JSX Airlines Baggage Allowance: Weight Limits, Size Requirements, and Fees

Call Now: +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** | Available 24/7 How to transport ammunition on JSX flights — the TSA limits on quantity and packaging, how to pack it correctly, and the rules for transporting ammunition with or without a firearm. By FlightDesk Editorial · Updated October 17, 2026 · 8 min read JSX Air Lines — Assistance Line Available 24/7 for policy questions, bookings & travel assistance ■ +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** Ammunition is permitted in checked baggage on JSX flights but is subject to specific quantity limits, packaging requirements, and restrictions that differ from general checked baggage rules. Ammunition must be properly packaged regardless of whether it is traveling with a firearm. Understanding the TSA and JSX rules before packing prevents a bag from being rejected at check-in or flagged for violation during screening. Call +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** to confirm the current ammunition transportation rules on a specific JSX flight. TSA Ammunition Rules Ammunition must be in checked baggage only Ammunition is prohibited in carry-on baggage on all commercial flights. It must travel in checked baggage only. This rule applies to all types of ammunition — pistol cartridges, rifle rounds, shotgun shells, and any other ammunition for a firearm. There are no exceptions for small quantities or unloaded cartridges. Any ammunition found in a carry-on bag at a TSA checkpoint will be confiscated, and the passenger may face a civil penalty. Call +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** to confirm the ammunition carry-on prohibition before traveling with any type of firearm cartridges or shells. Quantity limits Call Now: +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** | Available 24/7 | Page 2 TSA permits ammunition in checked baggage in amounts not exceeding 11 pounds (5 kg) per person. This limit is for the net weight of the ammunition itself — the weight of the packaging container is not counted toward the 11-pound limit. Passengers transporting multiple firearm types may combine their ammunition in one container or multiple containers, as long as the total does not exceed 11 pounds. Travelers heading to shooting competitions or hunting trips who need more than 11 pounds of ammunition should review whether multiple checked bags can each carry up to 11 pounds or whether the limit is per passenger — TSA's current interpretation is a per-passenger limit regardless of the number of bags. Call +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** to confirm the current per-passenger ammunition weight limit on a specific JSX itinerary. Packaging requirements Ammunition must be securely packed in the original manufacturer's box or in a container specifically designed for ammunition storage. Loose rounds — cartridges not secured in a box, bag, or container — are not permitted. The original manufacturer's cardboard box, plastic ammo boxes with individual compartments, and hard-plastic or metal ammo cans are all acceptable containers. The packaging must prevent rounds from shifting or experiencing impacts during baggage handling that could cause damage to the primer. Call +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** to confirm the packaging requirements for a specific type of ammunition on a JSX flight. Ammunition and Firearms in the Same Bag Ammunition may travel in the same bag as a firearm Ammunition may be transported in the same checked bag as a declared firearm, provided the ammunition is in its own separate, properly sealed container within the bag. The ammunition must not be loaded into the firearm, inserted in a magazine attached to the firearm, or loose in the bag. The firearm and the ammunition must be separately

