

## **Hesston Schools Clay Target Team**

Hesston Schools has been granted permission by the USD 460 Board of Education to have a Clay Target Team beginning in the spring 2024 semester. There are many things that need to fall into place for this to happen. We will have an informational meeting for students, parents, and any other interested parties on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024, 6:30 p.m. in the Hesston High School Commons. Below is some information by group for all who wish to be involved.

### **Students:**

- a. To have a team, we need students to participate.
- b. Must be enrolled in USD 460 as a 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade student.
- c. Must be eligible for extra-curricular activities as determined by student handbooks and KSHSAA. (This team is not KSHSAA sponsored)
- d. Must receive approved safety training; we will provide this as part of the team.
- e. Will be expected to pay their entry fee to the league (\$35) and possibly for the state tournament. (League season late March-May; State Tourney in June)
- f. May have some expenses, ammunition and target costs, these may be offset by fundraising or donations.
- g. Will need access to a safe and suitable shotgun for practice and competition. (Likely a shotgun can be borrowed to avoid parent expense)
- h. Will need transportation to and from practice and competition. It is likely our practice and competition site will be the Ark Valley Gun Club in Rural Sedgwick.
- i. May never have shotguns or ammunition on school district property.

### **Parents:**

- a. Will be encouraged to accompany their child to practice and competitions. (Ultimately, we will need some of you to score, be Range Safety Officers, and possibly become coaches.)
- b. Will need to make sure you child has the resources necessary to participate.
- c. Understand that goals of the program are 1-Safety, 2-Fun, 3-Success in Hitting Targets (However #3 definitely helps #2)

### **School:**

- a. Will allow the team to use the Swather mascot.
- b. Will put information about the team in the yearbook, and recognize the team as an official school club.
- c. May consider adding this to activities that earn a "letter."
- d. Will inform the coach if any student participant is not eligible.
- e. Has created an activity account from which to take donations and fundraising to spend for team/individual expenses. No district funds will be used to support the team. This account will be in HHS activities.

**Team:**

- a. May be made up of students from both HMS (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) and HHS.
- b. Is Co-Ed.
- c. Is responsible for course clean-up at end of each session.
- d. May share rides to the range, with parent permission.
- e. Members will be expected to participate in any fundraising activities.
- f. As a club, you may participate in other sports during the clay target season.

**Coaches and Safety Officers:**

- a. Serve in a volunteer capacity.
- b. Coaches will need to go through a safety program.
- c. Needed for both Practices and Competition dates.
- d. Mentor USD 460 youth in good sportsmanship.

**Organizing Entity:**

Kansas State High School Clay Target League / USA High School Clay Target League  
Additional information can be found at:

[Home - Kansas State High School Clay Target League \(ksclaytarget.com\)](http://ksclaytarget.com)