

# GALWAY JUNIOR TRAP TEAM

## Fall 2022 Schedule

(8/8/22 HT)

**Mon Aug 1-** registration opens online

**Wed Sept 7-** School starts

**Sun Sept 11-** New Student Orientation 11am

- Practice 1:00pm-finished

**Mon Sept 12-** registration closes

**Thurs Sept 15-** New Student Orientation part 2 if needed @ 2:30

- Practice; 2:30pm- finished

**Sunday Sept 18-** Reserve week day; 11:00pm-finished

**Thursday Sept 29-** Reserve week day 2; 2:30pm- finished

**Sunday Sept 25-** Competition week 1 day 1; 1:00pm-finished

**Thursday Sept 29-** Competition week 1 day 2; 2:30pm- finished

**Sun Oct 2-** Competition week 2 day 1; 1:00pm-finished

**Thurs Oct 6-** Competition week 2 day 2; 2:30pm- finished

**Sun Oct 9-** Competition week 3 day 1; 1:00pm-finished

**Thurs Oct 13-** Competition week 3 day 2; 2:30pm- finished

**Sun Oct 16-** Competition week 4 day 1; 1:00pm-finished

**Thurs Oct 20-** Competition week 4 day 2; 2:30pm- finished

**Sunday Oct 23-** Competition week 5 day 1; 1:00pm-finished

**Thursday Oct 27-** Competition week 5 day 2; 2:30pm- finished

**Sunday Oct 30-** Final results published

**Thurs Nov 3- END OF SEASON BANQUET 5pm @ Galway Fish & Game Club**

## **GENERAL TEAM INFORMATION:**

- The Galway Junior Trap Team is a club sport offered through Galway Central School
- The team is open to homeschooled students as well
- The team is **not funded** by the school. Team funding acquired through donations and fundraising.
- The team is part of the New York State Clay Target High School League
  - To compete on the Galway Team you must be part of the league
  - You can find more information here: <http://nycclaytarget.com/>

## **LOCATION:**

Galway Fish & Game Club  
1347 NY-29, Galway, NY 12074  
President: Garret Heritage  
Trap Director: Mark Geniere

## **POTENTIAL OTHER LOCATION:**

Fish House Fish & Game Club  
478 Fayville Road  
Broadalbin, NY 12025  
Thursdays in spring open to public/students @ 6:30pm

## **COACHING STAFF:**

- **Head Coach:** Dr. Heather Tillson
- **Assistant Coach:** Colleen Tillson, NP
- **Trap Director:** Mark Geniere
- **Range Officers:** Billy Gilday, Garret Heritage
- **Other Coaches:** Billy Saul, Eddy Saul, Billy Gilday, Ron Surdyka, Jim Herschenroder

## **COMMUNICATION:**

- **Coach Heather Tillson**
  - [htillson@galwaycsd.org](mailto:htillson@galwaycsd.org)
  - 518-226-2272
- **Coach Colleen Tillson**
  - [colleen.tillson@gmail.com](mailto:colleen.tillson@gmail.com)
- **Remind App:** class code: @trapteam
- **Google Classroom:** Class code: 7ezasrg

## **NYS CLAY TARGET LEAGUE REGISTRATION:**

- Registering through NYS Clay Target- \$35/season (paid by student)
  - **Must be registered by Monday September 12 12pm (central time)**
  - **IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED BY THIS DATE YOU CANNOT COMPETE/PRACTICE**
  - Existing students log-in to your account to register
  - New students please create an AMS (athlete management system) account
  - <https://www.claytargetscoring.com/ams/>
  - Team ID: **gal090**

- Registration questions/issues:
    - Contact Coach Colleen or Coach Heather
    - Email: [support@usaclaytarget.com](mailto:support@usaclaytarget.com)
- School Contact for questions: Athletic Director Elise Britt
  - [ebritt@galwaycsd.org](mailto:ebritt@galwaycsd.org)

## **HUNTER SAFETY:**

- All students are required to complete New York State Hunter Education
- Currently this course is held online:  
[https://www.hunter-ed.com/newyork/?campaignid=132811339&adgroupid=15408609259&keyword=hunter%20education&gclid=Cj0KCQjwg7KJBhDyARIsAhrAXaG9XuHybAEBw-cUFXGtPisdGZeRasj\\_0zL1gPOgg29DLeDcJwyEqBMAmcREALw\\_wcB](https://www.hunter-ed.com/newyork/?campaignid=132811339&adgroupid=15408609259&keyword=hunter%20education&gclid=Cj0KCQjwg7KJBhDyARIsAhrAXaG9XuHybAEBw-cUFXGtPisdGZeRasj_0zL1gPOgg29DLeDcJwyEqBMAmcREALw_wcB)
- There is a \$20 fee for this course and this can be paid by the club for new students
  - A code is used to pay for the course- see one of the coaches if you feel you need this and do not have it.
- **This takes time to complete- please do not procrastinate**