packaged within the checked bag. The bag is declared at check-in as a bag containing a firearm (the declaration form covers the contents of the bag), and TSA may inspect both the firearm case and the ammunition packaging. Call +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** to confirm how to properly pack a firearm and ammunition in the same bag for JSX check-in. Loaded magazines and clips A loaded magazine or clip — one with rounds in it — may be transported in checked baggage if it is completely and securely enclosed in a container that prevents the cartridges from being activated. A loaded magazine that has rounds accessible with the magazine partially open, or in a soft pouch, does not meet this requirement. The most compliant approach is to transport a loaded magazine in a rigid container with a secure closure, separate from the firearm. A loaded magazine inserted in the firearm is not compliant — magazines must be detached and stored separately. Call +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** to Call Now: +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** | Available 24/7 | Page 3 confirms loaded magazine transport requirements for a specific JSX flight. Common Ammunition Scenarios 1 Transporting ammunition for a hunting trip Hunters transporting ammunition for a hunting trip typically have both a firearm and multiple boxes of shells or cartridges. Pack the firearm unloaded in the locked hard-sided case. Pack the ammunition in original manufacturer boxes inside a separate ammo container or dedicated portion of the bag, not in the firearm case. Declare the bag containing the firearm at the full-service JSX check-in counter. The agent handles the declaration for the entire bag's contents. Confirm the total weight of ammunition does not exceed 11 pounds. Call +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** to confirm the check-in process for a hunting trip bag with firearm and multiple boxes of ammunition. 2 Transporting ammunition without a firearm Ammunition can travel as checked baggage without a firearm in the same bag. The ammunition still must comply with all packaging and quantity requirements. No special declaration is required beyond the standard checked baggage process — the bag does not require the firearm declaration form if no firearm is present. However, the bag will go through standard TSA screening, and improperly packed ammunition will be flagged. Pack ammunition in proper manufacturer boxes or hard ammo containers. Call +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** to confirm the check-in process for a checked bag containing only ammunition with no firearm on a specific JSX flight. 3 Shotgun shells for sporting clays or skeet Shotgun shells are one of the most commonly transported types of ammunition on JSX among sporting shooters. A flat of 10 boxes of 25 shells (250 rounds of 12-gauge standard shotshell) weighs approximately 8 pounds — within the 11-pound limit. The shells should travel in their original manufacturer boxes inside a rigid outer container. A hard plastic or aluminum ammo case provides both TSA-compliant packaging and protection from baggage handling impacts. Call +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** to confirm the shotgun shell packaging requirements and weight limits on a specific JSX flight for a sporting trip. ■ Need help right now? Call +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** — available 24/7 for JSX Air Lines assistance. Call Now: +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** | Available 24/7 | Page 4 Frequently Asked Questions Can I transport black powder or muzzleloader ammunition on JSX? Black powder and other propellant powders used in muzzleloaders are classified as hazardous materials — they are flammable solids or gases under DOT regulations — and are not permitted in carry-on or checked baggage on commercial flights. Percussion caps for muzzleloaders may be permitted in limited quantities as small arms ammunition, but the rules are complex and vary by cap type. Travelers transporting muzzleloading firearms should purchase powder at the destination rather than transporting it. Call +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** to confirm the rules for muzzleloader components on a specific JSX flight. Are tracer rounds, incendiary rounds, or explosive bullets allowed? No.

TSA's rules permit only small arms ammunition — civilian-grade cartridges, shells, and rounds as conventionally sold for sporting, hunting, and self-defense use. Tracer rounds, incendiary ammunition, armor-piercing rounds, and explosive-tipped projectiles are not permitted in checked baggage on commercial flights. This prohibition is absolute and applies regardless of the quantity. Call +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** if you have questions about whether a specific type of ammunition is permitted for transport on a JSX flight. What if my ammunition bag is overweight because of the packaging? The 11-pound ammunition limit is based on the net weight of the ammunition, not including the weight of the packaging. If the ammunition and its container together weigh more than the standard checked baggage weight limit (usually 50 pounds for standard bags), the overage is subject to overweight fees. The ammunition limit (11 lbs) is a separate restriction from the bag weight limit. A 50-pound bag can contain 11 pounds of ammunition along with other items that bring it to the weight limit. Call +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** to confirm how the 11-pound ammunition limit interacts with JSX's checked baggage weight policy on a specific fare class. Call Now: +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** | Available 24/7 | Page 5 Can I declare ammunition separately from my firearm at check-in? If the ammunition is in a separate checked bag from the firearm, no firearm declaration is required for the ammunition-only bag — it goes through standard baggage processing. Only the bag containing the firearm requires the verbal declaration and the declaration form. If both items are in the same bag, the firearm declaration covers the bag's contents, including the ammunition. There is no separate form or declaration for ammunition alone. Call +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** to confirm the check-in process when firearms and ammunition are in separate bags on a JSX flight. Is rimfire ammunition treated differently from centerfire? TSA does not distinguish between rimfire and centerfire ammunition in its transportation rules. Both types are subject to the same packaging and quantity requirements. Rimfire cartridges (such as .22 LR) in their original manufacturer's box are compliant with the same packaging standard as centerfire pistol or rifle ammunition. Call +1 [**855**] 228·**1395** if you have questions about transporting a specific caliber of rimfire ammunition on a JSX flight. Bottom Line Ammunition transport on JSX requires checked baggage only, proper manufacturer or hard-container packaging, and compliance with the 11-pound per-passenger weight limit. The rules apply whether or not a firearm is in the same bag — loose rounds and soft-case packaging are the most common compliance failures, both entirely preventable with appropriate containers. Hunters and competitive shooters who plan trips involving ammunition transport should confirm quantities and packaging well before the airport to avoid check-in complications.