

2026 NSCA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CRITERIA

1. The Regional Championship will be awarded to a qualified club that can provide the necessary experience and, at a minimum, the following events and facilities needed to host the shoot:
 - a) 200 target Main Event shot on a two- or three-day rotation. Two-day rotation will be held on a minimum of two 13 station Sporting Clays courses. Three-day rotation will be held on a minimum of three 10 station courses.
Example of target distribution each day is 100/100 (2 courses) and 66/66/68 (3 courses).
 - b) 100 target Preliminary Event.
 - c) 100 target FITASC Event – (can be new or old style but must specify)
 - d) 100 target NSCA Five-Stand event. (Minimum of two layouts with distinctly different menus and the event must be shot in 25 target increments with four different menus.)
 - e) 50 target Small Gauge events (20ga., 28ga., .410 bore) that must be shot on a course.
 - f) Super Sporting and/or American Field Sporting are an optional side event(s).
 - g) All events must follow the guidelines of paragraph VI-D-6 of the NSCA Rule Book regarding multiple events on a single course.
 - h) Practice sporting clays course with a minimum of five stations and/or Practice 5-Stand
 - i) ALL Events outlined in a-d above must be squadded.
 - j) Shooting games are DESIRABLE but Not Required.
 - k) Adequate facilities (i.e., clubhouse, restrooms, catering, space for vendors).
 - l) Clubs are encouraged to allow all vendors to enhance the experience for all competitors.
 - m) Acceptable hotels and restaurants nearby and camper facilities for at least 20 campers.
 - n) Adequate parking space at or very near venue and shuttle transport if required.
2. Clubs must propose three dates which must fall in the second or third weekends of the proposed months of the year (each bid will be ineligible without including three months selected from the available months). These dates will be numbered in preference by the club and will include only the months of February through September as required months for selection. The five (5) Regional Championships, US Open, and National Championship will be spaced out as much as possible. The NSCA Competition Committee will coordinate the dates of the Regional Championships. The dates of the shoot must be published at least 10 months prior to the shoot, or no later than January 1st of the shoot year. Online registration must be available 6 months prior to the shoot, or no later than January 1st of the shoot year. You must provide the NSCA Assistant Director with the date that online registration will go live and the name of the scoring program to be used. All Championship Tour events are now required to allow the NSCA to advertise the opening of online registration to all members at least two weeks prior to going live. (Please note that the 2026 US Open is scheduled for mid-August, the 2026 World FITASC July 16-19, and the 2026 National Championship will be October 17-25.)
3. The club will provide practice fields prior to the first day of registered events and at least 30 minutes before event flight times. (Practice 5-Stand and/or Practice Course)
Example: Main Event starts at 8am; Practice opens at 7:30am.
4. All 100-bird 12-gauge events will include Pro Class and the awards and payouts must at a minimum match those for Master class. The individuals who comprise Pro Class are those who qualify for the Pro Squad at the time of the event.
5. The **Main Event**, only, will include the men and women's Pro Squad, randomly squadded together on the same rotation to finish on the last rotation Sunday. The men will be squadded together, and separate from the men, the women will be squadded together. Headquarters will assist with this as needed. Random squadding may be determined in any manner the host club chooses.
6. Awards for the Main Event will be 2" NSCA Medallions designed by and paid for by NSCA for event Champion, Runner-up and Third, and for Champion, Runner-up, and Third for Sub-Junior, Junior, Lady, Veteran, Lady Veteran, Super Veteran, Senior Super Veteran and Legacy. NSCA will also provide 2" NSCA Medallion awards for Class 1st - 3rd in Pro, Master, AA, A, B, C, and D. Side event awards are the responsibility of the host club. Prelim, FITASC, 5-Stand and Small Gauge awards must include at least Pro (for the 12ga events), and M-D 1st - 3rd and Concurrent 1st - 3rd. **Main event, Super Sporting (if offered), 5-Stand, FITASC & Prelim must also award Lady Veteran prizes that follow the same award schedule as the Veteran concurrent. Lady Veteran will be any Lady 55 or older.**
7. Competitors may register in advance for the Main Event with a \$100 deposit. The deposit for FITASC events will be

the entire event fee; non-refundable (except for purposes deemed refundable by the club, i.e.-medical emergency). All other deposits will be determined by the club. For all eligible refunds, there will be a standard \$35 clerical fee.

