

Territorial Governor Summit Results, Discussion Items, and Range Operations Committee Clarifications

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Preparation of this Document

This document was prepared using my notes, the Summit Secretary's (Chuckroo's) notes, the Range Operations Committee (ROC) Meeting Notes, the SASS booklets, and the Internet (Steampunk).

Announcements and Opening Comments at the Summit

TG Summit Information

There were 284 clubs represented, including proxies. This is the largest number of clubs ever represented.

2012 Governor's Cup

The 2012 Governors Cup Match will be Outlaw Trail at Founders Ranch from September 26 to September 30, 2012. There will also be a Wild Bunch Action Shooting Match. Both will have categories for Territorial Governors (TGs). The match will include a half day TG Meeting.

2013 Match Contracts

Starting in 2013, State and Regional matches will have the option of dropping a category if there are less than five entries in a category.

Winter Range (WR) and End of Trail (EOT) will have the option of dropping a category if there are less than ten entries in a category.

These matches will be required to ask the shooters for an alternate category choice and contact them in case of a change.

Match Administration Booklet Change – Category Shopping

During the subsequent discussions about agenda items, concern was expressed about last minute category changes (trophy hunting). Hipshot said that limits on category changes will be added to the Match Administration guidelines as an option for match directors to use to control category changes.

End of Trail Posse Marshals

The organizers of EOT are looking for 40 or more volunteers to act as Posse Marshals. Contact Hipshot, using the following Webpage, if you are interested in helping.

<http://www.sassnet.com/contact-us.php?SASSDepartment=Customer%20Service>

TG Voting when Items are Amended

Hipshot emphasized that club TGs and proxy holders should vote on amended items as they believe the club would want them to. They should have the authority to change from the club's instructions on the original item to a different vote after amendment, if appropriate. This has been stated many times at the Summit.

Agenda Items (Require 2/3 Majority to Pass)

Item 1, Did Not Finish (DNF) Scoring

Should scoring be changed so that any shooter who does not finish TWO or more stages in a match is not eligible for any main match awards?

Voting YES would apply the same criteria currently in place for multiple Stage Disqualifications (SDQ) and Spirit of the Game (SOG) Penalties to DNFs. Two DNFs would result in a Match Disqualification (MDQ) for award purposes.

Voting NO would allow a shooter who DNFs multiple stages to place ahead of competitors who completed all main match stages.

Item 1, Discussion and Result

This rule only applies to ability to earn an award. Scores would still be provided for finished stages. According to Hipshot, the CD Tom scoring program is ready if this passes.

Winter Range already requires a competitor to finish all main match stages to be eligible for a main match award, as if you do not complete the match, you are not subject to all of the potential risks that someone who completed the match was subject to, such as a MDQ for a round over the berm.

Someone asked what problem this change was trying to solve. It was stated that Tex missed four main match stages due to a meeting and still won an award.

Some felt that if you have a good reason and shoot well enough, you should be in the running for an award. An example was given where a husband had to quit a match to take his wife to the hospital due to a burst appendix.

The ROC was asked their position on the rule. They supported the change.

Some folks felt that this is not as likely to happen with Total Time as with Rank Point Scoring. We were not allowed to discuss that.

Item #1 For 235=82.75% - Against 48=16.90% - Abstain 1=.035% PASS

Item 2, Closed Age Range in Age-Based Categories

Should the limiting criteria for shooters in Age Based categories be changed from the current “minimum qualifying age OR GREATER” to “between the ages of...”?

For example, Cowboy/Cowgirl would be up to 35, Wranglers would be from 36-48 and 49ers would be from 49-59, etc. A YES vote would no longer allow a shooter to compete in Age Based categories below his/her age range. The Junior (Buckaroo/Buckarett and Young Gun) categories would NOT be affected.

Item 2, Discussion and Result

Hipshot joked that ladies should be exempt as a gentleman would never ask a lady her age.

It was mentioned that some wanted to shoot younger categories because it was not as painful to get beat by a younger shooter.

Others countered by stating competing in younger categories was detrimental to the growth of the sport by discouraging younger shooters.

