Thank you for your interest in our Youth Program! Practices will begin on Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Wednesday evening will be regular practice days, with Sunday afternoons(2pm-4pm) filling in if Wednesdays need to be canceled for weather or other scheduling conflicts. Participation level is up to the parent/athlete, but to participate in any competitions that we may go to this season the athlete must have attended 6 practices.

**Mission Statement**: The mission of the CTSC Youth Program is to safely grow the appreciation of the clay shooting disciplines for the youth of Casper and the surrounding communities. We aim to progress the shooting abilities of athletes by providing quality instruction. We aim to provide a competitive progression for those athletes who desire to pursue the highest levels of clay target shooting. We aim to develop a culture of safety, discipline and focus through the clay shooting sports.

The program we run is called Scholastic Clay Target Program. The yearly fee to join that program is \$30. The athlete needs to be signed up through this program and the fee paid before participating in live-fire practice. The program has multiple Divisions based on Grade level: 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, High School, and even College level (must be 25 and under and currently enrolled as a full-time student) We will do our best to group shooters by age and experience level to tailor the coaching and practice plans to the level of the athlete. This program is designed to get youth involved in the clay shooting sports and have FUN, but also allow interested youth a competitive opportunity.

The program will be facilitated through the Casper Skeet and Sporting Clay Club, and their 501(c)3 educational trust. That trust will provide all clay targets to program, but there are a multitude of other items needed to be a participant in the clay shooting sports. The list below is an idea of what would be needed to participate: The items in **BOLD** immediately below are absolutely required and must have to be on site during live fire

- Safety glasses (If prescription glasses are worn when shooting, those meet this requirement.)
- Hearing protection, either ear plugs or muffs Noise reduction rating of at least 25 dB If using foam earplugs, proper insertion is essential.
- Either a Shooting vest or a Shooting Pouch to keep shells in easy reach to retain muzzle direction.
- If shooting break action, Shotgun rest (foam pad to rest the firearm on ground while waiting at station, Absolutely NO resting barrel on foot during wait times) Items below are also necessary, but the club can help provide if you can't:
- Shotgun
- Ammunition-12ga and 20ga only, supply may be limited
- Chokes Improved cylinder Modified Skeet (x2 if shooting over/under) Several other custom chokes
- Choke wrench

Items below may also be necessary depending on conditions, participation level and

shooting volume

- Range bag
- Shooting towel
- Hat/Cap
- Firearm cleaning supplies Bore snake Cleaning rod Oil Extra rags Cleaning pad
- Case
- Custom tools or spare parts for your shotgun
- Water bottle

The Program will have loaner shotguns available if your child does not have one to use. For this program we recommend 12ga GAS operated Semi-auto shotgun(Beretta, Winchester, Mossberg along with others), however if your child is of smaller stature a 20ga GAS operated Semi-auto would work as well. We recommend the GAS operated Semi-auto due to the reduced recoil offered by that action. Over/Under action shotguns are also acceptable with pump action shotguns being OK but not preferred for inexperienced shooters. Note: If you feel your child is better off with a .410 or 28Ga, that is fine but they will likely quickly grow out of the smaller gauges and are handicapped by the capabilities of those gauges. The biggest factor with gun selection is if the child can comfortably shoulder and hold the firearm horizontal for 15 seconds straight, without trembling or struggling to stay balanced with a weight-forward stance. We want to keep smaller statured kids from experiencing too much recoil, so for very small framed kids the .410 or 28Ga may be the only options, however gun selection and ammunition for both are somewhat limited. (As of now the Program does not have any 28ga shotguns available to use. We do have one .410 but do not have any .410 ammunition).

Ammunition costs:. We have worked with Rocky Mountain Discount Sports on CY AVE for their bulk buying abilities to keep costs down. However, ammunition is the largest and most prohibitive cost, and a regular added cost to consider. A box of target shotgun shells in the stores normally runs around \$9.50-\$11 a box. RMDS has agreed to sell ammunition for our youth participants at \$8.49 a box. **Must have punch card I will give you after registration and first practice**. We will shoot anywhere from 1-4 boxes a practice(depending on experience level and competition preparation). You do not have to buy from RMDS, if you have a cheaper or preferred source of ammunition, please buy from there.

