

# THE PARENT'S GUIDE TO AIM



So, your child has joined AIM.  
NOW WHAT?



# Official Rules

The AIM program is governed by the ATA rules. Please see the ATA Rule Book for the official rules of the sport. It is also recommended that you familiarize yourself with the AIM Operations Handbook. This booklet is a condensed version of the Operations Handbook and does not include all of the information pertaining to the sport of youth trapshooting.

## Trapshooting Events

**SINGLES** - Shot from the 16 yard line. 1 shot per target.

**DOUBLES** - Shot from the 16 yard line. 2 targets simultaneously thrown, with 1 shot allowed per target.

**HANDICAP** - Shot from the 19-27 yard lines. 1 shot per target from the shooters handicap yardage.

## Membership Fees

\$25 annually. (ATA membership \$12 and AIM membership \$13). To be an AIM member you must be an ATA member. Visit [www.aim4ata.com](http://www.aim4ata.com) for information on the 20 years to life program.

## CATEGORIES

CATEGORY	AGE
Pre-Sub	11 & Under
Sub-Junior	12-14
Junior	15-17
Junior Gold	18-22

**New Members** - Category is based on your age the day you join.

**Renewing Members** - Category is based on your age as of September 1st of the target year.

## Plastic/Average Cards

The shooter should have his/her plastic and average card on them at all times. Both cards need to be provided at every registered shoot. It is the shooter's responsibility to keep their average card up to date so they can be classified properly by shoot personnel.

**A new average card can be printed off of [www.shootata.com](http://www.shootata.com) at any time.**

**This is the most up-to-date version available.**

**THE AIM TARGET YEAR IS SEPTEMBER 1 - AUGUST 31**



# Individual Classification

Classes within each category will be used for the Online Zone Championship and the AIM Grand National Singles Championship. Doubles classification will be used for the AIM Grand Championships.

## AIM ONLINE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS PENALTY

**SINGLES:** Class B or higher if less than 200 registered Singles targets in the current target year.

## AIM GRAND CHAMPIONSHIPS PENALTIES

**SINGLES:** Class B or higher if less than 400 registered Singles targets in the current target year.

**DOUBLES:** Class B or higher if less than 200 registered Doubles targets in the current target year.

**HANDICAP:** 21 yards minimum if less than 300 registered Handicap targets in the current target year.

## PLEASE NOTE

- IT IS THE SHOOTER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY THEIR CORRECT YARDAGE PRIOR TO SHOOTING, OR THEIR SCORE COULD BE DISQUALIFIED.
- CLASSIFICATION IN BOTH SINGLES & DOUBLES AT THE AIM GRAND CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE BASED ON THE TOTAL AVERAGE FOR THE CURRENT TARGET YEAR **OR** THE LAST 400 TARGETS, WHICHEVER IS HIGHER.

# Squad Category & Classification

**WHAT IS A SQUAD?** A squad is five shooters competing on the same field, at the same registered shoot, at the same gun club.

**SQUAD CATEGORY** - Shooters may shoot on a squad composed of members of other categories. However, the squad will be shooting in the highest category represented in the squad.

**SQUAD CLASS** - Squad classes are only used during the Online Zone Championships & AIM Grand National Championships. Singles squad classification will be based upon the composite average of the five shooters on the squad (use the charts below to figure the squad's average.)



INDIVIDUAL	SINGLES				
	CLASS	PRE-SUB	SUB-JUNIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR GOLD
	AAA	N/A	92-100%	95-100%	N/A
	AA	N/A	88.5-91.99%	92.5-94.99%	N/A
	A	82-100%	84.5-88.49%	90-92.49%	96-100%
	B	72-81.99%	80.5-84.49%	87-89.99%	93-95.99%
	C	61-71.99%	72.5-80.49%	82-86.99%	89-92.99%
	D	Under 61%	Under 72.5%	Under 82%	Under 89%
DOUBLES					
Class A 85.5% - 100%		Class B 78% — 85.49%		Class C 69% - 77.99%	Class D Under 69%

SQUAD	PENALTY CLASS		PENALTY AVERAGE	
		(MINIMUM)		(MINIMUM)
	Pre-Sub	B	77%	
	Sub Junior	B	88%	
Junior & Jr. Gold	B	94%		

Did you receive an award in the mail?  
It could be for one of these events.

