

2026 NORTHERN ILLINOIS WINTER JACKRABBIT

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The Northern Illinois Winter Jackrabbit Program has been going on for over 43 years. The participating clubs compete for a traveling trophy. This trophy is presented to the club that wins the most Sunday shoots. Each participating club hosts two Program events at their club. The team score is determined by taking the five highest club member's scores shot on that day. The highest team total wins that Sunday.

The Jackrabbit will be 9 weeks long. The first 8 weeks consist of the regular weekly shoots, shooting each host club twice. The ninth week will be the Carryover, High Gun shoot offs and Special Event.

In the event there is a weekly shoot cancelation, the ninth week will be a make up week and the Carryover, High Gun and Special Event pushed out to the tenth week.

The first 8 shoots will be used to determine winning teams, Top Gun and eligibility for the Carryover and High Gun shoot offs. You must shoot 5 of the first 8 weeks to be eligible.

Hosting clubs in 2026 are: Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club, Maywood Sportsmen's Club, McHenry Sportsmen's Club, and St Charles Sportsmen's Club.

Shooters must be a member, in good standing, of the club they are shooting for and can only shoot for ONE CLUB PER YEAR.

A team from a club other than the clubs listed above may participate as long as they pay the \$25.00 club buy in fee and have at least 5 shooters. These clubs are not required to host a shoot unless arrangements are made to use the facilities of one of the clubs listed above. Currently that includes Glen Ridge and Naperville.

JACKRABBIT PROGRAM FORMAT

The League begins on the first Sunday of the year and continues for 9 weeks. 50 black rim targets are shot at each Program Event – 25 Singles and 25 Handicap (yardage is based on ones Singles Score with a minimum of 23 yards (23 - 25 yards). The hosting club will act as Event Judge. The Jackrabbit website (www.winterjackrabbit.com) will provide a display feature if a shoot is cancelled due to weather.

Cost for the Program each week is \$30.00. This is distributed as follows: \$15.00 to the hosting club; \$10.00 to the Daily Modified Lewis; \$3.00 to the Team Purse and \$2.00 for the Carryover Fund.

The event starts no later than 10:00 AM. Entries run from club opening until 11:00 AM. The hosting club will open between 9:00 and 9:30 AM to allow for sign-up and practice.

Hosting Club may start program earlier than 10:00 AM , at their discretion, based on attendance, weather, etc.

Jackrabbit participants are allowed to shoot trap at the host club's member rates on the day the Jackrabbit.

There is a host club buy-in of \$25.00 for each club payable on the first day the club hosts the Jackrabbit. This money is added to the Carryover/50 Straight Fund

For the entire 2026 JackRabbit season shooters may shoot multiple times on any Sunday. The following rules will be in effect for all shoots except week 9. That is the Special Event Sunday.

- 1) EACH \$30.00 ENTRY FEE(S) WILL GET YOU ADDITIONAL SCORE(S) AND INDEPENDENT CHANCES AT AWARDS EXCEPT TEAM AWARD. HIGHEST SCORE WILL BE USED FOR TEAM AWARD. MULTIPLES OF THE SAME SCORE SHOT BY ONE INDIVIDUAL WILL ONLY COUNT ONCE FOR TEAM AWARD. ALL OTHER AWARDS WILL INCLUDE THE MULTIPLE SCORES, INCLUDING EQUAL SCORES.

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- 2) REGISTRATION FOR THE MULTIPLE ROUNDS MUST BE COMPLETED BY 11 AM OR BY THE TIME THE LAST SQUAD TAKES THE FIELD. YOU MAY ENTER MULTIPLE ROUNDS AT THE START OF THE SHOOT AS WELL. JUST SPACE YOUR SQUAD CHOICES FAR APART.
- 3) ONLY THE HIGHEST SCORE SHOT (IF MULTIPLE SCORES ARE SHOT) WILL COUNT FOR THE YEARLY TOP GUN AWARD
- 4) MULTIPLE ENTIRES WILL NOT COUNT AS "SHOOTS SHOT". MEANING YOU CANNOT SHOOT TWO WEEKS ON ONE SUNDAY AND COUNT TWO SHOOTS TOWARDS THE 5 REQUIRED FOR CARRY OVER ELIGIBILITY.

