

**Guidelines for the Youth Shooting Programs:**

**Mission Statement:**

In its role as a good corporate neighbor and positive influence within the community; **the Flagler Gun and Conservation Club** (hereafter, 'the club') sponsors and subsidizes a 'youth shooter' program designed to promote the safe and proficient use of firearms and/or archery equipment by young people between the ages of 8 – 18.

Suite of offerings:

Training	Age	sex	Goal/s
Small bore (.22)	8-18	Male & female	Safety, knowledge, proficiency, competitive success
Skeet	10-18	Male/female	Safety, knowledge, proficiency, competitive success
Trap	10-18	Male/female	Safety, knowledge, proficiency, competitive success
Archery	8-18	Male/female	Safety, knowledge, proficiency, competitive success
Black Powder	10-18	Male/female	Safety, knowledge, proficiency, competitive success

## **Affiliations:**

The Youth Shooting Program (**YSP**) is a stand alone undertaking completely under the auspices and purview of the club. Members of the **YSP** will however belong to one or several of the following shooting associations/organizations:

- NRA
- AIM
- NSSA
- ATA
- Sports Shooting Association
- Black Powder Association
- American Archery Association
- Boy/Girl Scouts
- 4H
- NSSF
- NCAA (college program only)
- AAU (college program only)

Association with one or more of the above organizations will allow the shooter to gain access to several venues where their particular discipline is practiced at competitive events.

## **Membership:**

1. The services listed above in “Suite of Offerings” are **open to all** members of our community. In addition, the club offers certain certifications to distant organizations in need of support and/or training. An example of this service would be providing the Boy Scouts with the training and venue for candidates to earn their shooting merit badge/s.
2. All members of the **YSP** will be required to **complete an informational profile** prior to participating in any club sponsored activities. The profile is intended to provide basic information about the shooter; name, date of birth, parents/guardians, contact numbers, e-mail address, and any appropriate medical information.
3. All members of the **YSP** must have a **‘liability release form’** signed by their guardian and on file with the club before they can participate in the activities.

4. All **YSP** participants must arrive at their shooting venues **in the company of an adult guardian.**
5. Participation in the club's **YSP** is **viewed as a privilege** and as such can be revoked at anytime for cause. All members of the **YSP** will be trained in the areas of safety and range etiquette/rules prior to participating in any activity. Breaches in safety and/or an inability to adhere to range practices and rules are considered to be cause for expulsion from the program.
6. Maximum enrollment levels have been established for some of the programs offered by the **YSP**. Preference for participation in such a program will go the child/children of club members first and then to members of the general public.

### **Cost:**

Every member of the club's Youth Shooting Program must have a Youth Program Membership. The cost for this membership is \$20 per year. There are no costs associated with:

- Training
- Safety instruction
- Club certifications
- Badges/metals provided in recognition of proficiency progress
- Club uniforms
- Use of club shooting jackets
- Use of club guns
- Use of club facilities
- Use of club bows/arrows
- Small bore ammunition and targets

However there are costs associated with the following:

- Membership in other shooting associations (NRA, NSSA, ATA, etc.)
- Ammunition used at Trap and Skeet venues ( all **YSP** participants are encouraged to purchase their own ammunition or they can purchase ammunition from the club which is sold at cost)
- Targets at Trap and Skeet venues. Starting in 2011 the club will provide each member of the Trap/Skeet **YSP** with two (2) rounds of targets without charge. **These targets are available only on specified team practice days and authorized by the**

**coach in charge or the range discipline director.** Youth Program members, covered by a Family Membership are permitted to shoot at club facilities on non-specified team practice days and they will pay regular member rates (currently, \$4.00 per round of Trap and/or Skeet).

Suffice to say, that charges for members of the YSP will be held to cost as the club does not view the program as a profit center.

**Coaches/Trainers:**

The club has assembled a large number of certified coaching/training instructors to work with the **YSP** participants. Many of the trainers are 4H, NRA, NSSA or ATA certified. In addition, several of our coaches have had experience as “firing line” instructors in the U.S. Army, U.S.M.C. and various police departments throughout the country. Individuals interested in becoming a coach in the program must:

- Inform the ‘lead coach’ of the discipline in which they wish to participate of their desire to coach
- Have coaching accreditation from a recognized shooting organization (ATA, NSSA, 4H, NRA, etc.) or from Police/Military backgrounds
- Have practical experience in the discipline they wish to participate
- Receive approval from ‘lead coach’ to act as a ‘probationary coach’ for a period of 6 months

**Facilities:**

The club provides its ranges and facilities to members of the **YSP** throughout the year. **All YSP participants are given specific times and venues for their shooting activities.** The facilities available to the YSP participants are as follows:

<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Venue/s</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
Small bore	Pistol, Silhouette Range/s	<b>YSP</b> trainer or Instructor must be present at venue. *Does not apply to College Membership.

Skeet	Skeet Range/Trap Range	<b>YSP</b> trainer or Instructor must be present at venue. *Does not apply to College Membership.
Trap	Trap Range/Skeet Range	<b>YSP</b> trainer or Instructor must be present at venue. *Does not apply to College Membership.
Black Powder	Silhouette/Black Power Range	<b>YSP</b> trainer or Instructor must be present at venue. *Does not apply to College Membership.
Archery	Fixed target/ 3D	<b>YSP</b> trainer or Instructor must be present at venue. *Does not apply to College Membership.

**Identification:**

Starting in 2011, participants in the **YSP** will be required to have a **Youth Program Membership (YP Membership)**, see below for details). As an individual **YP** member of the club the youth shooter will be provided with an individual identification badge which must be worn at all times while at the club.

**Shooting Season:**

The **YSP** is open year-round and enrollment can take place at any time.

