

# **Official Tournament Handbook**



**Houma Oilman's Sporting Clays  
Invitational, Inc.**

**2012**

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## **About HOSCI**

HOSCI is an oilfield sponsored sporting clays tournament dedicated to the support of children's charities within Terrebonne & Lafourche Parishes. Established in 1999, HOSCI has donated over \$600,000 to date. This HOSCI Handbook is intended to answer any questions you may have about our operations. If you have a question this book does not answer please contact, Kory Martinez with Smith Services HE ([kmartinez5@slb.com](mailto:kmartinez5@slb.com)). If you are at the Tournament, stop and say hi!!

## **Entry Rules and Regulations**

The following are the general entry rules and regulations for all sponsors and shooters, hereafter referred to as "Entrants". These rules are the minimum requirements set forth by the HOSCI Board members and are in no way conclusive to entry acceptance. As an invitational event, entrants must receive invitation to apply for entry and the HOSCI Board reserves the right to refuse entry to any person or company.

1. Must be 18 years of age or older.
2. 51% of primary income must be derived from being directly employed or engaged in the exploration, drilling, production, refining and/or servicing of oil or gas wells. Service companies included.

### ***Team Entry Rules and Regulations***

The following are the entry rules and regulations for all teams to consider in addition to above general entry rules and regulations:

1. Teams entered into the HOSCI tournament are owned by the company which supplies the funds to pay for that team's entry.
2. Two different companies will not be allowed to split a platinum team; however, a company may split a platinum team between its various divisions, if approved by the HOSCI Board members.
3. Existing teams are given the first right of re-entry each year. Entry form and payment must be received by the posted entry deadline for existing teams.
4. New teams will only be allowed in the tournament as slots are available after the posted entry deadline for existing teams. HOSCI no longer holds a waiting list. New entries are first-come, first-served.

### ***Sponsor Entry Rules and Regulations***

The following are the entry rules and regulations for all sponsors to consider in addition to above general entry rules and regulations:

1. Sponsorship recognition will be given to the company which supplies the funds to pay for that sponsorship, unless otherwise stated on the Sponsor Entry form AND the HOSCI Board approves such
2. Existing sponsors are given the first right of re-entry each year. Entry form and payment must be received by the posted entry deadline for existing sponsors.

## **Tournament Site Rules and Regulations**

The following are the rules and regulations governing the tournament site on tournament days:

1. No consumption of alcoholic beverages during shooting hours.
2. NO ONE UNDER 18 ON PREMISES.
3. Check in time will be from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Thursday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Friday and 6:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Saturday. Individuals who are not checked in 30 minutes prior to their shooting time will be replaced by stand-by competitors. Replaced shooters may not be rescheduled.
4. To eliminate bottlenecks at the registration trailer, only captains will be allowed to check in teams, shooters should check in with the waiver tent and then meeting their captains under the main tent.

5. National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA) rules will be used to govern the tournament, except with special modifications listed within this HOSCI Handbook.
6. Shooters allowed on main event course ONLY during their scheduled shooting time. Spectators are allowed to follow squads with direct business and or family ties. Please keep quiet at all times in shooting areas.
7. No participant 4-Wheelers will be allowed on the grounds during the tournament. Golf carts, mules and gators will be allowed.

## Shooting Rules and Regulations

The following are the rules and regulations governing the shooters on tournament days:

1. Hearing and eye protection is mandatory for all shooters. A shooter will not be allowed to participate in this tournament without eye and ear protection.
2. Shells can not exceed 3 dram 1-1/8 oz. shot. Shells including 9, 8-1/2, 8, & 7-1/2 shot may be used. Nothing over 7-1/2 can be used.
3. Gun actions will be open at all times on premises EXCEPT when on post ready to fire. When the gun is loaded, keep pointed down range at all times. Gun actions will be open and shells removed when changing posts.
4. If gun malfunctions, keep muzzle down range at all times while opening action.
5. A shooter will NOT be allowed to make gun repairs while in the post. The shooter may use a back up gun or a team member's gun to finish the event.
6. No choke changes will be allowed once a shooter begins shooting on post.
7. If your gun does not fire for any reason (misfire, safety on, not loaded, gun malfunction, etc.) when a called for target is released, the target or targets will be counted as LOST. In case of "REPORT" doubles, if no shot is fired as the first target, a second target will be thrown when the first target hits the ground. Shooter may fire at the second target when ready.
8. Call "PULL" loudly when calling for target.
9. If a trapper has to make repairs on thrower, open action and remove shells while on post.
10. One mulligan may be purchased in advance and may be used only on the Main Event. A mulligan consists of two targets. The mulligan may be used at any one station. The total score at the station where the mulligan is used cannot exceed the maximum possible hits for the station.
11. Each squad of individuals may be allowed to see one legal set of targets from each trap before shooting at that station. Only the shooter will be allowed in the shooter's box while shooting. The remainder of the group is required to not infringe upon the shooters line of fire or field of view. Sitting on the bench or standing behind the bench at each station is acceptable. The leadoff team will continue to rotate at each station. The shooter must exercise his mulligan option before leaving the shooters box.
12. Sporting Clay's targets are not exact patterns and are thrown to imitate hunting conditions. A legal target is a whole clay that is thrown from the trap in a prescribed flight pattern within the three-second time limit after the participant calls for the target. Flight patterns are not exact and may vary in windy or rainy conditions. A legal target is one that resembles the general flight pattern and is not broken.

