



Team Handbook

2019-2020

Welcome to the 2019-2020 season!

SST Ravens is a premier competitive youth shotgun shooting team based out of the Seattle Skeet and Trap Club in Ravensdale, WA. Our mission is to provide a safe, supportive environment for youth to grow in skill and confidence in shotgun shooting sports. We are a team focused program that strives to maintain a positive environment built around integrity, respect, and good sportsmanship. SST Ravens is a member of USAYESS (USA Youth Education in Shooting Sports) www.uayess.org.

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Mike Compton
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Assistant Coaches: Mike Musga
Bob Murata
Ed Herrera

We are actively looking for additional coaches to support the team! If you have an interest in helping coach regularly, occasionally, or as needed we want to hear from you. Please contact Coach Mike C. for further details.

PRACTICE

The Ravens practice as a team twice per month with competition typically running February through June. Practices through the end of 2019 are as follows:

SEPTEMBER

- 29th 2-4pm (kickoff Open Youth & Team)

OCTOBER

- 6th 2-4pm (Open Youth & Team)
- 20th 2-4pm (Team Only)

NOVEMBER

- 3rd 2-4pm (Open Youth & Team)
- 17th 2-4pm (Team Only)

DECEMBER

- 1st 2-4pm (Open Youth & Team)
- 15th 2-4pm (Team Only)

Practice for 2020 will be set once the competition schedule is received.

Please note, all Ravens are expected to attempt to practice at least once per week. In addition to the organized team practices, Ravens are encouraged to practice on their own as much as possible. Local clubs offer discounted shooting opportunities for youth throughout the week. A few options include:

Black Diamond Gun Club
Wednesdays 6pm-10pm
Free round and box of shells

Seattle Skeet and Trap Club
Sundays 10am-3pm
2 Free rounds

COMPETITION

The Ravens compete on a Local, State, Regional, and National level. During competition season we regularly attend competitions throughout Washington and Oregon and provide the option to attend Regionals in Arizona as well as Nationals in Texas (dependent on number of attendees).

All Ravens are expected to attend a minimum of 2 competitions per season but are encouraged to attend as many competitions as possible. Please keep in mind that the Ravens is a team focused club and we compete for not only individual awards but team and squad awards. The amount of team members we have at a competition dictates what awards our team will be eligible to receive.

The final competition schedule will be released at the end of Fall.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

SST Ravens are required to hold memberships to the SST Ravens Team, the Seattle Skeet and Trap Club and USAYESS.

Ravens Team Fee - \$150/youth

The SST Ravens Team Fee is a donation that helps offset the costs of birds, ammunition, registration fees, and the competition uniform (hat, shirt, shooting vest). Annual team cost is \$150 . Raven team members receive the following benefits:

- Practice: * Ammunition and birds for all SST Ravens team practices
- Competition: * Full registration fees and ammunition for SST team competitions
(shooter is responsible for providing own ammunition for practice at competition)
- * 50% registration fees for all registered shoots at SST
(shooter is responsible for their own ammunition for practice and competition)
- Team Uniform: * Team hat, shooting vest and shirt for competitions

Payment can be made through check, cash, or credit card. Make checks payable to SST and note "Ravens" in the memo field. If paying in the club house, please provide Coach Mike C. with a copy of the receipt.

SST Club Membership - \$150/annual family fee for 1st year - \$100/annual renewal fee after 1st year
Seattle Skeet and Trap memberships run Jan-Dec. If you have an existing membership you will need to renew in January 2020. If you are not currently a member, you will need to buy a membership at a pro-rated amount for 2019 and renew the membership in January 2020. Please discuss details with the front office.

USAYESS Membership - \$35/youth

SST Ravens is a member of USAYESS (USA Youth Education in Shooting Sports). All Ravens must register with USAYESS as part of the membership process.

The link to register for your USAYESS membership will be sent through TeamSnap as soon as it is available.

COMMUNICATION THROUGH TEAMSNAPE

TeamSnap is our primary communication tool for the SST Ravens. TeamSnap allows coaches to communicate to team families through email. Team families and coaches may also communicate through a chat function which works similar to text. It is very important to download the TeamSnap app from the app store and to regularly check your email to ensure you receive all communication.

In addition to communication, TeamSnap is used to report a shooters status for attending practice and competition. Practices and competitions will have an event created in TeamSnap. When an event is created the shooters account will be sent an email. Ravens families can update their status directly through this email (Going, Not Going, Maybe). You can also update a status directly in the TeamSnap app by selecting "Schedule" and scrolling to the appropriate event. Upcoming events often appear on the Home Page.

All shooters must update their status on TeamSnap at least 2 days prior to a practice and by the deadline listed for competitions. This status allows us to accurately plan for the number of coaches needed at a specific event, determines squading for competition, and ensures we bring the correct amount of ammunition.

TEAM UNIFORM

As part of your membership fee, all Ravens will receive a team hat, shooting vest, and team shirt to be worn during competition. Ravens are expected to wear this uniform for all competitions that the Ravens attend as a team. Ravens are allowed to wear this uniform at any other non-team competitions but are not required to do so.

Ordering information for the uniform will be sent through TeamSnap once available. We will also be opening a team store for additional spirit wear items for the whole family.