



Clay Target Shooting at Fairfield College 2020



Introduction

Clay Target Shooting has previously been available as a sporting option at Fairfield College but has up until 2016, it had not been evident for a number of years. Fairfield College is excited at the reintroduction of shooting back to our students, and welcome any student interested to give it a go.

The requirements for Clay Target shooting at FFC are that a competitor must either, own their own gun or have the use of a gun. The individual or gun owner must have a current firearms license or have one on one supervision by someone with a current firearms license, while in use of the firearm. In order to assist with students trying out this sport, FFC provides supervised shoots, utilizing a borrowed shot gun, in order to reduce costs until students commit.

The sport relies on the help of parents and the current contact details for those assisting are as follows,

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Secondary School Clay Target Shooting

There are many types of clay target shooting - the following describes those shot at secondary school level.

The main discipline is DTL (down the line) where you are shooting a target travelling away from you. DTL is shot in squads of 5 with 3 types of scoring used.

Single rise

The competitor is allowed 2 shots at the target, with a score of 1 for hit on 1st or 2nd barrel, 0 for loss target.

Points score

Once again a competitor is allowed 2 shots at the target, however points are awarded 3 for first barrel, 2 for second barrel & 0 for a loss target.

Single Barrel

As the name suggests the competitor only has one barrel for a single shot, 1 point for a hit 0 for loss target.

The standard program for school shooting is,

20 shot - Single rise (Individual Event)

20 shot - Points score (Team Event)

10 shot - Single barrel (Individual Event)

The other type of shooting which is only shot at Island & National events is Skeet. There are some team members learning this discipline, but this would only be considered once DTL has been mastered.

Shooting Program

Secondary schools compete at inter-school events usually once a month. These tend to be within easy driving distance from Hamilton. Attached is the program for this year where there are monthly shoots starting in March and finishing in September with the 2020 National championships.

Practise/Coaching

We have regular practise and training at the WCTC every Thursday after school during day light savings and then every Saturday morning once daylight saving finishes. Coaching is organized by the Manager of the FFC shooting team. Once families are members of the WCTC themselves, they are free to shoot as frequently as they would like, in addition to the school trainings.

Attendance at these practise/coaching days is compulsory for those wishing to go to the next inter-school shoot. You are encouraged to practise as often as you want at the club or compete in other club competition shoots.

Costs (approximate only)

Practise targets cost \$8 per 25 for club members, on top of this is ammunition which, if purchased from the club, is about \$10 per pkt of 25. So for a practise round you can use a minimum of 25 cartridges.

Inter-school shoots have an individual entry cost of \$25-28. In addition to this you will need to allow up to 3 packets of ammo for a standard 50 target shoot so \$30.

You are expected to contribute to help cover fuel costs to the inter-school shoots (this varies on depending on the location of shoots).

If you compete and attend every training and compete in every interschool competition Clay target shooting can get expensive. It will cost about **\$600** to compete at inter-school shoots for the year. This **does not** include any travel costs or practise shooting. You can budget on \$750-\$1000 per year.

Uniform - The standard shooting uniform is:-

Covered footwear

Hearing protection (ear muffs or plugs)

Optional - eye protection, shooting vest (very helpful)

Parent help

Clay target shooting would not be possible without parent help. Parents assist with supplying a gun, ammunition, coaching, travel & general help with hosted events. As the sport grows at FFC we require more and more help, particularly with travel to the inter-school shoots. FFC really appreciates any assistance parents and caregivers can provide.

Waikato Clay Target Club (WCTC)

We are lucky to have very good facilities at the Waikato Clay Target Club 7km from Hamilton on Holland Road. The Club caters for all disciplines of Clay Target Shooting including DTL (down the line), Ball Trap, Double Rise, Standard Skeet, ISSF Trap, ISSF Skeet, ISSF Double Trap, Sporting, 5-Stand & FITASC Sporting.

The WCTC is one of the two National Clay Target grounds in New Zealand, the other being Christchurch. The Club hosts the Secondary School Nationals once every two years.

The club is open for practice most Saturdays from 10am to 3pm and on Thursday evenings during daylight savings from 3.30pm. Subs to become a member are very reasonable at **\$20** (needs to be confirmed for 2020) per year for a junior. There are also comfortable clubrooms, shower & toilet facilities and a camping ground for use during major events.

All FFC team members are required to join the club.

NZCTA

Clay target shooting is administered by the New Zealand Clay Target Association. They organize all secondary school shooting dates and all Island & National events. It is a requirement to become a member of the NZCTA for two main reasons -

1. You are supplied with a handicap book which is updated at every official shoot you enter. This gives you a running progress on your improvement.
2. As a member you are covered by the NZCTA public liability insurance policy
3. Junior membership is **\$35** per year

All FFC team members are required to join the NZCTA, to get their handicap book, and also it is a requirement to shoot at any NZCTA Island or National event.