



Dear Interested Parent(s):

Thank you for visiting our MFR&GC Dust Devils web page and for downloading this material on our youth trap shooting program. We hope you find this information helpful.

Attached you will find a flyer for our 2025 season and a Frequently Asked Questions document with information we think you will want to know as parents of a prospective shooter. If you have other questions or need more information, please let us know.

This will be our seventh season as a youth trap program. We started in 2019 with three athletes, and we have grown steadily to a team of 46 athletes in 2025. We are proud of this – not because of numbers for numbers sake – but because we believe that youth trap shooting teaches character, safety, and responsibility – and these make our youth into better citizens.

We look forward to hearing from you. Contact information for our program is on the 2025 season flyer on the next page. If you are interested in our program, please reach out and we will be happy to tell you more about our team and the opportunities we offer.

Sincerely,

MFR&GC Dust Devils Coaches



MFRGC YOUTH TRAP

MARCH – JUNE 2025

The Menomonee Falls Rod and Gun Club (MFRGC) Dust Devils shoot as part of the Scholastic Clays Target Program (SCTP). Our purpose is to help young people safely learn/develop in the sport of trap shooting. The team will practice weekly from early March till mid-June of 2025. We also take youth shooters to weekend Invitational Shoots in the area and the Wisconsin State SCTP Shoot in Wisconsin Rapids in late June.

To be eligible, students must attend an accredited school (public, private, or virtual) or home-school program and be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities according to the school's rules.

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**Know a 5th-12th
grader who is
interested in
shooting trap?**

**Have them join the
MFRGC Dust Devils!**

**Any experience level
welcome**

**Weekly practices
March thru June**

**We attend
Invitational Shoots &
the Wisconsin SCTP
State Shoot**



2025 MFRGC Dust Devils Youth Trap Team FAQ

1) What ages can participate?

- *5th grade or 10 years and older through age 21. College students can participate if their school does not have a collegiate trap shooting team. Coaches will evaluate individual athletes (especially those who are younger or slighter of build) for their ability to safely handle a shotgun prior to that athlete signing up and participating. Coaches' decisions in this matter are final.*

2) What is the 2025 season schedule?

- *Information sessions and sign-up meetings will occur in January/February. All athletes should be signed up by late February. We will conduct orientation sessions for new shooters and those new to the team prior to the start of team practices. Practices start in early March and run weekly through early June. We will shoot at regional invitational shoots in April and May, and we will take squads to the WI State SCTP Shoot (in Wisconsin Rapids) in late June. Practices will be on Wednesday evenings.*

3) What are the costs?

- *Sign-up fees are between \$130-\$140. This fee covers an athlete's membership in SCTP (Scholastic Clays Target Program – required), a team shirt, clay targets, and team supplies. Entry fees to invitational shoots and the State Shoot are extra. Entry fees for invitational shoots are between \$35-\$45 per athlete and the State Shoot entry is around \$40-\$50. Ammunition costs are also extra. See the next Q and A for more information on ammunition. It is the goal of the MFRGC Dust Devils youth trap program to not exclude youth participants due to financial hardships. If a family has more than two athletes or is experiencing financial difficulties, they are encouraged to contact Coach Darin Riggelman to discuss, on a strictly confidential basis, how the team can financially assist them to get their youth into our program.*

4) What about ammunition?

- *Athletes provide their own ammunition. Our team places an annual bulk order with our ammunition supplier and this ammunition is available for purchase at our team cost. For 2025, this cost will be around \$86 per case. Purchase of this ammunition is not mandatory, and shooters can supply their own ammunition, if desired.*

5) How much ammo will my shooter need?

- *An absolute minimum of 3 cases (750 rounds) and more likely 4-5 cases (or more) if an athlete plans to shoot at any of the invitational shoots and/or the State Shoot.*

6) Can an athlete shoot reloaded shells?

