

Introduction to FITASC Sporting

Josh has graciously agreed to set up an “old style” parcour on the blue course during the weekend of April 23 and 24. We are doing this to give folks a chance to see the game of FITASC Sporting up close, but outside of the competitive setting. That is to say the layout will be run like you will find at a World Cup or a Gran Prix event, but it will also include assistance from the referee and even some coaching for those who would like the help. At a big competition, you can expect no help from the officials. During this demonstration, we will provide as much help as we can. We want this to be fun and educational at the same time.

Old Style layouts have three shooting positions and five or perhaps six traps to throw targets. The shooting positions have a menu that inform the shooter of the sequence of the targets, which are thrown as five single targets, followed by one or two pairs, for a total of 25 targets over the three positions. As FITASC Sporting is supposed to simulate hunting of game birds and animals, two rounds are allowed on single targets.

The rules of FITASC Sporting stipulate that the targets must be easy to see, and that the shooter must have time to discharge their shotgun twice at each target. As would be an important consideration in hunting, the targets must not be too close, which would render the meat unsuitable for consumption, or too far away, which would result in a wounded bird or animal.

The layout will be staffed by a FITASC Sporting certified International Referee, and the purpose of the entire exercise is to introduce people to the game and to offer guidance and suggestions to assist them in understanding the game. If, for instance, the shooter makes a mistake that would otherwise result in a lost target, the referee will help the shooter out by explaining what went wrong, and the target will be shot again. Most of the mistakes made by new shooters arise from their limited understanding of the game rather than intentionally breaking a rule.

The targets will be set as they would be on a regional championship layout, meaning that the average shooter with no previous FITASC experience should get a score in the low 20s, and I expect there will be several perfect 25s shot. In a game that is supposed to be enjoyable, it makes no sense to beat shooters up with impossible targets.

FITASC Sporting is a game shot all over the world, so if you are someone who travels with your shotgun, learning some of the finer points of the game in a non-competitive environment might be beneficial as opposed to learning in a large competition in Chicago, Florida, or in Italy or France.

FITASC Sporting is designed to be shot with squads of six shooters. To that end, I have created a shooting schedule with five shooting times each day, and room for six shooters on each squad. Don’t assume that because you don’t have five other people to shoot with you will not enjoy it – I have often shot with complete strangers at events in the US, Europe, and in Australia, and I have made some great friends as a result.

The available time slots on both Saturday, April 23, and Sunday, April 24 are:

0900-1030
1030-Noon
Noon to 1:30
1:30 to 3:00
3:00 to 4:30

The cost to shoot one round of FITASC will be \$20.

If you are interested in giving this great game a try, or you have any questions, please send me a note at MP37332@hotmail.com and I will add your name to the list. We will be limited to a maximum of 30 shooters per day.

If you are curious and have 20 minutes, Ed Solomons, a FITASC World Champion, has a decent video on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEUYyMkjW4w>