

Media Information

**Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation
2018 Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) and Scholastic Action Shooting
Program (SASP) National Championships
July 14-21
Cardinal Shooting Center 616 State Route 61, Marengo, OH**

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Event Information, Updates and Daily Schedule

- Event Program: https://sssfoonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018_SSSF_Nationals_Program_Web.pdf
- Event email update list opt-in: <http://eepurl.com/dzhavr>
- Event text messaging service: *Sign up for our text messaging service to keep updated about current events, schedule changes, weather delays and other important news. **Simply text SSSFnationals to 844-859-5354 to opt in** and you may opt out at any time. The service is free to use and will only be used for tournament information. Standard messaging rates may apply.*

Stock photos and logos available at: <https://sssfoonline.org/news/media/>

Key Media Opportunities (all times are approximate)

- Wednesday July 18, 4:30PM. Opening Ceremonies, followed by last competitor standing competition
- Thursday July 19, 6:00PM Awards Ceremony for skeet and sporting clays
- Saturday, July 21, 3:00PM Awards ceremony action shooting
- Saturday, July 21, 6:00PM Awards ceremony for trap, skeet doubles, HOA

Final Event Participation

- **Overall**
 - 280 teams
 - 2,692 athletes
 - 6,640 event entries
 - 26 states represented
 - 82 %male / 18% female
 - Ages 8-24
 - >10,000 spectators
 - > 1.18 million shots fired in competition events
 - Economic impact estimated ~\$16 million to central Ohio ([see Southwick study](#))
 - Top attending states
 - Ohio, 453
 - Wisconsin, 393
 - Tennessee, 389
 - Pennsylvania, 206
 - Michigan, 170
 - Illinois, 159

- **Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP)**
 - 222 teams
 - 2,256 athletes
 - 5,451 event entries
 - >1.03 million competition targets were shot
 - 26 states represented
 - 83% male / 17% female
 - Ages 8-23

- **Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP)**
 - 58 teams
 - 504 athletes
 - 1,189 event entries
 - Approximately 150,000 shots fired in competition
 - 19 states represented
 - 72% male / 28% female
 - Ages 8-24

About the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF)

The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF) is 501(c)(3) public charity responsible for all aspects of the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) and Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP) across the United States. SCTP and SASP are youth development programs in which adult coaches and other volunteers use shooting sports to teach and to demonstrate sportsmanship, responsibility, honesty, ethics, integrity, teamwork, and other positive life skills.

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 youth development shooting sports programs.

About the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP)

Youth in grade school through college participate in team-based clay target shooting sports including trap, skeet, sporting clays and the international disciplines of bunker trap and international skeet. All teams are led by certified adult volunteers who organize local practices teaching firearms safety, shooting fundamentals and valuable life lessons. Competition opportunities for teams are available at the local, state, regional and national levels. In competition, athletes fire at clay targets traveling about 45mph with shotguns. The competitor with the highest number of hits wins the competition. Both team and individual awards are given at nationals and different age and skill levels are recognized. For the 2018 competition season there are nearly 16,000 youth and over 3,500 adult volunteers across 45 states involved in the SCTP. Competition season ends August 31st each year.

About the Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP)

Youth in grade school through college participate in team-based action shooting sports using rifles and pistols. All teams are led by certified adult volunteers who organize local practices teaching firearms safety, shooting fundamentals and valuable life lessons. Competition opportunities for teams are available at the local, state, regional and national levels. In competition, youth fire at stationary steel targets setup in specific arrays (i.e. stages) with 5 targets per stage. Upon a start signal, competitors must hit four of the five targets before hitting the final stop plate. The competitor's time stops with the last shot fired at the stop plate. The competitor with the lowest time wins the competition. Both team and individual awards are given at nationals and different age and skill levels are recognized. Athletes may participate multiple times using different styles of firearms. For the 2018 competition season there are over 1,400 youth and about 450 adult volunteers across 28 states involved in the SASP. Competition season ends August 31st each year.

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