

2017 Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) Virtual Match Series FAQ

1. What is the SCTP Virtual Match Series?

The SCTP Virtual Match Series is a simple and FREE way for your team to compete against other SCTP teams across the United States.

2. How can my local team participate?

Participation is simple and is done right from your home shooting facility! All you need to do is shoot trap and/or skeet targets at your home club then enter those scores into the [SHOT system under your team account](#).

3. What clay target games are included?

Because of the standardization of the games, only skeet and trap will be available in the 2017 SCTP Virtual Match Series.

4. What is the format?

The format will be one round (25 targets) shot each week for six consecutive weeks. The coach must “declare” the round is for “competition” prior to beginning the round. We recommend special scoresheets be used to track the official round each week.

5. What are the dates?

There are three unique matches taking place in 2017 to make up the three match series. Your team may participate in one or all three!

a. January 2 through February 12

b. February 27 through April 9

c. April 24 through June 4

6. What is the cost?

There is no additional cost to participating in the SCTP Virtual Match Series. As long as your team coaches and athletes are [fully registered with the SCTP](#), they are eligible to participate in one or all three virtual matches!!

7. What is the basic terminology?

a. Round = 25 targets shot on a given week during the match

b. Match = 6 consecutive week cumulative score

c. Team Scoring = Using the top 5 scores for your *entire team* regardless of age or classification.

d. Weekly Individual Total = total out of 25 targets attempted from one athlete

e. Weekly Team Total = total out of 125 targets attempted from the top 5 scoring athletes on your team for a given week

f. Individual Match Total = Cumulative score on 150 targets (6 rounds) for an individual athlete shot over the course of the match.

g. Team Match Total = Cumulative score on 750 targets from your top team total shot over the 6 weeks.

8. How will the scoring be done?

You will score your athletes scores on a paper scoresheet, just like a regular round. We recommend you use a designated scoresheet, specific to the Virtual Match Series. You or another coach/volunteer with administrator access to your team’s [SHOT account](#) must then

enter the team scores into the Virtual Series module in the [SHOT system](#) before midnight on Sunday each week.

9. Will teams or individuals be recognized? What about different SCTP divisions and classifications?

We will be posting scores for teams using the team scoring method. This means the top 5 athletes *on your team* shooting for a given week will be scored. These top 5 scores will obviously vary from week to week giving any youth shooter on your team a chance to contribute to the aggregate team score for the match.

10. What if my team and/or one of my shooters misses a week during the match series?

If your team and/or select athletes miss a week or a score, a zero will be used. There are no make-ups. Scores MUST be posted by a coach or SHOT system administrator by midnight on Sunday of that week, no exceptions!

11. Who else will be competing?

Participation is open to all 800+ SCTP teams across the United States! By participating, you will get the chance to see how your team compares to other SCTP teams across the state **AND** across the country!

12. Why aren't the SHOT Scoring Tool or the Reports working?

We are working on the interfaces constantly. In the efforts of making sure we do this correctly for all involved, we are making sure that we have the interfaces simple for your use. This first shoot will not start until the 2nd of January. The scoring page will be ready by then. Once scores start getting populated – we can finish off the reports for all to view.

13. What are "Conferences"?

Conferences are incorporated into the new Virtual Series structure and will be run as an "invite" only group. These teams will then automatically have access to their team interface for the conference once they have been assigned. The scoring interface and reports will be very similar with the exception that conferences are round robin – head-to-head competitions.

14. Why can't I squad?

The Virtual Series structure will all be "team based scoring", meaning that only the top 5 scores in a given class will be counted for results, or weekly for conferences. There will be no need to squad athletes, just enter scores for the individual for every round.

15. Why can't I see what other teams have shot throughout the week?

Scores for a current week will be "blinded" until the beginning of the next "round". All tallied results will display for the past week's shooting at that time.

16. Do I have to shoot all of the events to register?

No, just as long as you commit to at least one of the events, you will qualify for that event.

17. Who can I contact for help?

You may contact your [state advisor](#) or any of our [SCTP staff members](#) for assistance.