

State Abbreviation:

SSSF Team ID: _____



Scholastic Pistol Program 2013-14 Volunteer Position Registration Form



☐ Yes, I acknowledge that I am a Volunteer of the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF), through which gun clubs, shooting facilities and other organizations committed to the development of young adults can provide these individuals with opportunities to participate in an organized, adult supervised YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM utilizing the Pistol sports.

☐ Yes, I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the General Guidelines for SSSF Volunteer Positions, read and understand these Guidelines and agree to act within the Guidelines and in the best interests of the SSSF. Furthermore, I understand that my participation in the SSSF as a volunteer does not create any employment, independent contractor, partnership, agency or any other relationship between myself and the SSSF.

Position:

☐ Team – Head Coach ☐ Team – Assistant Coach ☐ Team – Volunteer ☐ State – Advisor

Team Name:		
Midway Trust Name:		
Coach/Volunteer First Name:		Coach/Volunteer Last Name:
Home Address: (no PO Boxes)		
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:
Shirt Size: (S-3XL):	E-Mail Address:	

Disciplines: (Select all that apply.)

☐ Rimfire Pistol ☐ Centerfire Pistol

Certification:

<input type="checkbox"/> NRA Certified Pistol Instructor Certification	Issue Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Shooting Sports Pistol Certification	Issue Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> State Agency Coaches Course	Issue Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> IDPA Safety Officer or SO Instructor Certification	Issue Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> NROI Safety Officer's Certification	Issue Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> State Agency Coaches Course	Issue Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> None: <i>I understand that I will take the Double-Goal Coach Training Course and will have a one (1) year exemption to obtain an approved pistol course or other coaching course approved by the SSSF.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>I have a certification other than listed and would like these credentials to be reviewed & approved by the SSSF/SPP National Office.</i>	

No volunteer will be considered until their completed registration form is entered on-line (www.sssfonline.com) and a copy of this form is on file at SSSF National Headquarters. Your email address specified here will be our primary form of contact.

Signature of Volunteer

Date Signed

Volunteer Fee: \$30 – Accepted forms of payment are: Check (payable to SSSF) or Credit Card

This **original** Acknowledgement Form must be signed and returned to: SSSF / SPP Headquarters, 135 Chesterfield Lane, Suite 102, Maumee, OH, 43537 and a copy should be retained by the volunteer. **PLEASE** ensure that all emails are current.

General Guidelines

The Scholastic Pistol Program (SPP®) is a program of the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF) through which gun clubs, shooting facilities and other organizations committed to the development of young adults can provide these individuals with opportunities to participate in organized, adult supervised speed shooting which involve the use of firearms. The SSSF in cooperation with the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) and national and local youth organizations has exposed thousands of individuals in ages 20 and under, as well as college students to the positive experience of the shooting sports.

The SPP is more than just another shooting program. The SPP is designed to instill in young people a set of personal values and character traits that teaches fair play, compassionate understanding, individual responsibility, sportsmanship, self-discipline, and personal commitment - qualities necessary to become successful and contributing members of society.

Competition is a part of the SPP, but it is not the program's underlying principle. The "win-at-all-costs" philosophy has no place in the SPP. Striving to win while playing by the rules does. It is the duty of everyone involved in the SPP (advisors, coaches, parents and participants) to be role models for SPP team members to emulate by upholding high moral and ethical standards of personal conduct.

SPP activities are designed to incorporate two indispensable elements - SAFETY AND FUN. SAFETY is incorporated into ALL facets of SPP activities. Team practices and competitive shoots include the element of FUN for all participants. SPP participants learn the safe and responsible handling and use of firearms. They discover the joy of contributing to a shared team goal and the commitment that goes along with it. During this self-discovery process team members develop proficiency in a sport that can be shared and enjoyed with family and friends for a lifetime.

All Volunteers (Coaches, Adult Volunteers, and State Advisors)

Our Volunteers are the linchpin of the SPP and play a pivotal role in the personal development of their athletes by promoting the principles of the SPP. Volunteers perform a variety of functions to support SPP activities for which the SSSF is indeed very grateful. The following guidelines identify what is expected from all SPP Volunteers.