Item #2 For 112=39.44% - Against 170=59.86% - Abstain 2=.070% FAIL

Item 3, Open Category

Should an Open category be added with no restrictions regarding gender, age, shooting style, or propellant? This would provide a single category in which ANY shooter could register. (Gunfighter-style competitors would have to comply with the current gunfighter category regulations.)

Item 3, Discussion and Result

If item two passes and this item passed, there would be a place where all shooters could use as an alternative to shooting in their age-based category.

Current SASS rules would apply and no new guns, equipment or accessories would be added.

It was clarified that the category would include all shooting styles and the shooting style could be different on each stage.

A motion was made to add an Open Ladies category. The motion was not voted on as the item was intended to allow all to compete.

Item #3 For 130=45.77% - Against 152=53.52% - Abstain 2=.070% FAIL

Item 4, Changes to Ladies' B-Western Category

Should the B-Western Category be rewritten to allow for additional Ladies' costuming options? A YES vote would have the ROC rewrite the requirements to include the changes suggested by Miss Tabitha in the Chronicle. Miss Tabitha would act as the authority for additional clothing items. A NO vote would leave BW as is.

Item 4, Discussion and Result

It was stated that this would allow Town and Saloon Ladies. Documentation or a photo would be needed to verify authenticity.

Many felt that the agenda item was too vague. Others felt that it should only add Saloon Girls with sufficient bling to fit in the original intent of the category.

Some felt that additional footwear, like moccasins, could give a competitive advantage.

Concern was expressed that saloon girl costumes were an inappropriate image for a "family-oriented" sport.

Allie's Note: After the voting, an individual asked me to work with his wife to develop specific costume wording for an agenda item for the next summit that would increase options for the ladies in this category.

Item #4 For 182=64.08% - Against 100=35.62% - Abstain 2=.070% FAIL

Item 5, New Category System

Should the new Category System be adopted?

NOTE: Some of the Ladies categories have historically been under populated at annual matches. Those have been replaced with FCGF, SGF, Cattle Baron, and 80+ (name to be determined.) A Match Director will always have the option to offer any additional categories, as well as the option to change the minimum requirement for honoring a category.

The following table shows the category matrix after acceptance of the motions to amend, which added corresponding ladies categories.

Name	Age / Style	Male or Female	Ladies
Buckaroo/Buckarett	13 & under	X	X
Junior	14-16	X	X
Cowboy/Cowgirl	17-35	X	X
Wrangler	36-48	X	X
Forty Niner	49-59	X	X
Senior	60-64	X	X
Silver Senior	65-69	X	X
Elder Statesman	70-74	X	X
Cattle Baron/Baroness	75-79	X	X
Name TBD	80+	X	X
Duelist		X	X
Senior Duelist	60+ Duelist	X	X
GunFighter-		X	X
Senior Gunfighter	60+GF	X	X
Frontier Cartridge		X	X
Frontier Cartridge Duelist		X	X
Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter		X	X
Frontiersman		X	X
Classic Cowboy/Cowgir		X	X
B Western		X	X
Count		20	20

Category Rules:

1. Categories listed are the "Official" SASS categories.
2. All categories must be initially offered at State and above level matches.
3. Match Directors are NOT required to honor categories that fail to secure a minimum of 5 entries at the State and Regional level or a minimum of 10 entries at WR and EOT. A cutoff deadline shall be established and posted by the sponsoring club.
4. Match application forms should ask for a shooter's second (or third) choice.
5. If it becomes necessary to drop any category due to a failure to meet the minimum number of shooters required, the effected shooters will be placed into their second choice category. If no second choice as been given, Age-Based category shooters will drop into the next younger category. The only exception is the Cowboy category. Since it is at the bottom of the scale, it will roll forward into the Wrangler category if necessary. The Junior categories are exempt.
6. If Agenda Item two passes, shooters will not be allowed to compete in an Age-Based category that is outside of their age group, except in the case of a category Rollback.

7. At the MD discretion, ANY category may be added and any minimum requirement may be reduced.
8. These rules apply to state and above matches, and are recommended at all lower level matches.

