

Mason-Dixon Clay Busters

Program Information

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Mason-Dixon Clay Busters is to educate young people in the proper handling and safe use of firearms by providing a first-class, safety-focused, affordable, character-building environment where participants can develop as well as showcase their marksmanship skills.

Goals

- Teach the safe and responsible handling and use of firearms.
- Provide a supportive team-based environment, using clay target sports as the catalyst, for teaching life lessons and skills that emphasize positive character traits and citizenship values.
- Introduce youths to a sport that can be enjoyed for a lifetime, one that offers a level playing field, and one that offers all family members an opportunity to play.

Safety

The primary focus of all MDCB activities will be safety. The first meeting will include a safety orientation. In addition, safety will be stressed at each practice and competition.

Eligibility

MDCB is open to youth up to age 23 who are strong and mature enough to handle and swing a shotgun safely. To improve safety awareness, all participants are expected to have passed or are in the process of passing a certified Hunter's Safety Course.

Required Equipment

All participants must furnish their own equipment (we have a limited number of loaner guns available by request). Required equipment is as follows.

- 12 (preferred) or 20 gauge shotgun in good, working condition
- Eye and ear protection
- Shooting vest or shell pouch
- Shooting bag to hold ammunition and accessories
- Ammunition

For more information on equipment selections, please refer to "MDCB Participation Cost Estimates".

Practice and Competition

The season starts in March and runs through June. Trap Division practices are held on Wednesday evenings at the Izaak Walton League of America, York Chapter #67 (www.yorkiwa.org) and the Jefferson Sportsmen's Association (www.jeffersonsportsmen.org). Sporting Clays Division practices are held on Tuesdays or Thursdays at Hopewell Fish & Game (hopewellfg.tripod.com), Starview Sportsmen's Association (starviewsportsmen.org) and Central Penn Sporting Clays (centralpenssportingclays.com). Participants must attend a minimum of 6 practice sessions to be eligible to shoot in the PA SCTP Championship.