Volunteers MUST:

1. Be 21 years of age or older. A Junior Assistant Coach can be age 16-20 and must be approved by the Head Coach.
2. Work cooperatively with youth, families, SPP National Staff, range operators, event organizers, and others in a mature, courteous and respectful manner. (The SSSF does not get involved with the day to day operations of your team/volunteers)
3. Be a positive role model by exhibiting good sportsmanship, promoting fair play, showing compassion, and demonstrating a personal commitment to the SPP's mission of youth development.
4. Know their state firearms laws and what the legal requirements are for participation.
5. Agree to a secure yearly background check to protect and promote the integrity of the SPP.
6. Know the rules for handling and using firearms safely and can demonstrate them. It goes without saying that this is absolutely necessary and is demanded at every session where firearms are used or are present.
7. Know, respect and adhere to the SPP Rules (published in the SSSF's *SPP Official Handbook*) and ensure that all participants know and follow the rules of the SPP.
8. Promote a safe, friendly, and fun-filled positive learning environment conducive to the development of all athletes registered in the program.
9. Provide close supervision and personal attention at all times when participants are handling firearms or are in an area where firearms are being stored or used.
10. Agree that teams will not be allowed to participate in SPP activities without their coaches or other registered, qualified and responsible volunteer on-site. A head coach **must** designate another SPP registered volunteer if they can not attend.
11. Conduct practices on a regular basis. (Min. of 6 documented)
12. Know the established emergency plans of the club or facility.
13. Agree that the following behavior should not be tolerated by any individuals (including but not limited to athletes, parents, coaches, officials, advisors, and adult volunteers) associated with the SSSF's SPP. Violation of this policy can constitute grounds for disciplinary action, including dismissal, as a volunteer from the SPP program:
 - Offensive language or obscenities.
 - Verbal or physical actions or neglect that might bring emotional, psychological or physical harm or humiliate any individual (this includes failing to provide adequate safety measures and care or supervision).
 - Sexual harassment, sexual exploitation, or other actions of a sexual nature.
 - Discrimination due to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability or sexual orientation.

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- Consuming or condoning the use of alcohol or illegal drugs before or during SPP events or being in possession of or under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
 - Other behavior deemed inappropriate by the SPP National Office or violates state or federal laws.
14. Take and complete the *DOUBLE-GOAL COACH COURSE*, which is included in your registration fee.

State Advisors

State Advisors play a critical role in SPP shooting activities within their respective states. State Advisors promote the principles of the SPP and act in the program's best interests. They are also the program's "Resource Central" for their states. Advisors respond to inquiries about SPP in-state activities, provide team coaches, shooting facilities and other organizations hosting SPP teams with important program information and encourage participation among those facilities and organizations not currently hosting teams.

State Advisors perform a variety of functions to support SPP activities for which the SSSF is grateful! The following guidelines are provided to identify what is generally expected of all SPP State Advisors.

State Advisors adhere to the guidelines of all Volunteers as stated above.

All volunteers registered with the SPP serve strictly as a volunteer and that service is solely at the discretion and pleasure of the SSSF. Volunteers agree that SPP National Headquarters may, at any time and for whatever reason, terminate a volunteer's service. In the same manner, a volunteer may decide him or herself to terminate his or her service at any time for whatever reason.

- Participation as an advisor, coach or adult volunteer in the SPP shall not create or be misrepresented as creating any employment, independent contractor, partnership, agency or any other relationship between the volunteer and the SSSF or any of its affiliated companies.
- Other behavior that is deemed inappropriate by the SPP National Office or violates state or federal laws.

A Volunteer's involvement in the SPP shall be strictly as a volunteer whose service is solely at the discretion of the SSSF / SPP National Headquarters. Volunteers agree that SPP National Headquarters may at any time, for whatever reason, terminate a volunteer's service. In the same manner, a volunteer may decide him or herself to terminate his or her service at any time for whatever reason.

A Volunteer's participation in the SPP shall not create or be misrepresented as creating any employment, independent contractor, partnership, agency or any other relationship between the Volunteer and the SSSF or any of its affiliated companies.

A Volunteer may not solicit contributions or other assistance from third parties using SSSF's name. A Volunteer may, however, engage in solicitation activities in the Volunteer's own name or, with approval, the name of the Volunteer's gun club, shooting facility or other organization in order to support the team's SPP activities.

Volunteers who fail to act in the best interests of the SPP or who are found in violation of SPP rules and policies, including these General Guidelines, shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the SPP program.

Incidents of suspected or observed violations of these General Guidelines or other SPP rules and policies by volunteers should first be reported in writing to the State Advisor. The Advisor will investigate the alleged offense and take corrective action if deemed necessary. A report of action taken will be communicated to the SSSF. Any suspected or observed abuse of SPP youth participants or other illegal conduct by volunteers should be reported immediately to local law enforcement and to the State Advisor.

In the event the volunteer is unable to correct a problem, he or she will submit a copy of the written report and a written request for assistance to the SSSF. The SSSF will treat all written complaints of alleged or actual misconduct by volunteers seriously and will investigate such complaints promptly. False or malicious claims against volunteers will not be tolerated. Volunteers who are subject to disciplinary action will have the opportunity to appeal any disciplinary action taken against them by contacting the SSSF National Office in writing. All decisions of the SSSF following its review are final.

These General Guidelines for SPP Volunteers are subject to change. Changes may be implemented even if they have not been communicated and may supersede, modify or eliminate existing guidelines at the discretion of the national director and senior staff.