



## DEVELOPMENT BY FITASC OF A NEW DISCIPLINE WITH FIXED TRAJECTORIES : THE UNIVERSAL SKEET

There are thousands of skeet facilities in shooting clubs around the world that are being used less and less, and even abandoned altogether.

This magnificent fixed-trajectory sport, very popular from the 1960s to the 1990s, has progressively suffered a lack of interest from shooters, which severely penalized club economics in terms of returns on investment.

Our Management Committee, at my proposal, has just approved the creation, under the aegis of Fitasc, of a new form of skeet perfectly suited to our times; one that is energetic, in tune with the tastes of today's shooters and whose level of difficulty, I am sure, will attract not only every category of recreational shooter, but also those wanting to participate in open competitions in fixed-trajectory disciplines.

The in line shooting system at Universal Skeet (as for Compak Sporting) allows a shooter to execute a series of 25 targets composed of 5 single targets, 5 double shots (the second target is launched when the first target is shot) and 5 simultaneous doubles in just 13 minutes.

With the in line shooting system (see animation hereafter), all shooters start their series of 25 targets at shooting position 1 and finish it at shooting position 5. In a competition, a new shooter will enter shooting position 1 every 2.5 minutes.

As soon as shooting position 1 is free, and even if other shooters are shooting from shooting positions 2, 3, 4, or 5, a shooter can enter and start his/her series without having to wait until the shooters on the same round have finished shooting. As a result, the shooting never stops, which allows a large number of shooters to pass along, both in practice and in competition (see tables in the animation).

Here is an example of the results we have achieved all over the world, wherever in line shooting organization has been set up in Compak Sporting facilities:

- compared to squad organization in practice mode, clubs sold on average 40% more targets for the same number of shooters;
- for competitions, the capacity increased by more than 35% for the same number of days and facilities;

I am convinced that we will achieve the same results with Universal Skeet.

The target launching equipment, operated either manually or by a control unit with phono-pull, already exist for Compak Sporting and are extremely easy to adapt to Universal Skeet. The traps operate without any manual intervention by a puller and do not require a paper score sheet for arbitrating competitions. As a result, staff costs are significantly reduced for clubs, which can then generate additional margins, allowing them to invest in improving the quality of their facilities.

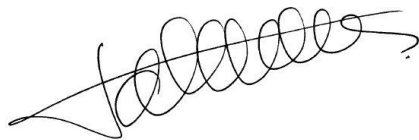
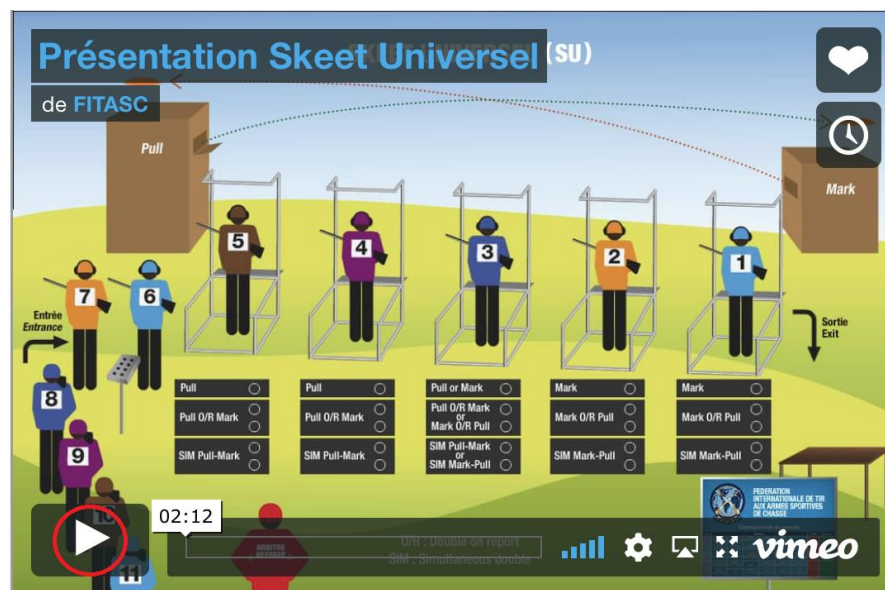
From my experience with Sporting and Compak Sporting, I know that it takes more than 10 years of work to develop a real market for a new discipline.

If you support this initiative, you can ask your shooting range to perform shooting tests on this new discipline. The results fed back will enable FITASC to finalize and future-proof the sports rules to be presented at our next General Meeting.

1/ See hereafter (page 3) the description of Universal Skeet discipline (SU)

2/ See the animation of in line shooting organization at Universal Skeet by clicking on the following link: [https://www.fitasc.com/fr/video/2139?TB\\_iframe=true&height=600](https://www.fitasc.com/fr/video/2139?TB_iframe=true&height=600)

*Visualisation on smartphone:  
to move forward or back on the video, tap the video to display the scroll bar*



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## A DESCRIPTION OF THE UNIVERSAL SKEET (SU) DISCIPLINE

### Gun position for calling the target

Free

### 28 gr munitions

One cartridge per single target

One cartridge per target in doubles

### Ground

The 2 traps as per the traditional skeet layout.

### Trajectories

45 to 50 m long.

The target crossing point is 4.80 m above the central point between the high and the low houses.

Targets are released directly without a timer.

### Shooting positions

5 shooting positions aligned between the high and low houses, on both sides of the shooting position 4 in the traditional skeet layout.

At shooting positions 1, 2, 4 and 5, the targets must be released in the menu order.

At shooting position 3, the single target and the double on report order are chosen by the phono-pull. The simultaneous double is released in the order chosen by the shooter.

### Shooting position menus

#### Shooting position 1

1 pull

1 double on report pull / mark

1 double simultaneous pull / mark

#### Shooting position 2

1 pull

1 double on report pull / mark

1 double simultaneous pull / mark

#### Shooting position 3

1 pull or 1 mark

1 double on report pull / mark or mark / pull

1 free double simultaneous pull / mark

#### Shooting position 4

1 Mark

1 double on report mark pull

1 double simultaneous mark/ pull

#### Shooting position 5

1 Mark

1 double on report mark pull

1 double simultaneous mark / pull