

Welcome to the ATA

Welcome to the Amateur Trapshooting Association!

The ATA serves as the faithful protector of the sport of trapshooting. As the largest clay target shooting organization in the world, the ATA governs the sport's rules and regulations and seeks ways to further enhance the sport and increase participation.

The ATA was founded in 1900 as the American Trapshooting Association and later changed to the Amateur Trapshooting Association in 1923. A Board of Directors, composed of state and provincial delegates govern all ATA policy matters. The Executive Committee, which is comprised of one representative from each of the five Zones, provides stewardship for the association throughout the year. The organization's day-to-day business is guided by an Executive Director and a team of professionals at the national headquarters in Vandalia, Ohio.

Last year, 60,192 members participated in some 7,151 registered tournaments throughout North America. In total over 1,400 ATA affiliated gun clubs threw 82,480,480 clay targets in 2008.

The ATA Homegrounds is also home to the Grand American World Trapshooting Championships each August. This annual event draws nearly 6,000 competitors and showcases some of the best shooting talent in the world!