

## Media Information

### Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation 2019 Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) and Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP) National Championships July 13-20

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#### Event Information, Updates and Daily Schedule

- Event Program: <http://bit.ly/SSSFNationals2019>
- 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 877-617-6454 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://sssfonline.org/news/media/>

#### Key Media Opportunities (all times are approximate)

- Wednesday July 17, 4:30PM. Opening Ceremonies, followed by last competitor standing competition
- Thursday July 18, 6:00PM Awards Ceremony for skeet and sporting clays
- Friday July 19, 7:00PM Awards Ceremony for rifle
- Saturday, July 20, 7:00PM Awards ceremony pistol
- Saturday, July 20, 6:00PM Awards ceremony for trap, skeet doubles, HOA

## Final Event Participation

- **Overall**
  - 305 teams
  - 2,819 athletes
  - 7,732 event entries
  - 35 states represented
  - 80% male / 20% female
  - Ages 8-24
  - >10,000 spectators
  - Nearly 1.5 million shots fired in competition events
  - Economic impact estimated >\$16 million to central Ohio ([see Southwick study](#))
  - Top attending states
    - Ohio 454
    - Wisconsin 445
    - Tennessee 336
    - Michigan 226
    - Pennsylvania 188
    - Iowa 161
    - Georgia 159
    - Illinois 158
    - Texas 120
    - Indiana 85
- **Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP)**
  - 237 teams
  - 2,332 athletes
  - 6,197 event entries
    - Trap: 2,020
    - Skeet: 1,109
    - Sporting Clays: 1,274
    - Trap Doubles: 567
    - Handicap Trap: 469
    - Skeet Doubles: 546
    - Bunker Trap: 212
  - >1.164 million competition targets
  - 34 states represented
  - 82% male / 18% female
- **Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP)**
  - 65 teams
  - 565 athletes
  - 1,535 event entries
  - Over 220,000 shots fired in competition
  - 20 states represented
  - 72% male / 28% female

## **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 2019 competition season there are over 16,000 youth and over 3,700 adult volunteers across 45 states involved in the SCTP. Competition season ends August 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2019 competition season there are over 1,500 youth and nearly 500 adult volunteers across 30 states involved in the SASP. Competition season ends August 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

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