



To the attention of the Administration:

I am pursuing the set up of the Cochranon High School Trap Team under the state level of the Pennsylvania High School Trap Clay Target League. As a high school team the athletes, grades 6th thru 12th, will practice for 3 weeks beginning in March. They will then have 5 weeks of competition where their scores will be individually logged into the state program. In June the athletes will then travel to Clairton, PA to compete against other athletes from the state in the State Tournament. Athletes that qualify will be invited to participate in the National Competition in July and will be notified of this by the beginning of June based on their 5 week individual scores. The importance of the Pennsylvania State High School Clay Target League are safety, fun, and marksmanship.

I, Desiree Dennis, will be the lead coach of the program and Russell Hill will be the assistant coach. In addition there will be 1 volunteer coach per 5 athletes. Each volunteer will be asked to get all clearances required by the district as well as participate in an online training course at their own expense that is put on by the Pennsylvania High School Trap Clay Target League. Meadville students as well as home school students within the district will be welcome to come to Cochranon to participate on the team.

Each individual athlete will be required to pay a \$35 registration fee online to the Pennsylvania High School Trap Clay Target League. All other fees to include the target expense and ammo will be covered in funding through the Cochranon Sportsmen's Club, donations from local businesses, and potential grants from the NRA and NWTF. These grant applications can be sent in during the month of September.

To be a part of the state level league the CHS team will need to have a minimum of 5 athletes and we plan to take a maximum of 30 athletes the first year. If there is a large interest we will look to find additional volunteers to fill the needs. The athlete registration begins on January 15th and will end March 15th. I would like to hold an open house to recruit students in September or October to get a better idea of exactly the number of athletes we have interested.

Practice and competition for the student athletes will be held at the Cochranon Sportsmen's Club on County Line Road, Cochranon, each week. Tentatively the practices will be held at 12pm - 2pm on Sundays. Cochranon Sportsmen's Club has a liability insurance that will cover all student athletes and volunteers in the program. This insurance information will be provided to the school board at the time of the board meeting.

Cochranon High School Trap Team is in essence requesting to use the school as a host for their trap team. The school and school district will be held in no way liable for any accidents that could occur as the insurance will cover all athletes and volunteers. The school district will also not be requested to fund any portion of the program to include transportation or expense to the athletes.

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Desiree Dennis
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The USA High School Clay Target League is a growing organization that is helping us to bring trap as a sport to high school athletes. The program began in 2007 with just 30 participants with 3 teams and has grown to 20,109 participants with 615 teams in 15 states in just 10 years. Penncrest and CASH school districts both were able to start this program two years ago and both districts have seen great success and growth. Cochranon had 7 athletes participate in the program over these last two years by shooting for the Maplewood High School Trap Team and I look forward to having our own high school team in the near future.

Sincerely,

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