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Revised Skeet Layout Becomes Official

National Skeet Shooting Association Adopts Approved Revision of Official Skeet Field and Rules to Take Effect Immediately on Optional-Basis. Effective Everywhere September First

AS THE Skeet world generally has become aware, the growth of the sport has been demanding minor modifications of the original layout in order to permit more units on a given area. Although the matter has been under consideration for some time, it was opened up for general discussion in the April issue of this publication.

Never before in the history of Skeet has there been such a general and favorable reaction as to this suggestion. Club managements, as well as individual shooters from all parts of the country, were strong in their approval of the revision idea, and begged for an early adoption. Several important groups temporarily revised their fields for experimental purposes, furnishing valuable data with which to augment the results that were being obtained by the Association's own experiments. From the beginning there was no doubt about the revision being well received, but the various details demanded time to study out. Since Skeet was to undergo the first change of importance after ten years of healthy growth, it was of vital importance that such change be given the most thoughtful study. There was also the question of the time when the revision could be put into effect with the least inconvenience.

But once the news reached the shooters things moved rapidly. After all, the revisions were minor ones, with the general principles of the sport remaining unchanged. With the valuable assistance of co-operating Skeet interests, the National

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Skeet Association was able to reach what it believes to be a practical solution to all the problems that the revision involved at an earlier date than was originally anticipated.

In the meantime the Skeet shooting fraternity, sensing the attractiveness of the revised form for this season's shooting, have pressed their demands for an early adoption. Frankly, it was the opinion of the Association that the change could be best put into effect on July 1, and on an optional basis during the next two months. It was felt that on this basis the managements of the bigger spring shoots would be protected from the necessity of short-notice field reconstruction, and that many of their entrants would not be handicapped by lack of experience on the new form of shooting. However, attempts on the part of the Association to ease the way for the coming events were overwhelmed by the urgent requests for permission to put the revision into effect immediately. Since the Association, having worked diligently on the details of the revision, has no reason for deferring the official change other than the consideration of the organizations holding events in the near future, it promptly decided to recognize scores and records made on officially revised fields from this time on.

As will be seen from the accompanying

diagram, the real change in the official Skeet layout is that the targets, instead of being thrown over the opposite traphouses, will be thrown over a point six yards outside Station 8. Stations 1, 7, and 8 remain in the same location as before, but the other stations are located equidistant on an arc drawn with a 21-yard radius from the point 6 yards outside Station 8.

The traphouses need not be disturbed, the traps merely being readjusted to the new angle of flight. The standard for the regulation targets remains the same, but with a boundary limit of 42 yards, which is, as before, a point even with the front edge of the opposite traphouse. The boundary limits for Station 8 shots will be a stake at the crossing point of the target, viz: 6 yards outside Station 8.

Because it seems necessary to control the movements of squads to a greater extent than the rules of Skeet have heretofore specified, squad boxes have been introduced. These squad boxes (see diagram) are areas marked off on the ground in any way that will indicate where the squad will wait for its turn to shoot.

The more recently followed style of the entire squad all shooting Station 8 shots, first from one trap and then the other, has been determined undesirable; so, with the revision, one shooter will shoot both Station 8 shots while the squad remains in the Station 8 squad box.

The adoption of the official revision re-

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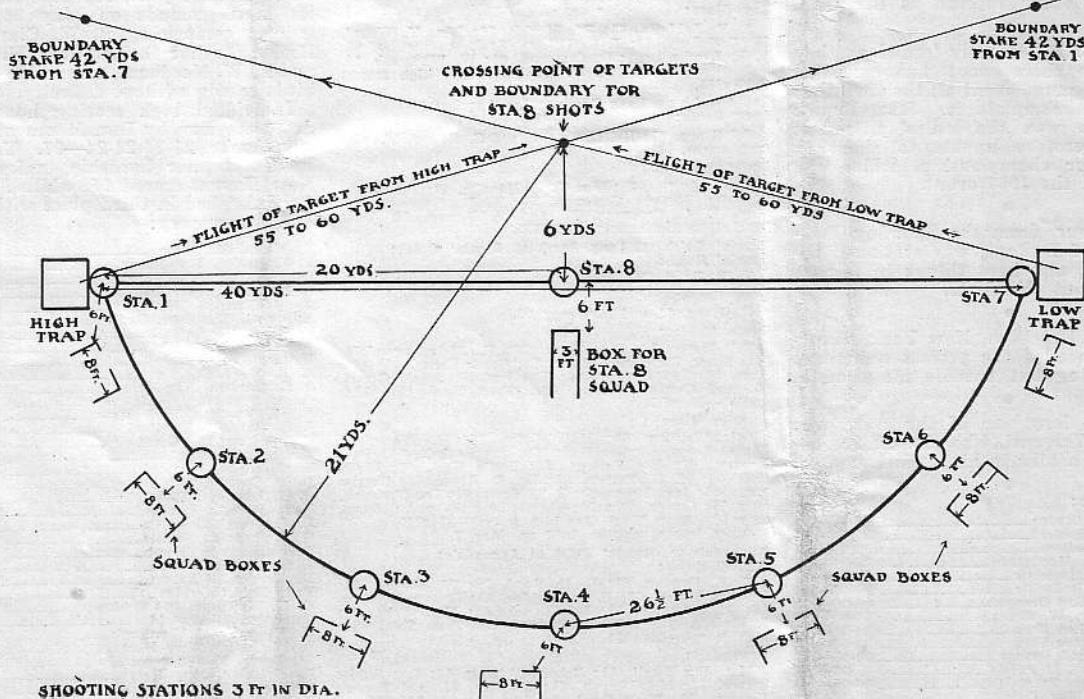


DIAGRAM OF THE REVISED OFFICIAL SKEET FIELD