My requirements/expectations for the athletes are as follows:

- a. SAFETY!- Unsafe behavior will not be tolerated and will lead to expulsion from the Program. All participants will be required to demonstrate safe handling of firearms before being allowed to participate in live fire.
- b. RESPECT, for Coaches, volunteers and peers
- c. Good Sportsmanship
- d. Open Mind, be willing to learn
- e. Appropriate attire- Closed toe shoes and non-offensive shirts/hats.

If you have any reservations about your child being able to adhere to every

one of the above requirements, you may want to wait another year to ensure they have the maturity level required. The safety of every athlete, coach and spectator is our TOP priority and there will be ZERO tolerance for attitudes and actions that may put people in danger. If there are any other questions you have, please let me know! If you are interested in signing up a youth, please email, call or text coach Aaron.

Aaron Beitzinger Casper Trap and Skeet Club Youth Head Coach abeitzinger@gmail.com 406-630-2009

We are also looking for more coaches and volunteers! All coaches and volunteers must pass a background check facilitated through the SCTP program. The CTSC youth program will reimburse the costs of the background check(\$16.50) and yearly SCTP registration(\$40) if the candidate wishes. Coaching candidates must also complete a SSSF Basic Shotgun Coach certification(\$75), consisting of an online course and an inperson field day(days and locations vary, must be complete within 12 months of beginning the course. Additional costs may also be incurred). If you already hold current certifications from other clay target associations, those will also be accepted in lieu of the SSSF course.

If you are interested in becoming a coach or volunteer, please fill out the form below and return to Aaron

NAME:		
PHONE:		
EMAIL:		
DECIDED DOCITION(similar and)	COACH	VOLUNTEED
DESIRED POSITION(circle one)	COACH	VOLUNTEER
Any current certifications? If yes, ple	ase list:	

Safety starts as an expectation at home, and must follow every athlete to the field and every event we participate in. We ask that each family commit to safe firearm practices before we allow the athlete to live fire. Every athlete will also be expected to demonstrate safe firearm handling prior to live fire practice. All athletes will also be expected to know the 10 commandments of firearm safety:

## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF FIREARM SAFETY

- 1. Treat every firearm as a **loaded** firearm.
- 2. Control the direction of your firearm muzzle.
- 3. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.
- 4. Be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions.
- 5. Keep your finger outside of the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.
- 6. Unload firearms when not in use.
- 7. Never point a firearm at anything you do not intend to destroy.
- 8. Never shoot at a flat, hard surface or water.
- 9. Store firearms and ammunition separately.
- 10. Do not use alcoholic beverages or other mood-altering drugs before or while shooting

All athletes, parents and spectators are expected to act with safety in mind at all times. If anyone observes an unsafe act the expectation is to report violations to a coach as soon as safely possible. If the unsafe act may result in bodily harm, an immediate CEASE FIRE is to be called on the range.

Any athlete that commits an unsafe act that "would or could" have resulted in bodily harm to another athlete, coach, volunteer, parent or spectator will be removed from the program. Examples of such acts include: Muzzle sweeping any person, shooting during CEASE FIRE events or while any person is down range for maintenance or filling

throwers.

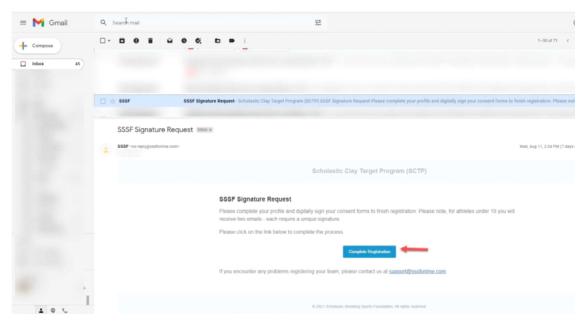
Act that do not adhere to safe practices but do not pose immediate potential for bodily harm will result in suspension from the program for a period of time determined by the coaching staff.

Please sign and return this page to Coach Aaron when this information has been reviewed with your athlete.