The competitive shooting season essentially mirrors the school year (September – May).

**Youth Program Membership (YP):**

**The club is establishing a new class of membership (Youth Program YP) as of 1 January 2011.** This type of membership will be offered to young shooters who desire to participate in the shooting

activities offered by the club but are not children of club members or covered by any other family type membership offered by the club. This new classification of membership will be offered to mature and disciplined boys and girls who are between 8 years old to those who have yet to graduate from high-school but are not older than 18 years of age. The annual price for this type of membership is currently envisioned to be \$20 pre year.

Starting in 2011, all participants in the YPS will be required to purchase an individual **YP Membership** from the club. This type of membership will entitle the participant to:

- Use of club instructors and programming
- Use of club range facilities
- Use of club shotguns, .22 caliber rifles, bows/arrows and targets
- Two (2) rounds of free targets at the shotgun venues on specified training day(s)
- Discounted target prices (\$3) after the initial “free” rounds are completed on specified training days

**NB:** The **YP** membership is a non-voting type of membership. In addition, no Youth member is allowed into the club or the use of club facilities on other than specified training dates except at the invitation/direction of the Coaching staff or range directors.

### **Inter-collegiate Shooting:**

The club desires to become an active sponsor/supporter of inter-collegiate shooting activity. To that end, the club has made contact with several of the four year institutions in the area to help initiate competitive and recreational shooting activities.

The club has offered the following goods/services:

- Assistance in establishment of NCCA/AAU shooting team(s)
- Assist in obtaining NCAA/AAU certification(s)
- Host several competitive inter-collegiate meets
- Assist in development of annual budgets
- Assistance in drafting requests for and obtaining grant funding
- Junior Membership Status (\$40, per year)

- Training
- Safety instruction
- Club certifications
- Badges/metals provided in recognition of proficiency progress
- Club uniforms
- Use of club shooting jackets
- Use of club guns
- Use of club facilities
- Use of club bows/arrows
- Small bore ammunition and targets

### **Costs:**

The club does not view its college shooting program as a profit center; therefore all charges associated with the program will be designed to cover costs but result in no profit for the club.

The costs associated with the college shooting program include but are not limited to the following:

- A Junior Membership (\$40 per year)
- Membership in other shooting associations (NRA, NSSA, ATA, etc.)
- Ammunition used at Trap and Skeet venues ( all college shooters are encouraged to purchase their own ammunition or they can purchase ammunition from the club which is sold at cost)
- Targets at Trap and Skeet venues. The club will allow the college shooters to shoot at a discounted rate, \$3.00 per round.

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

Q. Who can participate?

A. The program is open to all young people in our community.

Q. Do my parents have to be members of the Gun Club?

A. No. You however will have to become a Youth Program Member.

Q. How much does it cost?

A. The cost for a Youth Program Membership is \$20 per year. In addition, some of the activities do have costs associated with them. The shot-gun sports (Skeet and Trap) require the purchase of ammunition and payment for targets utilized in excess of the two rounds of clays provided via the Youth Program Membership. The cost for each additional round is \$3.00.

Q. Is the **YSP** a 4H program?

A. No, the **YSP** is not a 4H program; it is **Flagler Gun and Conservation Club** program. Many of our shooters are members of the 4H and participate in 4H competitions, but our **YSP** participants are also members of several other organizations (NAAS, AIM, ATA etc.) and participate in their sanctioned shoots.

Q. How do I join the **YSP**?

A. You must:

- Complete an informational profile
- Have parent/guardian sign a 'liability release form'
- Arrive at your respective shooting venue with a parent/guardian
- Adhere to all safety and range rules of the club
- Obtain an individual Youth Program Membership from the club

Q. When can I join the **YSP**?

A. Anytime.

Q. What activities/training do you offer?

A. All **YSP** participants are taught the safe and proper use of various kinds of firearms and archery equipment. The specific programs are as follows:

- Archery
- Small bore rifle (.22 cal.)
- Skeet
- Trap
- Black Powder

Q. Is there a different set of rules for the members of the **YSP** while at the club?



A. No. The **YSP** attempts to develop all of its practices and policies in accord with the guideline established by the club. In the rare instance when a specific **YSP** rule appears to be in contradiction of a club rule/regulation; the club guideline is to be followed. In such instances, a board member should be informed of the conflict so that the **YSP** rule can be re-addressed and brought into compliance with club rules/regulations.

Q. How can parents of **YSP** participants assist the program?

A. The club is forming a **parents association** to assist in the raising of funds to assist in the support of the **YSP**. All parents of participants in the **YSP** are encouraged to participate in this organization.

Q. If my parents have a Family Membership at the club do I have to pay for **YP** membership?

A. No. You will receive your **YP** membership badge free of charge.

Q. If one of my parents has an individual membership at the club do I have to pay for an individual **YP** membership?

A. Yes. An individual membership covers one person, none the less; you will receive priority treatment in being accepted into programs with a defined limit of participants.

Q. Can you please review the cost associated with both the Youth Shooters program and the College Membership program?

A. Below is a table that should help in determining the costs associated with **YSP** and College Membership programs:

	<b>YSP w/ Family Membership</b>	<b>YSP w/o Family Membership</b>	<b>College Program</b>
<b>Membership fee</b>	Program Free	\$20 per year	\$40 per year

<b>Shooting fees – specified practice days</b>	2 rounds free, 3 <sup>rd</sup> round and beyond @ \$3.00	2 rounds free, 3 <sup>rd</sup> round and beyond @ \$3.00	\$3.00 per round
<b>Shooting fees non-practice days</b>	\$4.00 per round	Not permitted	\$3.00 per round
<b>Coaching fees practice day</b>	Free	Free	Free
<b>Use of club equipment</b>	Free	Free	Free