6. The shoot shall use certified FITASC Referees and experienced referees, preferably at least 18 years of age, and ideally, experienced shooters not shooting in the Main Event.
7. Options for the Regional Championship will be determined by the host club. All payouts and awards must be mailed out within 10 days of shoot completion. All participants will receive a mailer or email showing all winnings and payout information.
8. All shoot-offs must be held no later than the final day of the event. Shoot-offs for ALL events must be conducted near the clubhouse with traps used exclusively for shoot-offs. The shoot-off procedures will be determined by the host club. Adequate lighting is required to hold shoot-offs.
9. The host club is required to host a social function on Saturday evening.
10. Only factory ammunition is allowed. (No Reloads)
11. All Regional Championship events (including small gauge) will be REGISTERED and NSCA daily fees charged. State daily fees will also be collected if required by an approved state association at the time the shoot is approved. All participants of the event must be current NSCA members, Complimentary Limited Memberships (CLMs) may be given to any eligible non-members.
12. At Regional Championship events where the NSCA USASCT Championship Tour Trailer is available for running digital scoreboards and the club would like the events scores displayed, the club is required to have their registration staff available to set up and assist with the event scores on the trailer TV's during the duration of the event. We also ask that if there are any USA Sporting Clays Team Honorary Team Captains, the club provide a VIP parking spot for each one. The team manager will coordinate this with the club.
13. All Regional Championship Main and FITASC events will be USA Sporting Clays Team qualifying events. Clubs may bid on Major FITASC Championships at a later date to replace their proposed FITASC side event. Bidding for the National FITASC and FITASC World Cups will open once the Regionals have been selected.
14. Selected clubs must be willing to offer some form of USA Sporting Clays Team Fundraiser raising **no less than \$5,000**. This can include, but is not limited to, option dedicated solely to the support of the team, a separate event to raise funds for the team, or a game for the team. The host club may opt to donate the \$5000 to the USA Sporting Clays Team out of the NSCA Regional Grant they are eligible to receive post event.
15. If any additional fees are to be added to the published entry fee, such as state sales taxes, the amounts must be disclosed in the application and all programs, shooter forms and advertisements if fees are quoted in those ads.
16. For the purpose of hosting a Regional Championship there are five (5) geographical regions throughout the United States. Each region will host a Regional Championship annually. Below is a listing of states within each region.
Northeast: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Ohio
Southeast: Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Puerto Rico, and Jamaica
North Central: North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, and Kentucky
South Central: New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana
West: Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California, Arizona, Alaska, and Hawaii
17. Ranges desiring to be considered for the Regional Championship will submit a bid form to the NSCA Assistant Director by 5:00 p.m. (CST) November 27, 2024. The NSCA Assistant Director will forward complete bids to the National Delegates from that Region. Selection of bid winners will be made by the National Delegates in each region and approved by the Competition Committee and Executive Council.
18. Host clubs must have a Contingency Plan on file with their National Delegates. The Contingency Plan will cover course layout, parking, facility management, scoring, how to determine Regional Championship champions, and registration in the case of a natural disaster such as flooding, tornado, etc.

19. Any changes from the Regional Championship shoot criteria or original bid from the host club must be approved by the NSCA Executive Council. If the cost of targets increases after the event bid has been approved and before the date of the event, the host club may petition the NSCA to increase the fees approved on the original bid.
20. To be qualified, the shoot management must be in good standing with the NSCA at the time of the application and must retain that standing through the year the Regional Championship is held, and must have managed a State, Regional, or Major Shoot (150+ NSCA registered shooters in the Main Event) in at least one of the three years preceding the invitation.
21. The NSCA Executive Council will be involved in decisions as well as assist at registration, scoreboard, shoot-offs and awards presentation. A few council members will be assigned to each regional championship. These council members will work with the range owner to ensure proper execution of the event, including but not limited to following their bid.
22. DEADLINES & VOTING PROCEDURE FOR 2026 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP APPLICATIONS:
 - Bid forms must be sent to NSCA Assistant Director by 5:00 p.m. (CST) November 27, 2024. Email to nbowers@nssa-nasca.com
 - An electronic ballot will be sent to all NSCA National Delegates in the region by the NSCA Assistant Director by December 3, 2024.
 - National Delegates within the region will vote on the Regional Championship location. The deadline for all ballots to be returned to the NSCA Assistant Director is 5:00 p.m. (CST) December 17, 2024.
 - The NSCA Assistant Director will work with the NSCA Competition Committee Chairman to coordinate and finalize by December 23, 2024.
 - 2026 NSCA Championship Tour Schedule will be announced by January 10, 2025.

Contact Nichole Bowers, NSCA Assistant Director at 210-688-3371 ext 255 or by email at nbowers@nssa-nasca.com with any questions.