# AIM EVENTS

MONTHLY SHOOTING EVENTS

AIM ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

AIM STATE SHOOT

ONLINE HANDICAP  
CHAMPIONSHIPS



## Things to Note For All AIM Events:



- Individual scores will be compiled from shoot reports at the ATA office. Individual scores do not need to be submitted by individuals.
- To be eligible, shooters must be current on their AIM and ATA membership and compete at an ATA registered event.

## Monthly Shooting Events (MSEs)

**WHEN:** January-July of the current target year.

**HOW TO COMPETE:** Individuals may enter as many times as he/she would like, by shooting Singles events at ATA registered shoots. The high score for each month will be used as the competition score for the AIM shooter.

**MINIMUM TARGET REQUIREMENT:** N/A

### **SQUAD ENTRY:**

Coaches can submit squad scores using the coach login on [www.aim4ata.com](http://www.aim4ata.com). The best squad score for each month can be used as the competition round. Shooters are only able to participate on one squad per month for squad team awards. All squad scores need to be submitted within 14 calendar days from the last day of the month.

## AIM Zone Championships

**WHEN:** Spring of current target year. See the AIM Operations Handbook for specific dates.

**HOW TO COMPETE:** Individuals may enter as many times as he/she would like during the designated dates, by shooting Singles events at ATA registered shoots. The high score, from the designated dates, will be used as the competition score for the AIM shooter. Shooters may shoot outside of their home Zone, but awards will only be given from their home zone.

**MINIMUM TARGET REQUIREMENT:** 200 Singles

### **SQUAD ENTRY:**

Coaches can submit squad scores using the coach login on [www.aim4ata.com](http://www.aim4ata.com). Squads are only eligible for team awards when five shooters have shot together at the same time and location.

See the AIM Operations Handbook for more details.

# AIM State Shoots

**WHEN:** January-July of the current target year.

**HOW TO COMPETE:** Each state is encouraged to hold an AIM State Shoot. This event may or may not be held at the same location or same time as the ATA State Championship Tournament. AIM State Shoot dates can be found on [www.aim4ata.com](http://www.aim4ata.com)

**MINIMUM TARGET REQUIREMENT:** N/A

**SQUAD ENTRY:** Squads must include five shooters who live in the state where the shoot is taking place, and they must all shoot together on the same squad. Mixed state squads will not be eligible for team trophies at any State Shoot.

# Online Handicap Championships

**WHEN:** Fall of current target year. See the AIM Operations Handbook for specific dates.

**HOW TO COMPETE:** Individuals may enter as many times as he/she would like, by shooting in a 100 registered target Handicap event at any gun club hosting an ATA registered shoot. The high score from the designated dates will be used as the competition score for the AIM shooter. You can find a registered shoot in your area at [www.shootata.com](http://www.shootata.com).

**MINIMUM TARGET REQUIREMENT:** N/A

**NOTE:** Shooters need to check their correct yardage before competing in this event.

**TO VIEW THE RESULTS  
FOR ALL AIM EVENTS, VISIT.**

**[WWW.AIM4ATA.COM/CONTENT/SHOOTS\\_RESULTS.HTML](http://WWW.AIM4ATA.COM/CONTENT/SHOOTS_RESULTS.HTML)**

# AIM GRAND

## National Championships

**WHEN:** Summer of the current target year. See the AIM Operations Handbook for specific dates.

**WHERE:** World Shooting & Recreational Complex, Sparta, IL

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** Shooters can pre-register for the event beginning June 1st. All shooters, whether on a team or shooting as an individual, will pre-register using the coach login at [www.aim4ata.com](http://www.aim4ata.com). Please check the website for submission deadlines and instructions. Changes to registration can be made at the Main Event Center the first day of AIM registration during the event.

