



Royal Rangers

Merit Requirements: Silver-Bordered Merit

SHOTGUN SHOOTING MERIT

Note: Prior to beginning this merit, you must complete the Firearm Safety Merit and the Shotgun Safety Merit.

1. Range setup
 - a. Gun: Any 12 gauge or smaller may be used. All guns should be inspected for safety before use.
 - b. Ammunition: Any round smaller than 12 gauge may be used.
 - c. Targets: Standard clay targets are used. If targets are thrown with a hand trap, they should be thrown at an upward angle of approximately 30 degrees and at approximately the same speed. Each target should be thrown in a different horizontal direction, not to exceed 30 degrees on either side of a center point.
 - d. Distance: In order to qualify for the Royal Rangers National Championship, the distance must be sixteen yards.
 - e. Rules: Follow the current Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) rules.
 - f. Position: Shooters have the option of mounting the shotgun on the shoulder before calling for the target.
 - g. Equipment: Any hand, manual, or automatic trap may be used.
 - h. Course of fire: Two rounds of twenty-five targets. Each must be shot and scored with a minimum of 52 percent (thirteen or more out of twenty-five targets). Rounds do not have to be shot consecutively or in the same session.
2. Research and answer the following about Olympic shooting events.
 - a. List the three Olympic shotgun events.
 - b. List the number of stations involved in Trap.
 - c. List the minimum distance the clay disks are thrown.
 - d. List the speed the clay disks are thrown by a mechanical device.
 - e. List the year Trap was introduced as an Olympic event.
 - f. Describe the men's course of fire for Trap in the Olympics.