

Here are the results of the vote at the Territorial Governor Summit in Las Vegas, 2006:

Different this year was the ruling that for any items to pass, they must have a 2/3 majority of the clubs represented at the convention. All results from the Summit are final. No items will be sent to all TG's for a vote. Last year, ballots were sent out to all clubs not represented by a TG directly or through proxy.

1) Should the Uberti 1873 percussion revolver be allowed as a Frontiersman Category revolver? This was miss-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.

For 30.41% Against 68.24% Abstain 1.35%

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

(This was changed to read 60 and above, and 65 and above, and 70 and above for Elder Statesman. There is no change to Elder Statesman. It also includes Ladies Senior. It does not include any changes in the other Senior Categorizes like Senior Duelist

For 80.74% Against 18.58% Abstain 0.68%

(After this item had passed, it was decided to call 60 and above Senior, 65 and above Silver Senior and Elder Statesman would stay the same.)

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 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.

(It was agreed, by vote, to add this to the RO I manual in addition to the Match Directors guide. The items were discussed individually. It was reworded to change the wording to adopt "A" set of stage conventions instead of the wording "These Conventions")

STAGE CONVENTIONS

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

1. All knockdown shotgun targets may be reengaged until down.

(It was suggested that this include swingers. Not all clubs allow second shots at swingers so it was not modified to include swingers. A straw poll vote indicated that only about half the clubs represented permit second shots at swingers).

2. All knockdown targets (shotgun, rifle, or revolver) must go down to count.

(not including Buckaroo's using .22's or .410's.)

3. 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.

(A motion was made to change the wording to "with the rear of the trigger guard" on the table instead of the entire long gun).

4. Staged shotguns shall be open and empty.

(No discussion).

5. Shooters may not start a stage with ammunition in hand.

(No discussion).

6. Long guns shall be discarded open and empty with their barrels pointed safely down range.

(No discussion).

7. Revolvers shall be returned to leather after the shooting string.

(No discussion).

8. Revolvers shall be drawn and used in accordance with the shooter's category.

(This relates to staging and gun handling. It does not mean that a Traditional shooter cannot shoot a stage duelist style).

9. 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.

(No discussion).

10. If no starting position is given, the shooter shall stand fully erect with revolvers holstered, hands at his/her side, not touching any firearm.

(No discussion).

11. 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.

(No discussion).

12. Interpersonal Conflicts WILL NOT be tolerated at this event.

(No discussion).

For 79.39% Against 19.93% Abstain 0.68%

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.

(No discussion).

For 91.89% Against 7.77% Abstain 0.34%

5) Should we change the penalty for shooting out of category as follows?

- First offense in a match is a Procedure 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.

(Category changes should not be to a category that would provide an advantage. Offense is from the point that the violation was recognized, and will not be retroactive).

For 89.83% Against 10.17% Abstain 0.34%

6) Should we make the following changes in our scoring processes for both total time and rank point scored matches?

- Match Disqualification - Eliminate 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.

(A motion was made, and passed, to change "ALL AWARDS" to "ALL MAIN MATCH AWARDS." It was not felt that a DNF should be scored in such a manner as to have the same penalty as a match DQ.

A motion was made, and passed, to remove the DNF section from the item. A DNF will be scored as a 999.90, the same as it is already).

For 92.86% Against 7.14% Abstain 0.68%

The items listed below were not voting issues but rules clarifications, and were addressed only as straw polls to establish a consensus. The RO Committee report by Quick Cal had the following:

1. Buckaroos that hit a knock down target (that does not fall) are scored with a hit. If they miss the target they must reengage or take a miss.
2. The ground is not a prop.
3. An open lever, is a lever that is not completely closed.
4. You may reload, a pistol misfire (not a squib) round, on the clock
5. Correcting an equipment or ammunition problem, unassisted and under time, is permissible.
6. Berm Marshal / Stage Driver job responsibilities. They are to insure continuity as to how the stage is being shot. Full responsibilities will be added to the RO I handbook.
7. Other clarifications will include the re-staging split handguns for gunfighters only when an appropriate prop (table/bar) is provided. This is not a requirement but an option of the stage design.
8. The definition of a shot string has an exception for Gunfighter. Gunfighters can (when appropriate table is provided) place handguns on a prop when the shooting string calls for split pistols, and then pick them back up.
9. Failure of the RO to "Coach" a shooter is not justification for a re-shoot.
10. If the timer operator tells the shooter to shoot in the wrong order, the shooter would be offered the option of a re-shoot. If the shooter is told a different shooting order, and there was no competitive advantage to shooting the improper sequence per the RO's direction, the score could stand with no penalty and no re-shoot would be necessary.

11. When does a stage start? We already have a rule that says a stage starts after the first shot goes down range. It has become apparent that this rule is being abused. The RO committee feels that it is time to drop that rule and have the stage begin after the buzzer goes off. In the case of not hearing the buzzer would be the only exception. In the case of a misfire or a squib, on the first shot, would not qualify a shooter for a re-shoot. This rule change will be discussed at all regional matches in 2007 and will be considered for the agenda for the 2007 summit. A straw pole (non binding) was a 90 /10% for the rule change.

12. When does a stage end? When the timer releases the shooter to the unloading table. This means that, in the case of a hull or empty case left in the LAST LONG GUN SHOT(also the last gun used in the stage), the unloading table can then call a penalty for the left round or hull. If the shooter leaves a hull in their shotgun and it is the last gun on the stage, they can clear it before leaving the line with no penalty.

13. When a shooter loads an extra round in a nine round stage, could result (under today's rules) in two safeties (one for the round on the carrier and one for loading more than the required rounds). They proposal would be that a shooter could only get one minor safety per gun, for the same action. This rule change will be discussed at all regional matches in 2007 and will be considered for the agenda for the 2007 summit. A straw pole (non binding) was a 95 /05% for the rule change.

14. Verbiage will be added to the RO materials, SASS will not endorse a product that claims to meet the SASS Black Powder.

Open Discussion Items

An 80% size Sharps rifle was displayed and the mods committee will review it for possible inclusion in the future. It was nicknamed the Baby Sharps.

A shooter with a doctors medical condition certificate, to the shoulder area, should be allowed to compete using a lower gauge shotgun, like a 410 or 28. Some felt that with proper recoil reducers and feather light loads a 12 gauge is better than smaller gauges.

There was a lot of discussion on the continuation of low velocity loads. Should EOT and other matches move toward the use of all knock down targets, to increase the use of non wimpy loads. The vote was 95/05% (non binding) in support.

Other Announcements

SASS will establish a new web page that will have the answers to frequently asked questions on rules and interpretations. Coyote Calhoun will be the author for this new SASS site.