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13,000 STUDENT ATHLETES PARTICIPATE IN USA HIGH SCHOOL CLAY TARGET LEAGUE

Minneapolis, MN – 13,000 students representing 446 high school teams, guided by more than 3,000 coaches and volunteers, are participating in the 2016 USA High School Clay Target League spring season.

Twelve states - Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Wisconsin - are participating this year, up from just three states last year, and an increase of more than 3,700 athletes nationwide.

“We are tremendously excited to offer clay target shooting to high school athletes as a school-approved activity.” said Jim Sable, Executive Director of the USAHSCTL, “Such high participation reflects the increasing demand for alternative high school activities related to America's longstanding outdoor traditions.”

The league's co-ed and adaptive nature are key attractions to high schools across the country. 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 USAHSCTL, 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 their respective 2016 State Tournaments.

The USA High School Clay Target League attracts student athletes that have earned their firearm safety certification to participate in shooting sports while creating a "virtual" competition among high school teams 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 [USA High School Clay Target League](http://usaclaytarget.com) is 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.

For more information visit <http://usaclaytarget.com>

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Participating
student
athletes

1,700

3,400

6,100

9,200

13,000



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