# 2019 MCAC Clay Target

# Coaches' Preseason Meeting Minutes

Guests: **Captain Reese,** USMC; **John Nelson & Jason Kelvie, USA Clay Target**

**USMC**: The MCAC and USMC will continue to partner in 2019-20. The goal of the USMC is to produce Marines who will win our nations battles and return as good citizens. Student-athletes often make great Marines and the USMC offers a great career path for those interested. The USMC recruiting office at Fort Snelling is seeking to improve awareness of the USMC as an option; there are very few Marine bases in the Midwest, so it is important to the USMC to be seen in public, working with young people and sport organizations. There are several free resources for athletic departments from the USMC, including the Educators Workshop (flyer attached) and Leadership Cohesion Exercise. These are free and a great resources for staff and student-athlete development. Several football teams in the MCAC have had the USMC on their campus to run programs.

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**USA Clay Target:** Jason Kelvie noted that registration is going strong with about 50% of planned participants enrolled. Coaches should communicate directly with Jason and USA Clay Target with any ?'s they have in the process.

Important: USA Clay Target / MCAC student-athlete registration closes Aug. 30th. This is a hard deadline and late registrations are not allowed. Please be sure to have your full roster registered as soon as possible.

**Agenda Items**:

**Clay Target Important Dates**: Please refer to previous handout for important 2019 fall season dates and deadlines.

**Fall Championship**: Frank R. (ICC) reported that there will be similar format to '19 Fall Championships; USA CT will get registered SA's to ICC as soon as possible after date closing. Frank will communicate with coaches regarding raffle prize donations for programs. Championship at Grand Rapids Gun Club again this year.

**MCAC / Nicklasson Athlete of the Week:** This year, Nicklasson Athletic & Adidas will be the sponsor of the Athlete of the Week and Coach of the Year awards. T-shirts (athletes) and sweatshirts (coaches) will be awarded in selected sports and these items will be available for purchase for all who earn these awards. In selected situations, the USMC will deliver the shirts and certificates on campus; please make sure to have the campus take pictures and share this info with the Conference office. Please note that the award has been moved from "Player" of the Week to 'Athlete of the Week' in all sports in the MCAC.

**’19 CT Score & Result Reporting**: A reminder to all coaches and admin that programs need to record results and report scores based on USA Clay Target weekly guidelines. Standings will be updated weekly on the MCAC CT page.

**MCAC Fall Meetings:** The MCAC and Region XIII fall meetings are on Tuesday, Sept. 17; they will be a hybrid Zoom-in person format, with the in-person meetings hosted in Blaine, MN. Be sure to communicate with your AD/AC or Admin Rep on items or issues in your sport that would you like to see on the agenda.

**MCAC Website/Sport Code/Icons:** With the addition of Century College and Alex Tech, Presto is working on some glitches in the MCAC website. Currently, the college icons are not correct, the sport code link reflects last year’s code and there are some other small issues. Presto hopes to have this resolved this week.

**Upper Iowa University:** UIU is in process of launching varsity Trap, one of the first 4-year varsity programs in the area. The Conference office hopes to have contact info for their new coach soon and they will be invited to the MCAC CT Fall Championships.

**Other Items as Presented:**

Discussion regarding required number of credits needed for MCAC CT athletes. Current code calls for minimum of 6 credits; if NJCAA officially sponsors sport at some point, this could change to 12 credits.

Question as to how Safe certification at high school level may be applied to College coaches. Jason K. will research and report back to group.

Discussion regarding moving Fall Championships one day later from Tue. Oct. 14 to Wed. Oct. 15. At this point, it is in the best interest in keeping event on Tuesday, to allow for weather day on Wednesday, as MEA Weekend starts Thursday. Can revisit this for 2020, as well as looking for more centralized site.

Thanks to all and congratulations to the new coaches and new programs in the MCAC. Best of luck to all as the season gets underway soon.

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