

SST RAVENS

2026-27 Season



Shooter & Parent Orientation

PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a youth program that promotes shooting sports and related activities with emphasis on safety, personal responsibility, sportsmanship, exercising good judgment, marksmanship and camaraderie.

COACHING STAFF



- ★ Tyler Markegard
- ★ Steve Lockhart
- ★ Chris Hodges
- ★ Grayson Helms
- ★ Taegen Markus

PRACTICE INFORMATION

Practice Days and Times

- ★ Saturday or Sunday 3-5
 - 2 Times a Month
 - Practices time will change to 2-4 based on daylight
 - Arrive 20 minutes prior to practice start
 - Required RSVP in TeamSnap **1 Week Prior** to Practice

- ★ Optional Practice Opportunities
 - Black Diamond Gun Club
 - Wednesdays 5:00-9:00
 - Seattle Skeet and Trap
 - Sunday 10:00-3:00
 - 2 Free Rounds



FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

★ Ravens Team Fee

- \$350 Paid at First Practice
 - Paid at Club (Submit receipt to complete Team Registration)
 - What's Included In Team Fee
 - Team Uniform: Shirt, Hat and Vest
 - Vests are Provided (As needed, up to every 2 Years)
 - Practice Ammunition and Targets
 - Registration Fees and Ammunition for Designated Competitions

★ SST Club Membership Fee – PAID AT THE END OF NOVEMBER

- ***\$200 Annual Fee or \$150 for Renewal*** Pending changes at September and October SST Board Meetings
 - Memberships run Jan-Dec
 - Paid at Club (Submit receipt to complete Team Registration)

★ USAYESS Athlete Membership

- \$50.00
- Register Online (Submit receipt to complete Team Registration)
- Shooter Medical Release and Safety Pledge to be Printed, Signed (Turn in with Team Registration Packet)

★ Competitions

- Team Competitions: Ammo and Registration is Covered by Team for designated shoots
- Optional (non-team) Competitions: Ammo and Registration is Covered by the Shooter.

Team Investment in Each Athlete

Team Vest: \$85.00

Team Shirt: \$80.00

Team Hat: \$25.00

Team Registration Costs for Minimum 3 Required Shoots: \$400.00

Registration Cost for Every Shoot Offered: \$1400.00

Practice Targets and Ammunition: \$500 per season

Team Investment: \$1220 (Minimum Benefit Example: 10 practices and 3 Shoots)

Team Investment Per Shooter: \$2085 (Maximum Benefit Example: 10 practices and 9 Shoots)

This is an illustration of what we are getting for our moneys invested into Team Fees and SST Club Membership Dues. These benefits are strictly dependent on maintaining and procuring financial sponsorship through our corporate and private benevolent partners.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising Efforts

★ Sponsorships

- Obtaining Team Sponsorships
 - Check out our Ravens Sponsorship Program
- Securing Raffle Items
 - Items are raffled at the SST Shotgun Challenge
- Private Donations
 - Donations *ALWAYS* welcome, *ANY* amount
- Raffle Ticket Sales
 - Volunteers to Sell Tickets at the SST Shotgun Challenge
- *Other Ideas - Bring them and be part of our continued success. This is much needed volunteer opportunity*



ATHLETE EQUIPMENT

- ★ Shotgun – Athlete
- ★ Chokes – Athlete
- ★ Eye and Ear Protection – Athlete
- ★ Shooting Bag – Athlete
- ★ Gun Case for Transport – Athlete
- ★ Team Hat – Team Provided
- ★ Team Shirt – Team Provided
- ★ Team Shooting Vest – Team Provided (Up to Every 2 Years)

** Athletes are REQUIRED to have all athlete equipment by end of October **

ATHLETE EXPECTATIONS

- 1.) CHARACTER - Athlete will conduct themselves in a respectful and honorable manner that has a positive reflection of the SST Ravens. No swearing, no alcohol, no drugs. WAYESS has a zero tolerance policy.
- 2.) EQUIPMENT - Athlete will maintain a clean and safe firearm and safety equipment. Athlete should always clean their firearm after every practice.
- 3.) USAYESS - Athlete will read and understand USAYESS guide book. Safety pledge and medical release will be signed.
- 4.) HUNTERS SAFETY - Athlete will complete and successfully pass the In-Person (or Online) WA Hunters Safety Course and In-Person Field Test.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

★ Parent Volunteers (No Experience Necessary!)

