

CRITERIA

NSCA U. S. OPEN



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1. The US Open will be awarded to a qualified club that can provide the necessary experience and, at a minimum, the following facilities needed to host the shoot:
 - a) At least a 200 target main event of **three** courses with a minimum of **10** stations each to be shot over **3** days (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) OR **four** courses with a minimum of **10** stations each to be shot over **4** days (Thursday through Sunday). Examples of target distribution each day are **65/65/70** or **50/50/50/50** target courses.
 - b) 100 bird FITASC (old or new style)
 - c) 50 bird Small Gauge event.
 - d) 100 bird Five-Stand event or Compak.
 - e) ALL Events including the PRELIM will be squadded
 - f) 2-3 shooting games are DESIRABLE but Not Required
 - g) Adequate facilities (i.e., clubhouse, restrooms, catering, space for vendors)
 - h) Acceptable hotels and restaurants nearby, camper facilities for at least 20 campers.
 - i) Adequate parking space on or very near venue and shuttle transport if required.
2. The dates of the shoot must be published at least 12 months prior to the shoot.
3. The club will provide squadded preliminary events and practice fields for the two days prior to the main event. At the minimum, the following are needed to host the shoot
 - a) One 100 bird practice course with a minimum of 10 stations
 - b) Small Gauge Events must be shot on a course.
4. Awards will be Olympic style medals designed and paid for by NSCA for event Champion, Runnerup and Third and for Champion, Runnerup, and Third for Sub-Junior, Junior, Lady, Veteran, Super Veteran and Senior Super Veteran. NSCA will also provide Olympic style awards for Class 1st in Master, AA, A, B, C, D and E. Additional medals for this event may be purchased by the host club.
5. All competitors may register in advance for this event with a \$100 deposit.
6. The shoot shall use certified and experienced referees, preferably at least 18 years of age and, ideally, experienced shooters not shooting in the Main event.
7. Options for the US Open will be determined by the host club. All payouts and awards will be mailed out within 15 days of shoot completion. All participants will receive a mailer showing all winnings and payout information.
8. Shootoffs shall be held the same day the event is completed. Shootoffs for **ALL** events must be conducted near the clubhouse with traps used *exclusively* for shootoffs. The shootoff procedures will be determined by the host club. Adequate lighting is required to hold shootoffs.
9. The host club is encouraged to host a social function.

10. All U.S. Open events (including small gauge) will be REGISTERED and NSCA daily fees charged. State daily fees will also be collected if required by an approved state association at time shoot is approved.
11. If any additional fees are to be added to the published entry fee, such as state sales taxes, the amounts must be disclosed in the application and all programs, shooter forms and advertisements if fees are quoted in those ads.
12. For the purpose of hosting the U.S. Open, the Mississippi River will serve as the dividing line between East and West. In even numbered years the shoot will be awarded to a club in the western region. In odd number years the shoot will be awarded to a club in the eastern region. This geographical rotation will present an opportunity for our members in different parts of the country to participate in a major event.
13. Ranges desiring to be considered for the U.S. Open will submit an application to the Selection Committee thru NSCA Headquarters a minimum of 45 days before the US Open two years prior to the desired year (called the Application Open). Ranges meeting the selection criteria will be announced at the U.S. Open. They will be invited to make a 10-minute presentation to the Advisory Council at the National Championship. After all presentation a vote will take place at the Advisory Council meeting at the Nationals Championship and a winner will be announced.

TIMELINE FOR 2012 US OPEN APPLICATIONS: Ranges applying to present at the 2010 National Championship for the 2012 shoot, must:

1. Apply for the shoot by April 15, 2010.
 2. At the 2010 U.S. Open (June 4, 2010) an announcement will be made at the Advisory Council Meeting of all the qualified ranges that have submitted a bid.
 3. At the National Championship Advisory Council Meeting a 10-minutes or less presentation to the Advisory Council will be made by the range with the plans for the 2012 U.S. Open.
14. **To be qualified**, the range must be in good standing with the NSCA at the time of the application and must retain that standing through the year the US Open is held. The qualified range must have demonstrated a high level of contribution to the sport and at a minimum must:
- Have been in good standing for a minimum of three target years prior to application.
 - Have maintained a minimum of at least 50,000 registered targets for each of the three target years preceding the application and must have a sufficient number of shoots scheduled to register a minimum of 50,000 targets during the year of application.
 - Have conducted a State, Zone, or Major Shoot (200+ NSCA registered shooters in the Main Event) in at least one of the three years preceding the invitation and under the current management.
 - FOR EXAMPLE, if a range is applying to present at the 2010 National Championship for the 2012 shoot, they must:
 1. Have been in good standing with the NSCA for target years 2007, 2008 and 2009.
 2. Have REGISTERED 50,000 targets OR MORE in each of the target years 2007, 2008 and 2009.
 3. Have conducted at least one State, Zone or Major (200+ NSCA registered shooters in the Main Event) shoot during target years 2007, 2008 or 2009.
15. All applying clubs shall host a NSCA pre-bid committee prior to the National Championship. The pre-bid committee shall consist of a representative from the NSCA and representatives from two former US Open clubs (from the opposite geographical region) or by individuals assigned by the Executive Council. The pre-bid committee shall meet with the applying club's ownership and management to view the host club's current facilities and, if applicable, plans for expansion. The

pre-bid committee shall also provide assistance to the applicant club in preparing their final bid and presentation to the Advisory Council. The intent of this requirement is to assist clubs in assessing their readiness and likely success in applying for a US Open. The pre-bid committee shall provide current, knowledgeable, first-hand information to the Advisory Council on the potential host club's site and facilities. The applying club will pay the actual travel and per diem expenses of the pre-bid committee.

16. If no qualified range from the appropriate region submits an adequate application 45 days prior to the U.S. Open Advisory Council meeting, the Advisory Council will invite qualified ranges from the other region to submit proposals at the U.S. Open Advisory Council meeting without changing or in any other way affecting the rotation of geographical regions.
17. The NSCA Advisory Council will be involved in decisions as well as assist at registration, scoreboard, shootoffs and awards presentation.
18. Voting Procedure:
 - A. Only members of the Advisory Council that are in attendance during the presentation are eligible to cast a vote.
 - B. All Advisory Council members in attendance will receive a ballot and a pre-printed envelope with their name on it. Only ballots in the pre-printed envelope will be counted. If there is a tie the NSCA Director will have another set stamped 2nd Ballot and only those ballots will count in the runoff.
 - C. The ballots will be counted by the Executive Council and they will announce the winner. They will also announce the total votes received by each Range. The Advisory Council member vote will not be disclosed.

Please return to Headquarters by April 15, 2010 at 5931 Roft Road, San Antonio, Texas 78253. If you have any questions please contact Glynne Moseley at 210-688-3371 ext 119 or by email at gmoseley@nssa-nsca.com.