Item 5, Discussion and Result

Many individuals expressed disgust at the omission of corresponding Ladies categories, especially Grand Dame. A comment was made to the effect that, if justification of dropping Grand Dame was “under population,” then how could they add, in good conscience, an 80+ category. The first motion was made and passed to reinstate Grand Dame to the list.

It was stated that traditionally we offered corresponding ladies’ categories to encourage their participation. One TG felt that the minimum number of lady entrants in a category should be less than that for men, to reflect that our sport is under populated by ladies and to provide encouragement for their participation.

A motion was made and approved (58 to 39) to amend the item to mirror all of the proposed categories with ladies’ categories. This was despite the comments by a few “high-placed” individuals about the expense of so many awards.

Item #5 For 148=52.11% - Against 136=47.89% - Abstain 0=.00% FAIL

Range Operations Committee’s Rule Clarifications and Comments

State and Regional Match Residency Requirements

Hipshot stated that Regional and State match residency requirements are as follows. When a shooter has multiple residences, the state of residence is determined by the driver’s license.

There was controversy over the residence of active military personnel. Hipshot will research this further.

At Winter Range, the winner must be United States’ citizen, as it is our National Championship. At EOT, the winner can live anywhere in the world.

The following items were clarified or mentioned by PaleWolf Brunelle, spokesman for the RO Committee.

Elastic Shot Shell Loops

The RO Committee will review the legality of using elastic loops on shotgun belts.

Capping Cylinders Outside the Gun

The RO Committee will review the capping of percussion cylinders outside of the gun and the penalty for dropping a capped cylinder.

De-cocking

De-cocking may not be done to avoid a penalty if cocked at the wrong time, position, or location once a round has gone down range. No gun may be de-cocked on the firing line except by pointing it down range and pulling the trigger or while under the direct supervision of the Timer Operator (TO). The penalty for de-cocking is a Stage Disqualification.

Refer to the Shooters Handbook (SHB) p.23 or Range Operations 1 (RO1) p.16. "Under the direct supervision" requires the TO's acknowledgement in an instructive or affirmative manner. In other words there must be a positive indication to the shooter that the TO is giving his approval for the shooters action.

Navy Pepperbox Revolver

This is made by EMF and is a multi-barrel, six-shot, percussion revolver. It is assembled on a Colt Navy frame and qualifies as a main match revolver. Therefore, it is disqualified as a Pocket Pistol.

Plainsman

A .38 Smith and Wesson special is legal for Plainsman side matches as it was originally introduced in 1899 as a black powder round.

Long Range Sights

See the SHB, p. 18, bullet #4, in Basic Rules for the Long Range Competitions, which states that optical and receiver mounted sights are not allowed. This is clarified to mean receiver mounted sights are not allowed and optical sights are only allowed in the Optical Category.

12 Gauge .70 Caliber Slug Gun in Long-Range Side Matches

Shotguns using slugs are NOT legal in SASS Long Range Rifle side matches.

Mobile Applications Used in Long Range Side Matches

There is a mobile application (Shooter v.1.6.2.8) that has been used in Long Range side matches to calculate information for sight adjustment. Real time information; including elevation, temperature, and humidity, is combined with preset individual firearm and ammunition data. One person enters the numbers and provides the adjustment information to the shooter. In addition to Rangefinders, the use of this or any similar device is a Side Match DQ.

Bisley Hammer on a Ruger Old Army

The use of a Bisley hammer on a Ruger Old Army percussion revolver is allowed under the current Firearms Covenants. Lower and or wider hammers on percussion revolvers fall under the same allowance as cartridge pistols.

Bisley hammers (modified or not) installed on any revolver without the Bisley grip frame are still not allowed.

Ammunition-Related Illegal or Outlawed Items

Ammunition-related, outlawed or illegal items will be moved to the use of illegally-acquired ammunition section of the booklets. This results in a single Procedural Penalty and a miss or misses for each target hit with the illegally acquired ammunition rather than a SDQ for use of Illegal or Outlawed Items. Besides the items specifically listed, this will cover any ammo not carried in an approved matter, including the hatband, buttonhole, suspender, etc.