## Scoring Rules and Regulations

The following are the rules and regulations governing tournament scoring at shooting stations:

1. Scoring will be done by tournament selected officials.
2. Only legal targets will be scored and the scorer will be the judge of whether or not a target is broken.
3. The scorer may ask for assistance if he/she feels assistance is required.


4. The scorer will call lost or missed for any target they judge missed and dead or hit for any target they judge hit. Any challenge to the call must be made **IMMEDIATELY** by the shooter before firing at the next pair of targets. The scorer will then make the final decision with the assistance from the trap operator, range official and/or shooting squad if required.
5. The scorekeeper will tell the shooter his score and initial his score card before the next shooter steps into the shooter's box.
6. Rule violations and procedure violations can be referred to tournament protest committee for settlement, but the legality of targets and whether or not the target is broken is the responsibility of the scorer.
7. Only targets with a visible piece broken off will be scored as dead. Birds deflected in flight or dusted (but with no visible piece or breakage) will be scored as lost.
8. The decision of the scorekeeper is final. Refer any rule or procedure infractions to the range master or tournament protest committee.


### Mulligans


A mulligan is a "do over" which consists of two birds. A mulligan can only help the shooter, not hurt them. The following are the rules and regulations regarding scoring a mulligan:


1. The shooter must notify the shooting station personnel before he/she leaves the shooting window. (Shooting Station Personnel: DO NOT allow a shooter to come back and ask for a mulligan)
2. The shooter must present his/her mulligan ticket to be allowed to shoot a mulligan.
3. The shooter is allowed only one (1) mulligan on the main event round.
4. After the shooter presents his mulligan ticket to the shooting station personnel it must be torn in half and placed in the trash.
5. The shooter will call for the birds and another pair of birds will be thrown.
6. The "dead" OR "lost" indications will be marked on the same line as the shooter's name in the Mulligan columns.
7. A shooter cannot score more than the total regular birds on the station, even if adding the mulligans to the regular birds hit is greater than that amount (see last scorecard example below).

The following examples outline how to score a mulligan in different circumstances.

| Scoring a mulligan if both mulligan birds are missed.                               |                |                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |                     |          |  |
|---|----------------|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|---------------------|----------|--|
|  |                |                   | Team #: <b>001</b>                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |             | Station #: <b>2</b> |          |  |
|   |                |                   | Team Name:<br>John Doe Service Company #1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |                     |          |  |
| Shooter #   | Shooter Name   | 1                 | 2   | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Mulligan    | Total               | Initials |  |
| 001-1   | Billy Sokol    | X                 | X   | X | O | X | O | X | X | O           | O                   | 6        |  |
| 001-2   | Kory Martinez  |                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |                     |          |  |
| 001-3   | Dan Killian    |                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |                     |          |  |
| 001-4   | Benny Savoie   |                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |                     |          |  |
| 001-5   | Blake Bergeron |                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |                     |          |  |
|   |                | X = Dead O = Lost |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Total       |                     |          |  |
|   |                |                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Entered By: |                     |          |  |

| Scoring a mulligan if one mulligan bird is hit.                                   |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |       |
|---|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------|---|---------------------|-------|
|  |                | Team #: <b>001</b>                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   | Station #: <b>2</b> |       |
|   |                | Team Name:<br>Joe Blow Service Company #1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |       |
| Shooter #   | Shooter Name   | 1   | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Mulligan |   |                     | Total |
| 001-1   | Billy Sokol    | X   | X | X | O | X | O | X | X | X        | O | 7                   |       |
| 001-2   | Kory Martinez  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |       |
| 001-3   | Dan Killian    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |       |
| 001-4   | Benny Savoie   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |       |
| 001-5   | Blake Bergeron |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |       |
|   |                | X = Dead O = Lost                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Total    |   |                     |       |
|   |                | Entered By:                               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |       |

