

TARGET SETTING GUIDELINES FOR FITASC SPORTING CLAYS

Target trajectories:

1. Your aim should be to have easy, medium and hard targets on each field. Classed as A, B, C Targets A=80%, B=60%, C=40% breakage by the average shooter.
2. Set the majority of your targets at effective hunting distances. Not too close, as the game may be damaged. Not too far, as the game may be wounded. Long targets should be clearly visible in the air and are best set to show the belly of the target.
3. Allow good visual acquisition of targets. Hard to see targets will only disadvantage certain individuals.
4. Set targets with good flight times, if are set low they need good flight time before coming to rest. Short one shot targets into a hillside disadvantage and frustrate shooters.
5. Set a combination of incomer, outgoes, crossers, teal and quartering targets on your fields. Spread a mix of exotic targets such as rabbits, loopers, mini, midi's around your fields.
6. Make good use of different target colours, to make targets stand out against the backgrounds.
7. Vary the speed of traps on different stands and fields. When setting doubles it is good to use different speed targets.
8. **Try to avoid "edge on" targets.** Targets at distance or speed should clearly show some **belly or top** of the target to make them more visible.
9. Set the majority of doubles as report pairs, with the odd Simultaneous and Raffle pair.
10. Pairs should use A+B or B+B target combinations and use C+B pairs sparingly. Combining fast and slow targets works best.
11. Try not to set fields to beat the shooter, set fields that require skill to shoot. "Competitors will beat themselves without your help".
12. Aim for 95% breakage rate from your top shooters.

Field Layouts:

1. Old style FITASC has a minimum four traps per field (25 targets). It is recommend to have a minimum of 4 shooting stands per field and spread the targets evenly over the stands.
2. New style FITASC has a minimum of three traps per stand. It is recommended to have a minimum of 4 shooting stands per field and spread the targets evenly over the stands.
3. Identify traps alphabetically or numerically from left to right.
4. Shooting stands should be 1m squares or 1m round circles on level ground for safety.
5. Menu boards should shoot the singles first and then pairs. Pairs should be shot at as singles first.

Safety Guidelines:

1. Take care with target trajectories and other competitors or fields. Try not to have targets landing in other fields or near competitor waiting areas.
2. Try to avoid broken targets landing around competitors. e.g. off the arm of a trap placed next to the shooting stand or incoming targets.
3. Use a cage or frame to restrict a shooters gun swing. Do not rely on signage for this. Extremely dangerous situations can develop.

Put targets in the air where they can be seen. This is not an eyesight test.

Set targets that require skill to break, so all competitors and grades will enjoy shooting your fields.