

THE LONG RIDERS SHOOTERS' GUIDE TO COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING

All shooters are expected to abide by 'the Spirit of the Game' in dress, actions and shooting. **We are here to have fun playin' cowboy.** Safety of the shooters, range officials, and spectators is our number one concern. The decision of the Range Safety Officer with respect to safety of a shooter, firearm, or course of fire is final.

All Shooters, regardless of shooting class, are expected to dress in the style of the "Old West" or appropriate "B-Western" movie. **No camouflage clothing, ball caps, tee shirts, short sleeves, sneakers, or modern "rodeo style" felt and/or straw hats** please. We do have a limited number of shirts and vests to loan to first time shooters. Ladies dressed as "Cowboys" must adhere to the long sleeve rule. Ladies dressed in period appropriate dresses are encouraged to wear long sleeves but it is no longer mandatory. Eye and ear protection are strongly recommended for all shooters.

Single action revolvers, lever action rifles in a pistol caliber, and either double barrel or exposed hammer pump shotguns are used. All firearms must be unloaded except when 'on deck' or shooting. Actions on rifles and shotguns must be open and muzzles pointed in a safe direction when transported at a match. To minimize the chance of ignition in the magazine tube, Henry style rifles must be loaded in the horizontal position, never vertically. Ease the follower down; do not let it snap down under spring tension.

If a safety horn is sounded all shooting must stop immediately and all firearms are to be grounded. All Range Officers in all posses must echo any safety horn with a blast of their own horn. If loading at the 'on deck' table, stop and back away from your firearm. One long blast signifies emergency stop. Two short blasts signify all clear.

Use only cast or swaged lead bullets. Pistol velocities must be under 1000 fps, rifle under 1400 fps. Use only low base shotshells, number 6 shot or smaller. Except as noted, all rounds must be SASS legal. Pistols must be centerfire of at least .32 caliber and no more than .45 caliber. Rifles must be centerfire of at least .32 caliber and no more than .45 caliber. Shotguns are centerfire of at least 20 gauge and no more than 10 gauge.

Each shooter should carry extra rounds on his or her person. Dropped rounds during a course of fire are 'dead' and may not be picked up until the stage is finished. Picking up empties will be done by the assigned "Brass Picker" in your Posse. Shooters that have completed the course of fire are to move immediately to the unloading area.

Holsters must securely retain the handgun at all times through the full range of movement as may be required by any scenario. Cross Draw holsters may not exceed a 30 degree cant. A dropped gun is a major safety violation. **A dropped unloaded gun results in a D.Q. from the stage. A dropped loaded gun results in a D.Q. for the Match. Only the Range Officer will be allowed to recover the gun, examine it, clear it, and return it to the shooter**

Fast draw or 'fanning' of handguns is not allowed. Cross draw holsters are permitted but you must turn your body when drawing your revolver so the barrel is pointed down range.

Shooting targets out of sequence as prescribed by the stage will result in a 10 second penalty.

Moving with a cocked gun is a major safety violation and may result in a D.Q. for the remainder of the shoot. Start to move, 10 Seconds – Actually move, DQ for the Stage – Second Offence, DQ for the Match.

No shooter may consume any alcoholic beverage until finished shooting and firearms are stored.

This club is member driven; it will only work if you do. All shooters are requested, and expected, to help wherever necessary to set up targets and props, assist posse leaders in running each stage, and picking up targets, props and trash at the end of the shoot. Your help is appreciated. We hope you have fun playin' cowboy with **THE LONG RIDERS.**

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