

Big 50 Program

The club has applied for and received permission to hold “registered” events from the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA is the national organization) and the Illinois Trapshooting Association (ISTA is the governing state organization), the two organizations that govern trapshooting in Illinois

There are two types of events we applied for one is a Big 50 the other is regular 100 target events.

The **Big 50 program** is a program to introduce shooters to registered shooting and encourage participation at every level. The full program is 50 targets from the 16 yard line (normally called singles), 50 targets from your assigned yardage, and 50 doubles targets (25 pair).

A **Mini Martahon** is shooting multiple 100 target sub events of totaling 300 targets or less, a marathon is typically 500 targets or more. We have registered dates for 300 singles targets (3 – 100 target events, 300 doubles targets (3 – 50 pair events) and 300 singles or doubles. On marathon days you are not required to shoot all 300 targets, you can shoot as many as you like.

Both the Big 50 program and Mini Marathons are held in accordance with ATA rules and regulations.

One requirement to participate in either program is being a current member of both the ATA and ISTA (if an Illinois resident). Membership materials will be available at the club. There are clubs all around the country hosting ATA shoots, as an ATA member you are able to participate wherever you are. The ATA website had a listing of all clubs

When an event is registered all scores shot in the event are reported to the ISTA and the ATA. The ATA maintains a permanent record of all scores shoot by member. You maintain your own average card which is presented when signing in at shoots to determine your class in singles and doubles and your yardage for handicap.

Your assigned yardage refers to your ATA assigned yardage, new shooters start on the 20 yard line. The ATA reviews your scores every 1000 targets and may adjust your yardage. You may earn yardage for a high score shot at a registered shoot, referred to as “earning a punch”. High scores may earn a minimum of ½ yard or more depending on size of the shoot.

The following is information from the ATA about the program as well as information about the ATA, ISTA and the Illini Indians.

ATA Big 50 Program

The Big 50 Program has been instituted to encourage participation by league and casual shooters in registered shooting.

The program essentially offers a reduced ATA daily fees for Big 50 Program participants. Three 50 target programs (singles, doubles and handicap) with no more than three 50 target events per day and no more than one of any one discipline may be registered.

Program Summary

- Shooters must declare their intent to register targets before shooting
- Clubs will throw 50 target events (singles, doubles or handicap)
- No more than three fifty target events per day, no more than one of any one discipline.
- ATA daily fees are reduced to \$1.50 per registered shooter
- Minimum of three registered shooters per discipline
- All other rules apply to "Big 50" events

Amateur Trapshooting Association



The ATA serves as the faithful protector of the sport of trapshooting. As the largest clay target shooting organization in the world, the ATA governs the sport's rules and regulations and seeks ways to further enhance the sport and increase participation.

The ATA was founded in 1900 as the American Trapshooting Association and later changed to the Amateur Trapshooting Association in 1923. A Board of Directors, composed of state and provincial delegates govern all ATA policy matters. The Executive Committee, which is comprised of one representative from each of the five Zones, provides stewardship for the association throughout the year. The organization's day-to-day business is guided by an Executive Director and a team of professionals at the national headquarters in Sparta, IL.

Annually, ATA members participate in 6,000 plus registered tournaments and shoot at more than 60 million targets. With more than 900 gun clubs affiliated with the ATA you can find registered shooting just about anywhere.

The ATA Homegrounds, located in Sparta, IL, is also home to the Grand American World Trapshooting Championships each August. This annual event draws nearly 4,000 competitors and showcases some of the best shooting talent in the world!

Illinois State Trapshooting Association



The purposes for which this corporation was organized are:

- The governing of the Annual Trapshooting Tournament
- Conduct the Association business in general
- Further the best interests of the trapshooters of the state of Illinois.
- Promote good fellowship and true sportsmanship through the sport of trapshooting.

The membership of the Association shall be composed of regularly organized gun clubs within the State of Illinois and individual members residing in the State of Illinois.

The first Illinois State Shoot was held in 1874 and has continued every year since then, with the exception of 2 years. In 1884, at Delevon, there were no birds available and in 1902 flooding caused a cancellation.



The Illini Indians is a not-for-profit organization which promotes the sport of trapshooting and good fellowship among its members. It cooperates with the Illinois State Trapshooters Association and the Amateur Trapshooting Association to support these goals. The Illini Indians was formed in 1931.