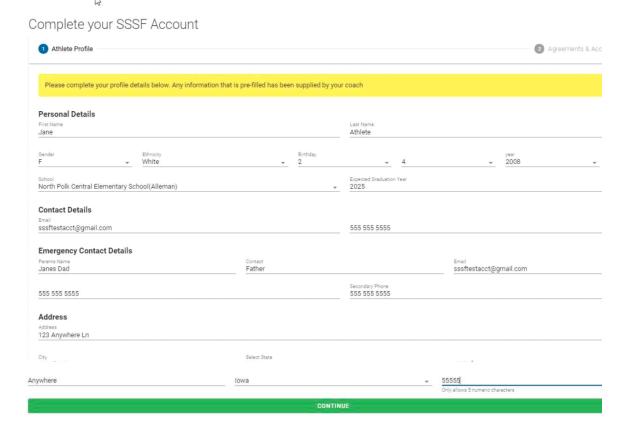
Athlete Name(s)		Athlete
Signature	Date_	

Parent/Guardian Name		Parent
Signature	Date_	

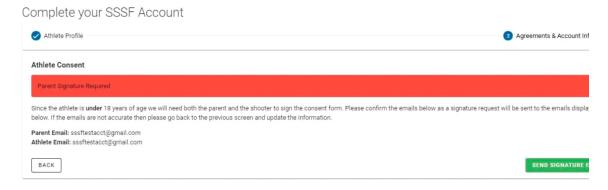
8. Next, the parent or athlete will receive an email from SSSF with a subject of "SSSF Signature Request". They must click the Complete Registration Button in the message body.



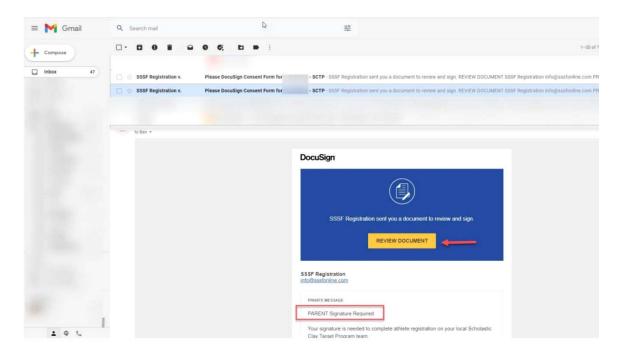
9. Clicking the Complete Registration button will bring the athlete or parent to the ath profile. ALL fields must be completed then click the green Continue button.



10. After clicking Continue, verify both the parent and athlete email addresses are correct. For m athletes, two signatures are required. Athletes 18 and older require only the athlete signature. A verification, click the green Send Signature Emails button or the back button to edit the email add



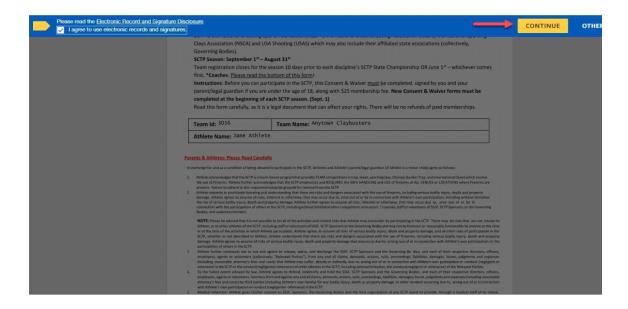
11. The parent/athlete should again go to their email. **IMPORTANT:** For minor athletes there will TWO emails that look identical; however they are unique. In the message body, one will specify parent and the other will specify the athlete. BOTH emails must be used to access the document add both signatures. Click review document to start the signing process.



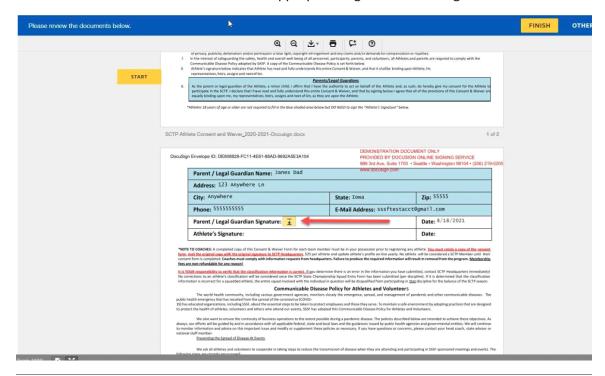
12. Click the box to agree to use electronic records and signatures.