**MINIMUM TARGET REQUIREMENT:**  
400 (S) / 200 (D) / 300 (H)

**SKET & SPORTING CLAYS:** Teams and individuals can now participate in both Skeet and Sporting Clays events during the AIM Grand. These events are held on prior days to the Trapshooting events and pre-registration can be found on the AIM Grand National Championships page at [www.aim4ata.com](http://www.aim4ata.com).

**OTHER EVENTS:** During the AIM Grand, shooters can participate in additional shooting events including: Annie Oakley Challenge, 25 Bird International (Wobble), 25 Bird 28GA Event, Rifle Challenges, 3-Gun Tactical Competition, and more.

**CAMPING:** RV/Camping is available at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex during this event, with limited availability. For details, contact the ATA at 618-449-2224 ext 108. Hotels are also available in Sparta, IL and the surrounding area.

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# SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded to eligible members annually. Details for scholarships will be available on the first business day in January of each year at [www.aim4ata.com](http://www.aim4ata.com).

AIM affiliate programs also offer annual scholarships. Additional scholarship information can be found in the AIM Grand National Championships Program or by contacting the ATA Office.

## FAQS:

- **How many electives does my son/daughter need?** For the Academic, Integrity, and Marksmanship scholarships, a minimum of 7 out of the 15+ elective options are required.
- **When will the applications be available?** Information will be posted at [www.aim4ata.com](http://www.aim4ata.com) on the first business day of the year.
- **When are applications due?** Deadlines for applications are posted on each application form. Applications will need to be **post marked** by the due date.

# SWEEPSTAKES

Your AIM shooter can win guns, ammo, and more when they shoot at ATA registered shoots. Prizes are announced during the Spring, and awarded during the AIM Grand National Championships (you do not need to be present to win).

## HOW TO ENTER:

1. Join the AIM program for the current target year.
2. Shoot registered AIM events.
3. It's that easy.

You get a chance for every event you shoot. Limit 1 prize per person. After the ATA Grand American, the winners list will be available at [www.aim4ata.com](http://www.aim4ata.com).

# AIM ANNUAL TEAMS

AIM Annual Teams are based on AIM membership and the total number of members in the category/zone/state. AIM All-Star is the highest level of shooting recognition, followed by All-Zone, then All-State.

Team members will receive recognition certificates and patches, in the fall, at the end of the target year.

## AIM All-State Team

A minimum of five eligible All-State members will be chosen each target year, from each state/province.

To be eligible the shooter must participate in:

- 1 Monthly state/provincial event
- AIM State Championship (shooter's home state shoot)
- AIM Zone Championship
- Shoot 500 Registered Singles Targets

## AIM All-Zone Team

A minimum of 10 eligible All-Zone members will be chosen each target year, from each zone.

To be eligible the shooter must participate in:

- The above All-State Team events
- AIM Grand National Singles Championships
- Shoot 800 Registered Singles Targets
- Shoot 200 Registered Handicap Targets
- Shoot 200 Registered Doubles Targets

## AIM ALL-STAR TEAM

A minimum of 20 eligible All-Star members will be chosen each target year.

To be eligible the shooter must participate in:

- The above All-State Team events
- AIM Grand National Singles Championships
- Shoot 1,000 Registered Singles Targets
- Shoot 300 Registered Handicap Targets
- Shoot 300 Registered Doubles Targets



# WHO TO CONTACT

## COACH

Coaches are to give all new participants and their parents, brief introduction to the sport of trapshooting so the entire family understands the sport. Please contact your coach for general questions.

To become an AIM Coach, please register your team in the AIM Coaches Area found at [www.aim4ata.com](http://www.aim4ata.com). Detailed instructions on how to use this area can also be found on the homepage under "Recent News". AIM Coaches must be 18 years of age or older.

## STATE DIRECTOR

The State/Provincial Director works with the ATA Staff to promote youth trapshooting opportunities in each state or province. The Director schedules the AIM State/Provincial Championships and other youth events. Please contact your state director regarding AIM shooting events in your state. To find your State/Provincial Director you can visit [www.aim4ata.com/content/Contact.html](http://www.aim4ata.com/content/Contact.html).

## AIM STAFF

ATA Staff is available Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm CST to answer questions that cannot be answered by your Coach or Director. It is encouraged that you visit the AIM website for additional information.

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