



# Team Handbook

## 2020-2021

Welcome to the 2020-2021 season!

We hope to find you all healthy and ready to bust some clays! With the challenges of COVID-19 this season may look a little different, but we will work hard to make it fun and safe. Shooting is a low risk, outdoor sport so we plan to provide regular monthly practices and will hopefully have an opportunity to bring some hardware home from competitions. We will need to be somewhat flexible though as Washington State COVID guidelines are sure to keep changing. With that said, it will be more important than ever for you to regularly monitor your email and the TeamSnap App to make sure you get all the updates. You will also need to regularly update your attendance status for all events in TeamSnap (practice and competition) to ensure we have the proper amount of coaching available. The more we can all communicate, the smoother this season will go. We look forward to helping everyone grow in their skill and love of this great sport! Let's make this season a great one Ravens!

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The SST Ravens is a competitive youth shotgun team based out of the Seattle Skeet and Trap Club in Ravensdale, WA. Our team is committed to providing a safe, fun, supportive environment for youth to grow their skill and confidence in shotgun shooting sports. We provide training and competition opportunities in Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays. As a team focused program, we strive 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](http://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.

## **COVID-19**

We take the health and safety of our shooters, families, and coaches very seriously. If you have been recently exposed to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or experience any possible symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, vomiting, diarrhea) please notify your coach and stay home. We will also observe the following protocols:

- Shooters must answer COVID screening questions on the practice Attendance Sheet.
- Masks should be worn to and from the fields and in spaces where 6' of social distancing is difficult.
- All participants should attempt to maintain at least 6' of social distancing at all times.
- Shooters should sanitize hands when sharing any items (sanitizer will be placed near Attendance Sheet).

The more we can protect each other the better likelihood we will get to have a competition season so please help where you can.

## **PRACTICE**

The Ravens attempt to practice as a team twice per month with competition typically running February through June. Based on COVID restrictions, the amount of these activities may change. Practices will be announced through TeamSnap and shooters are required to update their status with "Going" or "Not Going" two full days before the practice is held.

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 (NOTE: Please check with clubs directly as COVID may impact schedules and availability):

Black Diamond Gun Club	Seattle Skeet and Trap Club
Wednesdays 6pm-10pm	Sundays 10am-3pm
Free round and box of shells	2 Free rounds

## **COMPETITION**

The Ravens compete on a Local, 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 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 as information is received.

## **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.)
- \* Full registration fees for all registered shoots held 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 1<sup>st</sup> year - \$100/annual renewal fee after 1<sup>st</sup> year  
Seattle Skeet and Trap memberships run Jan-Dec. If you have an existing membership you will need to renew in January 2021. If you are not currently a member, you will need to buy a membership at a pro-rated amount for 2020 and renew the membership in January 2021. 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 TEAMSAP**

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

TeamSnap is also 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 or 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. (NOTE: Unless a new size is needed, Ravens who received their uniform in the 2019-2020 season will use their uniform for the 2020-2021 season.)

In addition to the official uniform, a team store with extra spirit wear items for the whole family will be announced through TeamSnap before competition season starts.