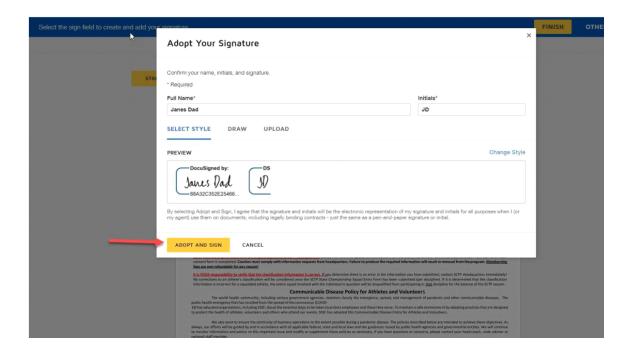
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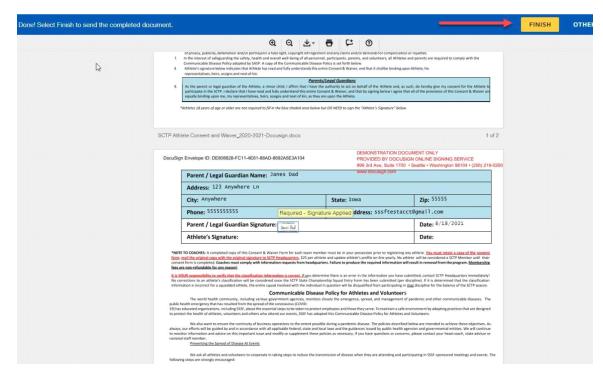
14. Review entire document then click the appropriate signature box to sign.



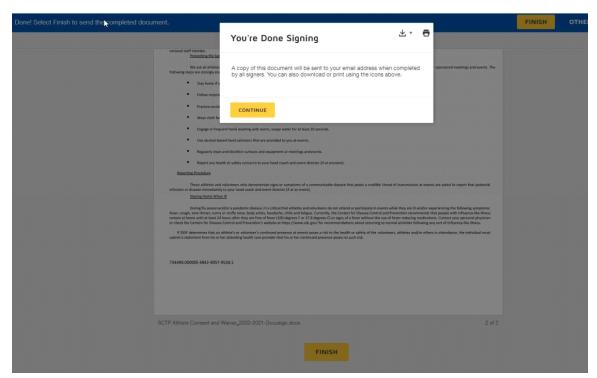
15. Adopt and sign.



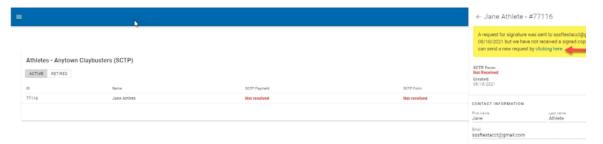
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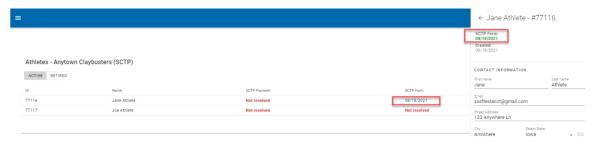
17. Click Continue then close the window in your browser.



18. The athlete profile will display the yellow box at the top of the screen until the consent docum has been fully signed. Again, if at any time the signature requests need to be resent, a team admin click the link in the yellow box to resend a link to the parents/athletes.



19. Once the consent document has been fully signed, team admins will see the yellow box has gor away and the form date is updated in both the athlete list and the athlete details.



20. Team administrators will be responsible for completing and/or updating the rest of the athlete profile pertaining to classification, divisions and NGB numbers



If you have any quustions please contact <a href="mailto:support@sssfonline.com">support@sssfonline.com</a> or your national program member for futher assistance.