- *Yes, but only for practices. Factory loads meeting ATA requirements must be shot at competitions.*

7) Are 20-gauge shotguns allowed?

- *Yes. For the sake of safety, we stress to our athletes the hazards of mixing 12- and 20-gauge shells and we coach them accordingly. We will also require 20-gauge shooters to mark their guns with a piece of painter's tape so coaches can readily identify these shotguns.*

8) My son/daughter has never shot trap before and wants to try it before committing to join the team. Can you accommodate this?

- *Yes. We want everyone to feel good about joining our team and we want everyone to have a good experience after they do so. Parents who have youth who are:*
 - Younger...
 - Inexperienced...
 - Of slighter build...
 - Interested, but still not quite sure... should contact Coach Darin.

We are happy to meet with these individuals and their parents over the fall/winter to help them shoot a few targets and try things out.

9) I don't own a shotgun. Can my son/daughter borrow one?

- *Unfortunately, we do not have shotguns to loan on a long-term basis. Newer shooters are welcome to try out the sport (as noted above) using our guns and ammunition. Our coaches are also great sources of advice on shotgun types/makers/etc. for youth athletes.*

10) I think my child would be interested but they may not want to go to any competitions. Is this OK?

- *Athletes can shoot as much or as little as they like. If an athlete wants to go to the State Shoot they are required by SCTP rules to attend six (6) practices. We do encourage competition as a way of bettering individual athletes and as a gauge of where our athletes stand compared to others in their peer group.*

11) What is SCTP?

- *SCTP stands for Scholastic Clays Target Program, a national program administered by the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF). All teams and coaches involved in SCTP programs are required to abide by SCTP policies including standards of conduct, training, and mandatory background checks. SCTP athletes and coaches also buy into a \$10 million liability insurance policy that covers the athletes, coaches, and ranges that host SCTP teams.*

12) What is the structure of a typical weekly practice?

- *A typical weekly practice consists of shooting 50 rounds. Some of our older and more experienced athletes may shoot 75 rounds. Early in the season, these rounds are normally shot as part of structured drills that work on specific shots and target presentations. As the season progresses, we move to shooting standard rounds of 16 yd. American trap. We will also shoot handicap (distance) trap and expose our athletes to doubles trap.*

13) What shotgun disciplines does MFRGC Dust Devils youth trap shoot?

- *Typically, we shoot 16 yd. American trap. We do offer our athletes the ability to learn and practice handicap and doubles trap (typically at extra practices on weekends) and we have taken athletes to the Wisconsin SCTP State Shoot to participate in these disciplines. We are also looking at adding Sporting Clays to the disciplines we shoot but this is a work in progress.*

14) I know someone with a high school aged son/daughter who earned a high school letter in trap. Would my son/daughter be able to do that through MFRGC Youth Trap?

- *No, we are not affiliated with any high school. Should lettering be something your son/daughter would like to do, contact Coach Darin to discuss options.*

15) **We don't live near the Menomonee Falls Rod & Gun Club but my son/daughter is interested in trap shooting. Can you help?**

- *Absolutely. In fact, SCTP has some residency rules- typically athletes are required to shoot for the SCTP team closest to where they live. In addition to coaching the Dust Devils, Coach Darin is a State Advisor with the Wisconsin SCTP Program. Please contact him. He would be happy to steer you in the right direction. If your athlete can't shoot with us – no problem. Our purpose is to make sure that young people learn to shoot safely and become exposed to this wonderful sport.*

16) **Anything other requirements/things I should know about?**

- *Parents should know that safety is paramount for us, and we expect and demand it from ourselves and our team. We want everyone to have a good experience and enjoy trap shooting but not at the expense of safety. SCTP is a safety-first program, and we adhere to that as an SCTP affiliated team. SCTP also demands academic accountability. All athletes must be enrolled in school (public, private, parochial, virtual, homeschooled) and be eligible to compete in extra-curricular activities according to the policies of the school they attend.*