

## Armed Forces Skeet Association, Inc.



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The Armed Forces Skeet Association (AFSA) is the National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA) chartered Zone 9 Association. Membership consists of all active duty United States military personnel, foreign military personnel, National Guard personnel, active Reservists, Service Academy personnel, honorably discharged veterans and retired military personnel. NOAA, USCG, and PHS personnel are also included by public law. We apply for the ASSC dates directly to the NSSA and are fully responsible directly to NSSA for all reports and fees associated with the ASSC.

The AFSA conducts the Armed Services Skeet Championships (ASSC) annually, usually in May, during a five-day, Monday to Friday 600-target competition. Each year, clubs with a minimum of eight (8) fields are afforded the opportunity to bid on the ASSC for the following year. The shoot normally has 125 -150 competitors.

Traditionally 70-90 of the ASSC shooters compete in a preliminary club shoot that you host and conduct the weekend prior to the ASSC. The shoot is usually called the "General Pletcher Open" in recognition of our founder, Lieutenant General Ken Pletcher. This preliminary shoot has statistically been the fourth largest military shoot each year, only behind the AFSA Championships, The World, and the Mini World and your club will receive target fees from this shoot.

Your club can bid to host the 2025 shoot using either the paper club bid form (attached and available for download online), or by using the electronic club bid form found on our website: <https://armedforcesskeet.com/bid-submission>. This letter provides you with all necessary information to submit a bid for the shoot.

The ASSC is the easiest shoot your club will ever hold. When you submit your bid, please remember that you make a profit from both shoots, along with additional practice fees, ammunition sales, and food/beverage sales. Most shoots of this size are labor-intensive and therefore costly for any club; however, since AFSA conducts all pre-registration and registration including cashiering, refereeing, filling skeet machines, posting scoreboards, conducting shoot-offs, and providing awards to all winners, the ASSC can be a positive money maker for your club. Several clubs have hosted the ASSC on numerous occasions.

What follows may seem detailed, but we have found over the years that club managers appreciate knowing their responsibilities and the AFSA members' responsibilities. We have found that providing the below information makes it much easier for club managers to formulate bids for the ASSC and hope that it has served that purpose for you as well.

## **AFSA Responsibilities:**

1. Conduct all pre-registration (online) and registration activities for the ASSC. No club assistance is required other than a location on site to conduct registration the weekend prior to the shoot.
2. Fill all machines with targets during the ASSC, if you request us to do so.
3. Host a Thursday night awards dinner off-site, often at a military installation. All coordination is conducted by a local club and AFSA member.
4. Provide all awards and distribute them. Club involvement is only to use your FFL to receive, store, and transfer the firearms given as awards. Often a club member takes on this responsibility, and in some cases we have AFSA members that are FFL holders and will handle the transfer of firearms.
5. Conduct all scoreboard operations for the shoot.
6. Provide all referees for the shoot.
7. Submit all required reports to NSSA for the shoot.

**Host Club Responsibilities:** *(Note that most of these items are either completed prior to the shoot, or if completed during the shoot, require minimum club manpower).*

1. Provide at least eight skeet fields for the shoot (Monday through Friday).
2. Stock the houses as needed with targets to ensure that restocking is not required during a normal shoot day. (As previously stated, AFSA members fill the skeet machines during progress of the shoot).
3. Secure written approval from your State Skeet Association to exempt our association (AFSA) from paying daily target fees or any other state fees for the ASSC. Although your State Skeet Association will not receive target fees from the ASSC, they will receive target fees from the usually well attended General Pletcher Open preliminary shoot.
4. Provide and maintain drinking water, cups, and trash containers daily for all fields.
5. Provide sufficient restrooms or portable toilet facilities for shooters and guests.
6. Conduct an open shoot (four-gun and doubles) on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday immediately prior to the week of the ASSC with "targets only" offered in each event for new shooters. Many clubs choose to host a follow-on shoot as well.
7. Offer Military (ML), Retired Military (RM), and Military Veteran (MV) concurrent events for "honors only" for your preliminary club shoot and report associated All-American points to NSSA.
8. Designate a primary point of contact (with email address and telephone number) that can make decisions for the club.
9. Provide an on-site point of contact that will be on the club grounds, available throughout both shoots, and present for the ASSC at 7:00 a.m. each morning.
10. Provide a minimum of 75 square feet of scoreboard posting area. The area may be separate from the clubhouse or include club window space that is easily accessible from the exterior of the building.
11. Provide at least one golf cart or maintenance cart for our Chief Referee to use throughout the ASSC.

12. Provide staple gun, tape, clipboards and writing instruments.
13. Provide proof ammo if requested. AFSA pays for it when is it not donated.
14. Provide all machine maintenance and spare skeet machines as needed.
15. Provide and operate practice field(s) throughout both shoots. It is recommended practice fields are available from 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. daily as they will be used extensively. If you have enough fields, you are encouraged to keep some active for your normal shooters during the ASSC.
16. Provide a shoot registration/management area with electrical supply for AFSA to use during both shoots. We require hookups for two computers and two associated printers.
17. Provide a public address system.
18. Accept, store, and transfer firearm (shotguns) awards with your FFL or make arrangements to do so.
19. Reserve a minimum of 70 four-gun shooter slots at the prelim shoot for AFSA.
20. Usually the club hosts a beer party and potluck dinner on Wednesday night. In Phoenix and San Antonio it was Tamales/beer, Fort Bragg had a BBQ buffet, and Whitetail Ridge provided food Monday thru Wednesday. This is not a requirement to host the ASSC.
21. **Provide a completed club bid received no later than 1 April of the year prior to the shoot.** (e.g. April 1, 2024 for the 2025 shoot.)

If emailing forms, send all attachments to **Andrew Winders** at [usafrillteam@gmail.com](mailto:usafrillteam@gmail.com).

If using the electronic bid form on our website it is very important to follow the guidance shown at the beginning of the electronic club bid form. We will send you confirmation of receipt within 3 days after receiving the bid. If you have not heard from us in that time, contact me at [usafrillteam@gmail.com](mailto:usafrillteam@gmail.com) or (513) 505-2437. We want to ensure we receive your bid before the deadline. We also recommend you keep copies of either document used for your records.

At the upcoming AFSA Board of Directors Meeting we will discuss all bids for next year's shoot. We recommend that you contact a local AFSA member or an AFSA Board Member and ask them to be available at the meeting to answer questions about your bid. As an alternative, you may feel free to attend the meeting yourself - most successful bids are presented by club managers or club officers.

I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (513) 505-2437 or reach me by e-mail at [usafrillteam@gmail.com](mailto:usafrillteam@gmail.com).

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