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32 STUDENT ATHLETES JOIN NEW MEXICO STATE HIGH SCHOOL CLAY TARGET LEAGUE INAUGURAL 2016 SEASON

New Mexico – 32 students from 3 New Mexico high school teams are participating in the inaugural New Mexico State High School Clay Target League's (NMSHSCTL) 2016 spring trap shooting season, which began March 20th.

“We are tremendously excited to offer clay target shooting to New Mexico high school athletes.” said Jim Sable, Executive Director of the NMSHSCTL, "There has been increasing demand for alternative high school activities related to New Mexico's longstanding outdoor traditions."

The league's co-ed and adaptive nature are key attractions to high schools in New Mexico. The league is fully Title IX compliant with both male and female athletes competing on the same team. Additionally, it's an 'adaptive' sport, which allows students with physical disabilities to take part. "We take pride in that athletes of all types are able to participate in clay target shooting," John Nelson, Vice President of the NMSHSCTL, remarked. "Our True Team® scoring system is designed so that everyone can compete, not just the top scorers on a team."

Upon completion of the Spring League, all student athletes are invited to participate in individual and team competitions at the 2016 State Tournament. The event is scheduled for June 4th.

The New Mexico State High School Clay Target League attracts student athletes to participate in shooting sports while creating a "virtual" competition among high school teams throughout New Mexico at no cost to the schools. Family travel costs are minimal because practice and competition are conducted at a shooting range near the school's location. The league is also the safest sport in high school, with no reported injuries since the inception of the League in 2001.

Conferences are determined by team size rather than geographic location for fair competition. Athletes earn True Team® scoring points as determined by their performance and ranking against all athlete scores within their team's conference. The team score and overall standings are calculated and posted on the League's website. Athletes and their families may track their individual and team performance on their computer via the League's website, and by the new Shooter Performance Tracker® mobile app.

The New Mexico State High School Clay Target League is an affiliate of the [USA High School Clay Target League](http://usaclaytarget.com), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The League is an independent provider of shooting sports as an extracurricular co-ed and adaptive activity for high schools and students in grades 6 through 12. The organization's priorities are safety, fun, and marksmanship – in that order. Each student is required to pass a comprehensive firearm safety education course prior to participation.

Nationwide, over 15,000 students representing nearly 400 school-approved teams participate in the League.

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Season Schedule:

Week of March 20:
Practice Week 1

Week of March 27:
Practice Week 2

Week of April 3:
Reserve Week

Week of April 10:
Competition Week 1

Week of April 17:
Competition Week 2

Week of April 24:
Competition Week 3

Week of May 1:
Competition Week 4

Week of May 8:
Competition Week 5

Week of May 15:
Fun Week

State Tournament:
June 4th

Participating Schools:

- Sue Cleveland High School
- Rio Rancho High School
- Aztec High School