

English Sporting

The English Sporting discipline has the sport's biggest following and was originally devised to simulate live quarry shooting. English Sporting targets are varied. While the other disciplines only use standard targets, in Sporting almost anything goes. Targets may be of any colour. Also, FITASC targets (Mini, Midi, Battue, Rocket, Helice and Rabbit targets) may be used, as well as Standard or 'Flash' ISSF but shall not exceed 40% of the total number of targets in the competition. It's the imagination of the course builder that decides what can be thrown to delight and deceive the shooters. Course designers will use the terrain available to present targets as naturally as possible and test the complete range of skills. A typical sporting course will be made up of several different shooting stands, often spread across a wide area of land. To be a successful sporting shot you must master all the different types of target, from incoming to going away, crossing, rising, dropping or high in the air.

Unless the organisers specify that competitors must shoot in a squad to a fixed order of stands, each individual is free to shoot the stands in any sequence and take as much time as he or she requires. Having bought an entry card the shooter takes it to each shooting stand in turn and carries on until all the stands have been completed.



Competitors normally shoot three to five pairs on each stand and a competition can range from say 30 targets at a local club shoot to 100 or more for a major competition. Registered competitions are usually shot over 100 targets. A good course will show a wide variety of target presentations of varying degrees of difficulty.

Each stand will consist of either a single target, a simultaneous pair, or following and report pairs where the second target is released after the first shot has been fired.

