the contestant, the clay target is hurled forward into the air, away from the firing line. In order to simulate the unpredictable flight patterns of birds taking wing, the targets are sprung out of the trap at various angles and in various directions. The clay pigeons rise to a minimum height of about 10ft (about 3 m) and, unless hit, fall to the ground about 150 feet from the trap. Champions often hit 100 out of 100 targets.

In handicap trapshooting, contestants shoot from stations located 17 to 27 yd (15.54 to 24.68) meters behind the trap. In the Chatuge Gun Club Shootist Match, we shoot from 22 to 24 yds.

In doubles target shooting, the trap springs two clay pigeons into the air simultaneously in different directions.