Ammunition Carried to the Line over SG Loops

There is no prohibition for wearing a rifle or pistol ammo slide or loop over SG loops on an ammo belt as there is with wearing a shotshell ammo slide over shotshell loops. Sewing the pistol or rifle loops directly to a shotshell loop on either a slide or belt is acceptable.

Correction of Potential Illegal Equipment or Out of Costume Infractions

If a shooter comes to the line with illegal or inappropriate equipment or not in appropriate costume for the category, this may be corrected at any time prior to the beep.

Single-Shot Shotguns in Plainsman Side Matches

The SHB will be modified to allow single-shot shotguns in Plainsman Side Matches.

Octagon Barrels on Revolvers

Original barrels may be replaced with new barrels of correct styles for that particular type of firearm. Examples are round, octagon, or half-round. The word "model" will be replaced with "type." See the SHB, p. 4.

Dropped Round/Firearm in Glossary of Terms

The Glossary currently states that a dropped round/ firearm is a round/ firearm that has left the shooter's control and come to rest at a location or position other than where it was intended. The word "round" will be deleted.

Meaning of "In Hand"

A definition of "in hand" as applied to loaded revolvers will be added to the Glossary in the next issue of the RO1 booklet. This relates to the rule that states only someone shooting Gunfighter or B-Western may have two loaded revolvers in hand at the same time.

Once the muzzle clears the holster or all contact is broken with the prop when staged, the shooter is in violation if not registered as a GF or BW competitor.

Steampunk and SASS

Convention Seminars, Vendors, and Miss Tabitha's Annual Victorian Fashion Show

This year Seminars, Vendors, and the Fashion Show included Steampunk clothing. Miss Tabitha explained, at the Fashion Show, that SASS was encouraging this style of clothing, with its Victorian roots, to promote CAS among younger people who favor the trend.

La Bandida and her husband, California Drifter, who were vendors at Dry Gulch at Arroyo Cantua this year and hope to be back in 2012, demonstrated converting a Victorian Lady's and Old West Man's costume to Steampunk.

What is Steampunk?

The following description is taken from Wikipedia, <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steampunk> . They describe "Steampunk as a sub-genre of science fiction, fantasy, alternate history and speculative history." Steampunk involves a setting where steam power is still widely used, usually Victorian Britain or Wild West United States, and incorporates elements of either science fiction or fantasy. Works of Steampunk often feature futuristic innovations as Victorians may have envisioned them, based on a Victorian perspective on fashion, culture, architectural style, art, etc. This technology includes such fictional machines as those found in the works of H.G. Wells and Jules Verne...

Some people use this style of dressing on a daily basis rather in just in costuming for special events.

Steampunk Costumes

Miss Tabitha mentioned that timepieces are important accessories given the Steampunk vision of time travel.

Metal trimmings and accessories are popular. However, the common use of gears in costuming has been ridiculed in a song. Following is a link to the song.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFCuE5rHbPA>

You will see browns and dark colors, as time travel and exploring require sensible colors in clothing. Also, metals and fabrics the colors of metals are important in Steampunk costuming.

Goggles are another important accessory and these make a great substitute for modern shooting glasses in CAS, whether or not you are designing a Steampunk costume.

One vendor who caters to SASS costuming, Gentleman's Emporium, has a Steampunk department. They can be found at the following link,

[http://www.gentlemansemporium.com/gentlemans.php?_utma=1.85125441.1308692944.1323278174.1323285585.3&_utmb=1.3.10.1323285585&_utmc=1&_utmz=1.1308692944.1.1.utmcsr=google|utmccn=\(organic\)|utmcmd=organic|utmctr=straw%20top%20hat&_utmv=-&_utmh=6948530](http://www.gentlemansemporium.com/gentlemans.php?_utma=1.85125441.1308692944.1323278174.1323285585.3&_utmb=1.3.10.1323285585&_utmc=1&_utmz=1.1308692944.1.1.utmcsr=google|utmccn=(organic)|utmcmd=organic|utmctr=straw%20top%20hat&_utmv=-&_utmh=6948530)

Or, search online (Google) for Steampunk costumes.