## **SCHEDULE:**

- **Practice: Thursday 2:30pm-5:00pm (or until finished) & Sunday 1:00pm-4:30pm (or until finished) at Galway Fish & Game Club**
  - SIGN UPS: online slots in google classroom
  - Students will sign up for **one relay per competition/practice week** on either Thursday or Sunday
  - Students will shoot 50 shots per relay slot
- **Attendance Policy**
  - Students are responsible for signing up **AND** also removing your name from slots you can not make. Students have **24 hours** prior to relay to cancel without penalty.
  - If you do not call ahead and do not show for 2 practices you will be removed from the team
    - This is to ensure that the time the team members and coaches dedicate is respected.
- **Reserve Week:**
  - Scores are used in case of a missed competition week
  - Reasons to use a reserve week score: sickness/quarantine, weather cancels practice, family emergencies ect.
  - 50 shots
- **Competition:**
  - 5 weeks
  - 50 shots per week
  - Students can practice extra during these weeks *but only if* there is time and space
  - Scores are recorded and submitted by coaches to NYS Clay Target
    - You can view results through you athlete management account
  - **Students must compete in all 5 weeks for their score to count toward their team and individual averages**
    - Exceptions are made for sickness/quarantine/emergencies and one of the practice week scores can be used.
- **Additional Practice Times:**
  - Thursday nights at 6:30pm Fish House Fish and Game Club (opens May)
    - Students must use own ammo
    - \$5 per round
  - Sunday morning 9am Galway Fish and Game Club
    - Students must use own ammo
    - No fee for students on the team

## **EQUIPMENT:**

- **Firearms**
  - Must never be on school property
  - Parent or guardian can bring a firearm to use
  - Multiple team firearms available to use for practice and competition
  - 12 & 20 gauge are the most commonly used, occasionally .410
- **Patterning**
  - We strongly recommend patterning new firearms before a student starts to shoot with it.
  - Patterning helps determine where the firearm shoots relative to the sight picture.
  - If you are bringing a new (or new to you) firearm to use at practice/competition please **arrive 15-20 minutes early** and let one of the coaches know so that we can do this before practice starts.
- **Ammunition Pouches**
  - Donated by Pheasants Forever
  - All pouches stay at the range when not in use
  - Students are welcome to bring their own pouches if they choose
- **Ammunition**
  - Shotgun ammunition is currently very hard to allocate for the team
  - **Students will be limited to 4 boxes (100 rounds total) per week at no cost**
    - This may change depending on students enrolled and ammunition availability,
  - Parents/students are welcome to bring their own ammunition for more practice during the season
- **Clay Targets/Clay Birds**
  - All clay targets for practice and competition are donated by Galway Fish & Game Club
- **Safety Glasses**
  - All students must have eye protection when shooting on the line
  - Safety glasses are provided at no cost and are available at the range
  - Please bring this pair with you for each practice/competition
- **Hearing Protection**
  - All students are required to have ear/hearing protection on the line when shooting
  - We advise any spectators or students within 25 feet of the firing line to wear hearing protection as well
  - Reusable ear plugs are available at the range at all times
  - Students are welcome to bring their own hearing protection if they wish
- **Clothing**
  - Dress appropriately for the weather- this includes rain
  - Close-toed shoes
  - Gloves are encouraged for cold weather
- **Range bag**
  - Range bags are not required but can be a useful item for students to purchase.
  - This can help hold any equipment: safety glasses, hearing protection ect that you may need at each practice

## **TEAM RULES:**

### **1. ATTENDANCE:**

- Students must attend 1 practice per week and all competition weeks
- Students are responsible for signing up **AND** also removing your name from slots unable to make it
- If you do not call ahead and do not show for 2 practices you will be removed from the team
  - This is to ensure that the time the team members and coaches dedicate is respected.

- Please e-mail or use Remind to text coach Heather or Coach Colleen if there is a reason you will not be attending.

## **2. INELIGIBILITY LIST:**

- If you are on the ineligibility list at school you are not allowed to practice or compete for 2 weeks or until you have been removed from the list.
- Keep in mind that 2 weeks out of competition would take you off the team for the season.

## **3. MASKS/COVID:**

- Follow current school guidelines at all times
- If you are not feeling well please DO NOT come to the range
  - This includes parents/guardians and students
  - Text/email coach as soon as possible

## **4. OFFICERS:**

- As we are a club sport, every season we must elect club officers:
  - President/Vice President/Treasurer
- These will be elected at the start of the spring season every year
  - In the case of graduated seniors- those positions will be filled when needed.

## **5. LEAGUE RULES:** posted online on USA Clay Target

- <https://www.usaclaytarget.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/USA-Amended-2021-Fall-Policies-Procedures.pdf>

## **TEAM CONDUCT:**

- **Safety Violations will not be tolerated**
  - First offense will be a warning and correction of any mistakes.
  - Second violations will not be tolerated and you will be removed from the club/team.
- **Respect**
  - All students will show respect to themselves, each other and the coaches.
  - Blatant and repeated disregard for this rule will not be tolerated and is grounds for dismissal from the club/team.

## **AWARDS:**

- **Athletic Lettering:**
  - Available for grades 9-12
    - Students in 7-8th grade can receive a school letter if their average competition score is in the top 50% for the Galway Trap Team
  - Students must complete the following:
    - Compete in all competition weeks
  - Homeschool students are not eligible at this time
- **Team Awards:**
  - Will be given out at the end of each season at the banquet
  - Awards include:
    - Highest competition average male and female
    - Most improved male and female
    - Highest average for each grade level

- Senior Awards (spring)
- Coach's Award
- +/- Others

**Fundraising:**

- Galway Junior Trap Team is **NOT** funded by Galway School district
- Funding for ammunition, firearms and hunter safety is obtained through donations and fundraising
- Annual Clays for Kids Fundraising
  - Takes place annually in August