- Scoring and Pulling during competitions
- Fundraising
- Raffle Ticket Sales at Shoots
- Instagram/Social Media
- Uniforms and Team Merchandise
- Registration and Attendance



TEAM COMMITMENT & EXPECTATIONS

- ★ Bi-Monthly Practices – Sunday 3:00pm-5:00pm**
 - Expect a little longer at the beginning of the season.
 - Consistent Attendance is Important!
- ★ Shooters are Encouraged to practice weekly on their own
- ★ Shooters are Encouraged to participate in SST Club Registered shoots on their own
 - ★ Local events are publicized on the SST Club calendar

** Practices will change to 2:00pm-4:00pm during daylight savings

TEAM COMMITMENT & EXPECTATIONS

★ Competative Season - February to June

○ REQUIRED Competitions

- SST SHOTGUN CHALLENGE – Ravensdale, WA (2/27-28/2027)
- LOWER COLUMBIA CHALLENGE – Gervais, OR (4/10-11/2027)
- WAYESS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP – Ravensdale, WA (5/20-23/2027)
 - *Requires attendance on a school day - You have been advised!!*

○ Team Supported Competitions

- USAYESS Western Regionals – Las Vegas, NV (3/12-14/2027)
- Northwest Open – Lynden, WA (4/24-25/2027)
- Jr Yak – Cle Elum, WA (5/8-9/2027)
- Crushing Clays Challenge – Gervais, OR (5/1-2/2027)
 - As part of Buckle Series (see below, other competitions)
- USAYESS National Championships – San Antonio, TX
- Other Competitions (Shooters own financial responsibility)
 - Mid-Valley Buckle Series (Part 1) - 11/14/2026
 - Crushapalooza - Renton, WA (Date - TBD)
 - Beaver Open – Vancouver, WA (Date - TBD)

Shooters must participate in the [3] required SST Ravens team competitions. There may be a financial responsibility of \$25 for each attended practice if the shooter does not attend the 3 required team competitions. Additionally, if a shooter does not complete a team competition as planned, they will be required to reimburse the registration fee.

TEAM COMMITMENT & EXPECTATIONS

- ★ Shooters are Required to wear the Provided Team Uniform to all events
- ★ Shooters are Expected to Arrive at Practice 20 mins prior to Start Time with Equipment ready
- ★ Shooters are Required to Arrive at least **1 hour** Prior to their Squad Start Time at Competitions
 - Report Times will be posted as soon as shoot times are available to Coaching Staff
 - Subject to Change per during the Shoot (for many reasons, including equipment failures)
 - Coaches and Shooters will utilize TeamSnap for Report Time information, Updates and Changes
- ★ Shooters are Required to complete Hunter's Safety and Field Course
- ★ Shooters are Required to Participate in the **3** Team Required Team Shoots
- ★ Shooters/Parents will be asked to volunteer during Raven Practices and Competitions as well as at SST Club
 - Volunteer Opportunities will be communicated through TeamSnap
 - Updated SST Club memberships may also include volunteerism...stay tuned for more based on board decisions
- ★ Shooters are Required to stay for the Duration of the Event
 - Event Includes ALL shooting disciplines AND Award Ceremony
 - Shooters will be responsible for taking award photos with Sponsorship Banner
- ★ Shooters and Parents are Required to Communicate through TeamSnap
- ★ Shooters are expected to dress accordingly and prepare themselves for Shoots and Practices
 - ★ Weather, nutrition and hydration
 - ★ Also Known as Self-Care...be responsible!

The SST Ravens Team Roster Size is at the discretion of the Coaching Staff. Should shooters/parents not meet the Team Commitments and Expectations, shooters may be removed from the team.

TEAM COMMUNICATION

★ TEAM SNAP

- Shooters and Families are Required to Register on TeamSnap
- All Team Communication will be thru TeamSnap – Check this regularly
- Shooters must RSVP to all team events at least 1 week prior to each event
 - This ensures we have proper coaching staff on hand for safety
 - In order to submit squading for events, availability may be requested sooner

★ Other Communication

- Coaching Staff Emails and Phone #'s are listed in Team Snap



SQUADDING

★ Divisions (as defined by WAYESS)

- Novice: 6th Grade and Below
- Intermediate: 7th and 8th Grade
- Junior Varsity: 9th and 10th Grade
- Varsity: 11th and 12th Grade
- Collegiate: must have at least 6 credit hours
- *Rookie Status: 1st Year Shooters (never previously shot competitively)*
- *Divisions subject to change in out of state and USAYESS competitions*

★ Awards

- Individual Awards based on divisions
- Squad Awards
 - Importance of regular practice attendance
 - Importance of attending competitions for squads



PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS TO START THE SEASON

★ Completed Shooter Contract

- Attend Shooter/Parent Orientation and review SST Team Handbook
- Annual SST Team Dues Paid (\$350)
- Annual SST Club Membership by due date
- Online USAYESS Registration Complete (\$50)
- Medical Consent & Athlete Safety Pledge Forms
- USAYESS Sportsmanship Agreement form
- Pass WA State Hunter's Safety course and field test



Submission DEADLINE September 27th 2026

REQUIRED SAFETY VIDEOS

★ Safe Shotgun Handling

- [Safe Gun Handling: Holding a Shotgun | Shotgun 101 with Top Shot Chris Cheng \(youtube.com\)](#)

★ Loading and Unloading a Shotgun

- [How to Load a Shotgun | Shotgun 101 with Top Shot Chris Cheng \(youtube.com\)](#)

