

HAVE YOU TRIED:

SUPER SPORTING

There are all sorts of side games and activities you can participate in at major shoots. Here's what you need to know to try Super Sporting.

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Whether you are new to the world of clay target shooting or you're a 20-year veteran, it's time for you to give Super Sporting a try. Described by many as the most fun you can have with a shotgun, Super Sporting combines the very best elements of sporting clays and FITASC into one highly strategic and exciting format.

The great allure of Super Sporting is that the game offers no repeat pairs at all. That means you are shooting 100

(or 50 depending on the course) unique targets in a row, each one demanding something completely different than the last. This format diversifies the game and demands a fresh level of creativity and strategy from the shooter. I promise, you will get hooked. Quite simply, this is the most variety you can have without the repetition and regimen of either sporting or FITASC. Forget the librarian rules. Forget the redundancy. This is clay target shooting in its purest and most engaging form.

So how do you play? With three traps per station, you will shoot a combination of true pairs, report pairs and singles. Each station has a menu card that will list the target presentations in the order you will shoot them. You will be allowed to view the singles only. Some of the courses are prepared with two shooting stations per set — these stations might be close together and other times they might be far apart. The idea is to achieve a shooting experience that changes within a given presentation. That means you won't get a chance to settle in or find a rhythm from the target repetition you might normally rely on. When you play Super Sporting,





▲ With three traps per station, Super Sporting will have you shooting true pairs, report pairs and singles. You get to view the singles, but not the pairs, and each station has a menu card that will tell you what comes when.

you are shooting at something new every time. This causes the game to flow at an exhilarating pace that will increase the creativity with which you approach your targets because you have to find your own way through them.

Let's walk through what a typical station would look like. You would shoot the singles first; A, B and C. You can view these first before you shoot them, but not the pairs. Then you would shoot report pair C and A, report pair B and C, and finally true pair A and B for a total of nine targets. Remember, the station you shoot these from can alternate within a given set. In terms of the targets themselves, you will notice the usual suspects: crossers, overheads, rabbits, chandelles, teals and incomers. However, when you mix these target types with the diversity of the Super Sporting setup, you will experience them like never before.

As you can imagine, this constant novelty is where all the fun happens.

Super Sporting is challenging, but not overwhelming. It's different and yet completely familiar. It will keep you off balance but also engaged in a refreshing and

fun way. The game will get you excited about the possibilities of target shooting all over again, and that is reason enough to give it a shot.

Our game is evolving, and Super Sporting represents all the best parts of this evolution by combining the fundamentals we all know and love and translating them onto a fresh page. No more gun mount regulations and stuffy FITASC rules. This is a game that will give you the freedom to develop your own plan of action and shoot through the target presentations however you think is best. There is no denying that Super Sporting has the potential to draw thousands

of new shooters into the community by showcasing just how fun our sport can be. It is quickly becoming a mainstay in the competitive shooting community as a 50- or 100-bird event, and there will even be a Super Sporting world championship in Phoenix next year.

It doesn't matter if you are a beginner in the world of clay target shooting or if you've been around the block a few more times than you care to admit — this game is for you. So get out there, spread the word and make sure you play the game where you see it offered, because Super Sporting is here to stay. **CTN**



▲ Forget patterns or settling into a nice shooting rhythm. Super Sporting is all about fun and variety.