



## ATSS Foundation Sporting Clays Event FAQs

### Facility Address:

[Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club](#)

16232 Sequan Truck Trail

Alpine, CA 91901

Event begins at 10:00 a.m. (PST)

Participants should be checked in by 9:15 a.m. (PST)

### What is included?

Eye and ear protection, targets, shells, breakfast, lunch, snacks, beverages, and friendly competition.

### What is not included?

**IMPORTANT:** Due to state restrictions, no rental firearms will be available. All participants **MUST** bring their own 12g or 20g shotgun to participate in the event. If your squad is going to share shotguns, a minimum of two shotguns per squad will be required.

### Do I need to bring anything?

1. Yes, you must bring your own 12-gauge or 20-gauge shotgun to participate in the event. No refunds will be provided. Shotguns may be shared with squad members if all parties agree to share. Those who bring their own 12g or 20g shotgun will be entered into a special prize drawing.
2. Close-toed shoes or boots are recommended for your safety.
3. Eye protection (safety glasses) and ear protection (squishy plugs) will be provided. You may choose to bring your own sunglasses or eye protection, and ear protection.

### What is Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Firearm Transportation Policy?

You may transport unloaded firearms in a locked hard-sided container as checked baggage only. Declare the firearm to the airline when checking your bag at the ticket counter. The container must completely secure the firearm from being accessed. Locked cases that can be easily opened are not permitted. Be aware that the container the firearm was in when purchased may not adequately secure the firearm when it is transported in checked baggage. Many cases will accommodate two shotguns, TSA will allow you to travel with two shotguns in one case.

If you are traveling internationally with a firearm in checked baggage, please check the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website for information and requirements prior to travel.

See [TSA's Transporting Firearms Policy](#) for more details.

### What should I expect at the airport?

After you declare the firearm to the airline when checking your bag at the ticket counter, a TSA agent will ask you to remove the locks and will inspect the contents. Sometimes, they will ask you to take additional steps, such as an x-ray process.

Once you arrive at your destination, your gun case may appear on the baggage carousel. However, it is more likely to appear in the oversized baggage area or the baggage claim office itself for security purposes.

### **Where can I buy a TSA approved hard-side container to transport my shotgun(s)?**

You should transport your firearm in a TSA approved firearm transport container that meets TSA guidelines and regulations. You should choose a hard-sided container that has multiple locking points (cannot be accessed), durable, protective, and impact-resistant. Soft-sided cases are not TSA approved. Cases with a single locking point can still be opened and accessed and are not TSA approved.

Here are a few options for your consideration:

- [www.harborfreight.com/9800-weatherproof-protective-rifle-case-long-tan-56862.html](http://www.harborfreight.com/9800-weatherproof-protective-rifle-case-long-tan-56862.html)
- [www.pelican.com/us/en/product/cases/long-case/protector/1750?sku=017500-0000-110](http://www.pelican.com/us/en/product/cases/long-case/protector/1750?sku=017500-0000-110)
- [www.cabelas.com/shop/en/cabelas-armor-xtreme-lite-double-long-gun-case](http://www.cabelas.com/shop/en/cabelas-armor-xtreme-lite-double-long-gun-case)

### **What are the convention's hotel policies regarding firearms?**

See [ATSSA's Convention & Traffic Expo housing firearm policies](#) for details. Please review the hotel policy before booking your housing for the convention.

### **Do I need to sign any release forms?**

Yes, all participants are required to review and sign the [facility and Foundation release of liability forms and range rules](#).

### **What are the Rules of the Range?**

See [range rules](#) for full details.

### **What do the Challenge Coin packages include?**

Participants can purchase commemorative Challenge Coins which are uniquely numbered. The number allows you to participate in events and games. The package deal includes a commemorative challenge coin, one entry into the prize drawing for an opportunity to win one of fifteen \$100 gift cards, and two squares on the pattern board game. See [Games and Prizes](#) for more details.

### **Facilities:**

Breakfast and lunch will be served outdoors in a tented area with tables and chairs. Restrooms are located near the tented area. Porta-potties are located on the range.

### **Dress Code:**

Dress for the weather. Wear close-toed shoes or boots for hiking terrain.

### **What is sporting clays?**

Think of sporting clays like golf with a shotgun. No two courses are the same and each station presents different targets. Sporting clays are designed to simulate field shooting and mimic the flight path of gamebirds (flushing, crossing, incoming), as well as rabbits running across the ground. You will move from station to station where new target presentations are thrown in pairs (usually 3 pairs per station).

**Do I need experience?**

No, you do not need experience! Even if you have not held a firearm, range officials will provide you with a quick training session and safety briefing preceding the event.

**How many targets will be thrown?**

Participants will shoot 72 clay targets.

**How long does it take to complete the course?**

There are 12 stations. You can expect to spend three to four hours on the course depending on the number of clays thrown, the size of your squad, and the total number of participants.

**Will golf carts be available or is it a walking course?**

Participants will be walking the course. The course is laid out as an out and back course that is approximately .75 miles from beginning to end.

A limited number of carts will be available to transport participants from the last station back to the first station.

**Can I drink alcohol?**

No. Shooters SHALL NOT consume any drugs, prescription or recreational that may reduce cognitive ability before or during live fire events. Because the federal government classifies marijuana as an illegal drug, its use and/or possession on club property is prohibited. The Shootmaster or RSO will deny range access to anyone whom they have observed violating this rule or whose behavior indicates they may be in violation.

After an individual has ceased firing and guns and ammunition have been properly secured, alcohol may be consumed by those of legal age under the lunch tent.

**Safety**

All participants are expected to attend a safety briefing before the event begins. A firearm can only be loaded when you are in the station, the firearm is over the front rail and the target area is deemed clear and safe. At all times, the firearm shall be unloaded and placed on a rack or carried vertically with the action open.

When leaving any station or path area, participants must ensure that the firearm is unloaded and the action is open and carried in a vertical position.

All mounts must be taken from inside a station by one person at a time. Mounting from anywhere else, including next to or in front of a station is strictly prohibited.

No practice mounts or swings are allowed except while in the station and the gun pointed downrange.

Any infraction of these rules will result in the loss of privileges and possible expulsion from the property, without a refund.

**I have additional questions, who should I contact?**

Contact ATSS Foundation staff by phone 540-368-1701 or by email [foundation@atssa.com](mailto:foundation@atssa.com).