

# FAST FACTS



## PROGRAM GOALS:

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

## MISSION STATEMENT:

The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation is an educational-athletic organization that exists to introduce school-age youths to the shooting sports and to facilitate their continued involvement by providing, promoting, and perpetuating opportunities to safely and enjoyably participate and compete in a high-quality, team-based sport led by trained adult coaches focused on enhancing the personal growth and development of their athletes.

## VISION STATEMENT:

To continue to be recognized and respected as the leader in the youth development shooting sports programs.

## PROGRAM SPONSOR:

The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF) is the National Governing Body (NGB) for youth speed shooting and the Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP). SASP was started by SSSF in 2012.

## PROGRAM SCOPE:

The SASP offers participation in speed shooting using pistols and .22 rifles.

## PROGRAM FOCUS:

TEAMS! The SASP is a TEAM-BASED program, focusing on youth development. Participation in SASP should be fun, and there is no place for a win-at-all-costs attitude.

## TEAM SUPERVISION:

An adult Volunteer Head Coach leads each team. Volunteer State Advisors provide support for in-state activities and support to their Volunteer Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches. Full-time Directors of Development coordinate the program, and they are assisted by National Coach Trainers and the National Training Team. National Coach Trainers are responsible for coach development and training.

## REGISTRATION FEES:

The registration fee for State Advisors, Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Adult Volunteers is \$30.00. This fee covers the cost of liability insurance and a portion of the cost of a background check. All adults working directly with SASP athletes must be registered with the SSSF. To be covered by SSSF liability insurance, a volunteer must be registered with the National Program.

The membership for each registered athlete, including Collegiate, is \$20.00. The fee covers the cost of insurance and awards. All athletes must be registered by their Head Coach.

## PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY:

Students in grades 6-12 are eligible for the Intermediate and Senior Divisions in the pistol and rifle disciplines. Students in grades 5 and below are eligible for the Rookie Division in the rifle discipline. There is no age limit for those enrolled as full-time students in the Collegiate Division. College athletes must be enrolled and attending an accredited college or university. All athletes must be academically eligible to participate in their school's extracurricular sports program.

## COMPETITIVE UNIT:

An SASP team is defined as four (4) or more individual athletes registered by and guided by a Head Coach. The minimum squad size is four (4). Teams must have at least one full squad to become an officially recognized SASP team. Since there is no upper limit to the number of members on a team, there is no limit to the number of squads a team may field.

## COMPETITIVE DIVISIONS:

Rookie Division (Rifle only) -  
Grades 5 & Below  
Intermediate Division - Grades 6-8  
Senior Division - Grades 9-12  
Collegiate - No age limit

## MORE INFORMATION:

Complete information on eligibility, registration procedures, awards, and more is available in the Scholastic Action Shooting Program Official Handbook. Look for it at [www.sssfonline.org](http://www.sssfonline.org), along with coach, athlete, and team registration forms.

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