| Scoring a mulligan if both mulligan birds are hit.                                |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |          |
|---|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------|---|---------------------|----------|
|  |                | Team #: <b>001</b>                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   | Station #: <b>2</b> |          |
|   |                | Team Name:<br>Joe Blow Service Company #1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |          |
| Station #:  |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |          |
| Shooter #   | Shooter Name   | 1   | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Mulligan |   | Total               | Initials |
| 001-1   | Billy Sokol    | X   | X | X | O | X | O | X | X | X        | X | 8                   |          |
| 001-2   | Kory Martinez  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |          |
| 001-3   | Dan Killian    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |          |
| 001-4   | Benny Savoie   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |          |
| 001-5   | Blake Bergeron |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |          |
|   |                | X = Dead O = Lost                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Total    |   |                     |          |
|   |                | Entered By:                               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |          |

| Scoring a mulligan if only 1 bird is missed on the regular round & both mulligan birds are hit. |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |          |
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|              |                | Team #: <b>001</b>                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   | Station #: <b>2</b> |          |
|   |                | Team Name:<br>Joe Blow Service Company #1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |          |
| Station #:  |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |          |
| Shooter #   | Shooter Name   | 1   | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Mulligan |   | Total               | Initials |
| 001-1   | Billy Sokol    | X   | X | X | X | X | O | X | X | X        | X | 8                   |          |
| 001-2   | Kory Martinez  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |          |
| 001-3   | Dan Killian    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |          |
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| 001-5   | Blake Bergeron |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |          |
|   |                | X = Dead O = Lost                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Total    |   |                     |          |
|   |                | Entered By:                               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |                     |          |

## **Drawing and Raffle Rules and Regulations**

The following are rules and regulations regarding all drawings or raffles held by HOSCI:

1. Will be conducted in a fair manner to all.
2. Will be pulled publicly, unless time constraints are involved.

### ***Long Bird Grand Prize Drawing***

The following are the rules and regulations regarding the Long Bird Grand Prize Drawing, in this section hereafter referred to as "the drawing":

1. There will be two raffle drums for entries into the drawing:
  - a. Shooter's Drum
  - b. Breaker's Drum
2. Each day that the Long Bird Event is available for shooting, the following will occur:
  - a. Shooter's who purchase a ticket will have their name placed in the "Shooter's Drum".
  - b. Shooter's who break the Long Bird will have their name placed in the "Breaker's Drum".
  - c. At the end of the day, two names will be drawn from each drum
  - d. These 4 names will placed into the Final Drawing pool.
  - e. Shooters must be present to be placed into the Final Drawing pool.
3. At the time of the Final Drawing, the following will occur:
  - a. The 4 names that were pulled each day the Long Bird Event was shot will be put into one raffle drum. (2 days shot = 8 names)
  - b. Names will be drawn one at a time.
  - c. The last name pulled wins the Grand Prize.
  - d. Shooters must be present to win the Grand Prize.

### ***Main Event Team Guns Drawing***

The following are the rules and regulations regarding the Main Event Team Guns Drawing, in this section hereafter referred to as "the drawing":

1. The drawing will be held immediately following each flight with the exception of the 4<sup>th</sup> flight. The 4<sup>th</sup> flight drawing will be held immediately after the 2<sup>nd</sup> flight's drawing is completed (approx. 1:00pm).
2. 5 chips labeled 1 through 5 will be placed in a bag.
3. For each team, two chips will be drawn.
4. The shooter in the shooting position corresponding with the drawn chips wins the gun.

## **Shooting Station Sponsors**

The following are rules and regulations regarding all shooting stations on the HOSCI tournament site:

1. Shooting station sponsors will be allowed 5 general admissions onto the tournament site per day.
2. Provide scorekeeper (1) and trappers (2) for the station the practice & tournament days (March 10, 11, 12).
3. Scorekeepers should familiarize themselves with the Scoring Rules and Regulations within this Handbook.
4. Starting time is 10:00 AM on Thursday and 7:00 AM on Friday and Saturday. PLEASE REPORT TO COURSE 30 MINUTES EARLY FOR INSTRUCTIONS.
5. Provide a minimum of two workers at the station at all times. A target puller/trapper and a scorekeeper. Three workers at the station are strongly recommended.