DAILY MODIFIED LEWIS*

- Every entrant will play the Daily Modified Lewis (no exceptions). This money will be paid out using a Modified Lewis calculation for 3 or 4 classes – One Money/Ties Divide. 40 or fewer shooters will use 3 classes. 41 or more shooters will use 4 classes.
 - DAILY MODIFIED LEWIS---Simply worded, the Lewis calculations are done the standard way however the top TWO (HIGH GUNS) scores are paid and removed from the remaining Lewis list. Therefore the THIRD score STARTS the Lewis classes.
 - Hence: Top Two Scores receive the 40% of Lewis (then split 60/40)
 - Remaining Scores split the 60% in standard classes (3-4 based on number of TOTAL shooters)
 - EXAMPLE 49-48-47.....The 49 receives 60% of 40% of Lewis Monies and the 48 receives 40% of the 40%. Ties divide.
 - The remaining 60% of LEWIS starting with the 47 and classes then split less the HIGH GUN SCORES.
 - Use the TOTAL number of daily shooters present to determine how many classes (3 or 4) but use the Total MINUS the "high guns" to determine Class breaks.

This Modified Lewis pays more shooters and eliminates the stand alone High Gun Purse

TEAM PURSE--Every entrant will play the Team Purse. A club must have 5 shooters to qualify for the Team Purse. This money will be paid out to the top two winning teams on a 60/40%basis (Ties Divide). Team score is determined by the total of the five highest scores for that club. The money should be placed in an envelope with the winning team name and a list of the team shooters with the five highest scores and ties.

CARRYOVER FUND — The Carryover Lewis will consist of \$2.00 per entry each week and accumulates for the entire duration of the Jackrabbit Program. At the Special Event, 5 Lewis Classes will be determined based on the 50 targets scores shot on the day of the Special Event for the shooters that qualify. This will be paid 60%/40%. Shoot-offs will determine the winners and will be 10 targets at the handicap yardage shot on that day. **Remember – you must shoot in 5 of the first 8 Sundays to be eligible for the Carryover Lewis Event.**

PAYOUT--Weekly the hosting club is responsible for determination and distribution of payouts and to the League Administrator for Buy Ins and Carryover. Results of the weekly shoot are due to the Administrator within two days of the shoot. The Administrator will verify the information and will prepare a payout sheet for posting to the website. Payouts are due to the league participants on the day of the next Jackrabbit Event.

50 STRAIGHT PURSE--Anyone shooting 50 straight on any Sunday will win an additional \$25.00 – Ties Divide. The funds for this payout will be taken from the Carryover Fund.

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2026 Schedule

Date	Club
January 4, 2026	Downers Grove
January 11, 2026	McHenry
January 18, 2026	St. Charles
January 25, 2026	Maywood
February 1, 2026	Downers Grove
February 8, 2026	McHenry
February 15, 2026	St. Charles
February 22, 2026	Maywood
March 1, 2026	Downers Grove Special Event

SPECIAL EVENT---More details as Week 9 Approaches but in general:

Special Event—Held on the 9th Week---This special event will consist of a Calcutta on the 50 targets as well as shoot offs for CarryOver Lewis and Weekly High Gun. There will be no daily program payouts for this day.

Entry Fee for the Special Event is \$15.00, this covers the cost for the 50 targets only, no Calcutta fees included.

Calcutta — Anyone shooting the Special Event Jackrabbit Program is eligible for the Calcutta. Buy-in is \$10.00. Minimum bid is \$10.00. (No bid, you buy yourself for \$10.00) The 50 target score shot on the day of the Calcutta is used to determine payouts. Payout is to the High Gun, 2nd and 3rd place scores of the Calcutta participants (50%/30%/20%); (Buyer 60% / Shooter 40%), ties divide.

Carry Over—Participants who qualify by shooting the required 5 of first 8 weeks, and shoot on Week 9 will have their Week 9 scores figured into 3 or 4 Lewis Classes and those will be shot off for 1st and 2nd places (60/40% Split/class) of the Yearly Carry Over Purse.

High Guns— The High Gun Shoot Off is for the High Gun(s)(highest score) from each of the 8 events. It will be 25 targets from the 25 yard line. Ties will be shot-off using 10 targets from the 25 yard line. The \$50 for this payout is taken from the Carryover Fund.

Top Gun Award \$50—Will be determined by the sum of the highest five scores shot in the 8 week program. Ties divide

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