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Hillsdale College Halter Center Hosts USA Shooting Skeet and Trap National Championships

The championships selected the 2025 World Championship Teams and Junior Pan American Teams.

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Hillsdale College's John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center hosted the 2025 USA Shooting National Championships, welcoming the country's top shotgun athletes to compete in both skeet and trap disciplines. The events, held May 21-25 for skeet and May 28 through June 1 for trap, served as team selection matches for the 2025 World Championships and the 2025 Junior Pan American Games.

"We were thrilled to host this event at Hillsdale College," said USA Shooting CEO Kelly Reisdorf. "Hillsdale shares our passion for the shooting sports, and the Halter Center offers state-of-the-art facilities for truly world-class competition."

The competition followed International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) rules and was structured across several days of qualification rounds and finals. Athletes began with squadded Pre-Event Training (PET), followed by four days of competition, during which they faced a total of 250 match targets. The top competitors then advanced to ISSF elimination-style finals, which determined final placements and team selections. A mandatory competitor meeting, daily squadding responsibilities, and strict ammunition and equipment standards ensured a fair and consistent contest across all categories.

Skeet Team Selections

2025 World Championships Skeet Team

Women's Skeet: Dania Vizzi, Sam Simonton, Kimberly Rhode

Men's Skeet: Vincent Hancock, Christian Elliott, Conner Prince

2025 Junior Pan American Games Skeet Team

Gracie Hensley, Fayth Layne, Aidin Burns, Westley Kiter

USA Shooting National Skeet Teams

Women's Skeet:

- Dania Vizzi
- Sam Simonton
- Kimberly Rhode
- Lia Nelson
- Caitlin Connor
- Gracie Hensley

Men's Skeet:

- Christian Elliott
- Vincent Hancock
- Conner Prince
- Hayden Stewart
- Dustan Taylor
- Adam McBee

Junior Women's Skeet:

- Gracie Hensley
- Alishia "Fayth" Layne
- Karsyn Ross
- Chloe Chaleunsinh
- Liana Cerra

Junior Men's Skeet:

- Aidin Burns
- Westley Kiter
- [Davis Hay](#) (rising senior at Hillsdale College)
- Jerrod Croley
- Shelby Smith

Trap Team Selections

2025 World Championships Trap Team

Women's Trap: Rachel Tozier, [Ava Downs](#) (rising junior at Hillsdale College), Carey Garrison

Men's Trap: Will Hinton, Glen Eller, Derrick Mein

2025 Junior Pan American Games Trap Team

Kaleb Horinek, Tony Meola, Carey Garrison, **Ava Downs**

USA Shooting National Trap Teams

Women's Trap:

- Rachel Tozier
- **Ava Downs**
- Carey Garrison
- Loretta Christian
- Micaela Velasquez
- Aiko Bianca Coloso

Men's Trap:

- Will Hinton
- Glen Eller
- Derrick Mein
- Derek Haldeman
- Logan Lucas
- Jack Brosseau

Junior Women's Trap:

- **Ava Downs**
- Carey Garrison
- Micaela Velasquez
- Heidi Griner
- Sidney Coffin

Junior Men's Trap:

- Kaleb Horinek
- Tony Meola
- Max Hatfield
- Jackson Schroder
- AJ Bovee

For photos from the skeet national championship, click [here](#). For photos from the trap national championship, click [here](#). For photos of previous events at the Halter Center, click [here](#). For a high-resolution copy of the Hillsdale College clocktower logo, click [here](#).

About the John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center

The Halter Center is a state-of-the-art shooting facility located five miles from the Hillsdale College campus. Opened in 2008, the Center aims to introduce individuals to shooting sports and encourage interest across all levels of experience. The Halter Center also serves an educational purpose by promoting the principles of the Constitution and teaching beginner and experienced shooters in various classes. Home to Hillsdale College's collegiate shooting teams and the USA

national team, the Halter Center is also a resource for the public through camps, conferences, and other programming. For more information, visit shootingsports.hillsdale.edu.

Hillsdale College has been the home of the USA Shooting National Team since 2019 and has hosted USA Shooting Junior Olympic trap and skeet development camps and championships. The Center boasts 113 range acres, four international skeet fields, a 23-station sporting clays course, five international bunkers, a small arms range, an action shooting range, an enclosed and climate-controlled five-stand range, an international archery range, eight American trap fields, the AcuSport Lodge and Grille, and four cottages to accommodate overnight lodging. A 62,000-square-foot indoor/outdoor rifle and pistol building will be completed in summer 2025.

About Hillsdale College

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