

Howdy Cowboy Shooters

It is that time of year again, when the agenda for vote and discussion at the Territorial Governor's Summit has been published. I would appreciate your response to these agenda items so I can cast a vote that reflects your wishes.

There were just 6 items for vote, and several items that were discussed throughout the year that were finally put to rest as not having sufficient merit for Summit discussion.

Following are the items for vote:

1. **Should the Uberti 1873 percussion revolver be allowed as a Frontiersman Category revolver?** This was mis-worded last year and is being voted on again. It was voted on in previous years as a legal main match revolver, but not as a Frontiersman Category legal revolver.

Vote Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Vote No \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. **Should the Senior and Elder Statesman Categories be divided into smaller divisions by dividing both by age: 60-65, 66to 72, and 73 and up?** This would accomplish dividing both categories and creating only one new category.

Vote Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Vote No \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. **Should we adopt the following Stage Conventions and document them in the SASS Match Directors Guide?** It is time we addressed a standard in “Understood Stage Behavior.” A set of Stage Conventions are a list of standards every shooter is expected to know and follow on every stage. These conventions are not “rules,” since they can be overridden by stage design. They are the standard defaults when nothing is specified. They are as follows:

### **STAGE CONVENTIONS**

Unless stated otherwise in stage descriptions, all of the following apply in SASS matches:

- a. All knockdown shotgun targets may be reengaged until down.
- b. All knockdown targets, (shotgun, rifle, or revolver) must go down to count.
- c. All staged guns shall have their barrels pointed safely down range and, where possible, all long guns staged horizontally shall be staged where no part of the firearm hangs over the edge.
- d. Staged shotguns shall be open and empty.
- e. Shooters may not start a stage with ammunition in hand.
- f. Long guns shall be discarded open and empty with their barrels pointed safely down range.
- g. Revolvers shall be returned to leather after the shooting string.
- h. Revolvers shall be drawn and used in accordance with the shooter’s category.
- i. Safe gun handling is the shooter’s responsibility. The 170 degree safety rule is in effect. The basketball traveling rule is in effect when there is a live round under the hammer.
- j. If no starting position is given, the shooter shall stand fully erect with revolvers holstered, hands at his/her side, not touching any firearm.
- k. Cowboy port arms is defined as the butt of the long gun at or below the waist of the shooter, the muzzle at or above the shoulder, and the long gun held with both hands.
- l. Interpersonal conflicts **WILLNOT** be tolerated at this event.

Vote Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Vote No \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. **Should we outlaw all short and long sleeve tee shirts and tank tops in all categories?** Note: Short sleeve blouses would remain acceptable only in ladies categories.

Vote Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Vote No \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. **Should we change the penalty for shooting out of category as follows?**
- **First offense in a match is a Procedural Penalty.** The shooter must subsequently comply with the category requirements or change category.
  - **Second Offense in the same match is a Stage Disqualification.**
  - **Third Offense in the same match is a Match Disqualification.**

At the present time, the penalty for shooting out of category is a procedure for each stage the shooter violates the rule. This includes, but is not limited to, not wearing the specified number of items in Classic Cowboy, not making enough smoke in the black powder categories, and shooting with a two-handed grip in a Duelist category.

Vote Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Vote No \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. **Should we make the following changes in our scoring processes for both time and rank scored matches?**

- **Match Disqualification-** Eliminates the shooter from **ALL AWARDS**. All times are erased.
- **Stage Disqualification -** Shooter is given a disqualification for the stage only. Shooter can overcome the penalty and may win a category award over another shooter.
- **Did Not Finish –** Disregard overall scores so the shooter cannot finish in front of anyone who shoots all the stages. Does not affect other potential awards such as stage wins.

Vote Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Vote No \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ITEMS FOR OPEN DISCUSSION

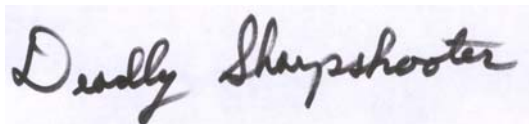
- Should we revamp the Modern and the Traditional Categories? An idea was discussed at the New England and Mid-West Regional Territorial Governors Meeting to make the Modern Category an open category in which all SASS legal firearms (Fixed or Adjustable Sighted) and ammunition can be used. Then, redefine the Traditional Category as a true “Traditional” Category, allowing only the traditional calibers of .25-20, .32-20, .38-40, .44-40, and .45 Colt. Ammunition could be smokeless or black powder. Revolvers would be limited to full-size fixed-sighted handguns. Rifles and shotguns would be all SASS legal rifles and shotguns. There would be no clothing requirements other than the SASS minimum.
- In light of a recent accident, should we mandate all firearms remain on the loading table until the shooter is called to the shooting line or to the Expediter position?

## DISCUSSION ITEMS THAT WERE FOUND TO HAVE NO MERIT

- Should we re-instate the requirement of a “minimum velocity.” If so, should this requirement of a minimum velocity be by caliber?
- Should all of the Traditional Shooting Categories be allowed to use the Gunfighter style when appropriate?
- Is it time to limit the number of shotgun shells a shooter can pull at one time, regardless of what model shotgun they are using? Double barrel shotgun shooters are limited to pulling two shells, which already places the double barrel shooter at a disadvantage.
- Is it time to eliminate the Modern Category?
- Should we allow the use of .410 caliber or 28 gauge shotgun in the Senior or Elder Statesman Categories?

**I would appreciate your votes, ideas and any other discussion you might have. This is your chance to have a voice, so don't hesitate to speak out. If you have other items you're concerned about, feel free to write them in, call me at 352-332-6210, or email me at [sharp@animal.ufl.edu](mailto:sharp@animal.ufl.edu)**

**Happy Trails and Good Shootin', Pard**



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