



OCTOBER is for NATIONALS!

The Lone Star Select Shooting Team

Welcome to the LSSST Family!

Please join us in giving a big LSSST welcome to our newest team members: **Wyatt Belcher, Matthew Ciccotelli, Jake Duggan, Abby Duggan and Dalton Fojt!** We're excited to have each of you join the Lone Star Select Shooting Team Family! If you see any of these athletes at practice or competitions, please go introduce yourself and welcome them to the team! We're so happy to have you all with us!

2027 Jersey Sponsorships - Coming Soon!

We're excited to announce that the 2027 LSSST Jersey Sponsorships will open in November! Each sponsorship of \$1,500.00 from your business or organization will have their name and/or logo featured on our team jerseys throughout the 2027 season, providing great visibility while supporting the young athletes of LSSST. Interested in becoming a 2027 LSSST Sponsor? We'd love to have you be a part of the team! Contact Heather Hartensteiner at hhartens@att.net to receive the sponsorship form and payment information.

Thank you for supporting LSSST and helping our athletes continue to grow, compete and succeed!

Practice Matters!

As we head into tournament season, we want to remind everyone that **consistent practice is an important part of being a successful competitive shooter.** Showing up only the week—or even the day—before a tournament isn't enough to build the skills, confidence, and consistency needed to perform your best. Progress comes from putting in the work regularly, listening to your coaches, working through challenges, and developing good habits over time. Our coaches are here to help each athlete improve, but they can only do that when athletes are present and engaged. **The goal isn't simply to practice for the next tournament—it's to build skills that carry from one tournament to the next.** We encourage all of our athletes to make regular practice a priority and take advantage of the time and expertise our coaches provide.

Reminder Best of Texas Shoot - GHSC

GHSC is hosting The Best of Texas on November 6-8, 2027. LSSSF is covering the cost of the main event for our athletes. The main event consists of a 200 bird Skeet competition - 100 birds Saturday and 100 birds Sunday. If you are only able to attend one of the two days, LSSSF will still cover that day. If you're planning to attend, please RSVP to Heather asap. Additional events are available for registration as well on myskeet.com and ScoreChaser.

Regarding Lunches Served at Competitions

The **Lone Star Select Shooting Foundation** provides lunch for our athletes at select competitions, and we ask for RSVPs so we can make sure we order enough food for everyone. Because these meals are purchased with Foundation funds, accurate RSVPs are important—when someone says they're coming but doesn't attend, we're often left with food that goes to waste and money that could have been used for other team activities and opportunities. We understand that plans can change, so if you RSVP and later can't attend, please let us know as soon as possible. **Thank you for helping us make the most of our Foundation resources!**



Freedman brothers - Gabriel and Marcos - competing against each other at Aggies vs LSSST, Director of Food and Beverage - Brent Nicholas and new members Dalton Fojt competing at South Central Regionals and Abby Duggan competing at Aggies vs LSSST.



Lunch Will be Provided at Nationals

LSSSF will be providing lunch for our athletes at National’s on October 22-24 - Thursday, Friday and Saturday. If you plan to join us, please RSVP to Heather at 281-389-9003 or lhartens@att.net with the number in your party by October 10th.

Pictured below - Our Aggies vs LSSST Competition in September. Congratulations on the win Aggies! We’ll get you next time!



Volunteers Needed!

Lone Star will be **cooking dinner for the December Buckle Race Finale on Saturday Dec 5th**, and we need volunteers to help make it happen! If you would like to lend a hand, please reach out to **Heather ASAP**.

Pro-Team Requirement Change for 2027

Beginning with the **2027 Pro Team**, new requirements will be in place:

- Attend **FIVE (5) travel competitions** outside of Houston with 500+ competitors.
- Wear the complete **sponsored Pro Team uniform** (polo jersey, vest, and hat) when representing LSSST.
- Maintain **appropriate monthly practice attendance**.

Our Pro Team athletes represent both LSSST and our sponsors, and we expect these commitments to be taken seriously. **Federal Ammunition has noted that some athletes have not consistently worn their sponsored gear.** Moving forward, these requirements will be enforced, and **Pro Team perks will be dependent upon meeting them.** Direct any questions to Coach Ron.

HAVE TARGETS!

Athletes showing up to their private lesson or practice with an empty or low target card continues to be an issue. This wastes not only your time, but your coach and your teammates time as well. Create a habit of adding targets every Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday that you are there so that you don’t run the chance of running out on a day the clubhouse is closed! **Reminder - the Clubhouse is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.**

Help Support Zoey’s Girl Scout Gold Award Project!

Zoey Shield is working toward her **Girl Scout Gold Award**, the highest award in Girl Scouts and the equivalent of an Eagle Scout Project. As part of her project, Zoey will be hosting a **craft activity on December 12th after practice**. Participants will have the opportunity to create fun and unique projects using **empty shotgun shells**, giving these items a new purpose instead of sending them to the trash. This project focuses on **recycling, reusing, and getting creative with materials that would otherwise be discarded**. We hope you’ll stick around after practice and help Zoey with her Gold Award project while having a little fun and getting creative! Please RSVP to Heather.

New member Matthew Ciccotelli at Aggies vs LSSST, Eastyn Shryock after crushing her first 100 straight in skeet.