6. Station sponsors will be assigned a station with first regard given to those who built their own stations.
7. Make sure safety rules are observed at all times. Refer to Shooting Rules and Regulations in this Handbook.
8. People working your station must have eye and ear protection at all times.
9. Pull true pair targets only.
10. Do not allow shooters to participate without eye and ear protection (NO EXCEPTIONS).
11. Call range master if machines have a breakdown or machine is breaking too many targets.
12. The tournament staff will take care of loading machines between sessions.
13. Keep trash and empty shell casings picked up around your assigned station at all times. Garbage cans and trash liners will be provided both days. Trashcans will be emptied at regular intervals during the tournament.
14. Hold completed score sheets at the station. DO NOT allow shooters to take score sheets after they have completed their final station. The tournament will have a runner pick up all score sheets from each station.
15. Make sure each shooter knows his or her score before leaving the shooters window. Your scorer will initial the score sheet if there are no discrepancies. Your scorer has the final say on what the shooter shot.
16. Provide non-alcoholic refreshments such as soda, water and sport drinks.
17. The tournament will provide chairs and table to work from.
18. All shooting stations are covered, but if you want to bring an additional tent it needs to be set up by noon on Thursday.
19. Use the station to advertise your company in any manner you choose, as long as it does not interfere with the shooters or scorekeeper. Do not cover up the sign already on the station.
20. Try to keep shooters moving through the stations as efficiently as possible. A shooter/squad has 2 hours to complete the entire course. Follow rotation schedule unless directed by tournament officials to expedite squads.

## **Hospitality Tent Sponsors**

The following are the rules and regulations in regards to hospitality tents and their sponsors:

1. Tent sponsors are allowed 5 general admission entries onto the tournament site per day.
2. Provide non-alcoholic refreshments such as soda, water and sport drinks.
3. Provide snacks, a meal or food of some sort.

## **Waiver Tent Sponsors**

The following are the responsibilities of the person(s) sponsoring and working the HOSCI Waiver Tent. This tent is the first stop for all persons entering the site. It is very important that all workers fully understand these responsibilities. A minimum of 2 workers are needed for this tent, 3 workers are preferred.

1. The Release of Liability must be signed by and a band must be issued to every person entering the tournament site.
2. Each sponsoring company is allowed a maximum of 5 free entries. Use the sponsor list provided to track sponsor entries. After the 5 spots are filled, admission for sponsors is \$20.00.
3. Teams' shooters should be tracked on the Teams Shooter List.
4. General Admission for non-team shooters is \$65.00.
5. General Admission for non-sponsors, non-shooters is \$100.00.
6. Volunteers should be tracked on the Volunteer Sign in Sheets.

7. There will be no free entry. Everyone entering the site must either be a registered shooter (will have a HOSCI issued badge) or purchase a shooting event to enter.
8. You must check a picture ID if you are uncertain of someone's age.

## **Donations**

The Houma Oilman's Sporting Clays Invitational, Inc. is an oilfield supported organization dedicated to generating monies each year to provide extra support to charities within Terrebonne or Lafourche Parish.

If you know of, or are involved with, a charitable organization or charitable cause in Terrebonne or Lafourche Parish that is in financial need, feel free to submit their information as outlined below. Each and every request will receive our full attention when the donations committee meets.

### ***Criteria for Charitable Organizations***

- ✓ A charity or organization that helps children.
- ✓ A charity or organization that does not have an established fund raising program. This means that you rely on donations or tuitions for more than 75% of your operating budget.
- ✓ A family with a child diagnosed with a terminal or lifelong illness.
- ✓ The family, organization or charity must reside in Terrebonne or Lafourche Parish.
- ✓ Donations must be applied for each year unless the organization has been named a permanent charity by HOSCI.
- ✓ Any exceptions for donations to the above list must be approved by the HOSCI Board.

### ***Applying for Donations***

1. Write a letter containing the following information.
  - a. Organization Name
  - b. Organization Address, City, Zip Code
  - c. Organization's Phone Number
  - d. Contact Person's Name
  - e. Contact Person's Phone Number
  - f. Amount Requested
  - g. Explanation of the child's illness, organization or charities needs.
  
2. Send the letter to:  
HOSCI  
Attn: Donations Committee  
P. O. Box 3207  
Houma, LA 70361

All donation requests must be received by April 15th each year to be considered.