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• INTRODUCTION

The Range Master is a key element to a well-run mounted shooting event. The Range Master’s responsibilities include maintaining a safe environment for both shooters and spectators, assessing any penalties incurred when a shooter engages the course of fire, and keeping the match moving in a timely fashion. It should be every Range Master’s goal to finish the match with as few procedural as possible, accomplished by prevention, rather than overlooking penalties.

In order to accomplish these tasks, the Range Master must fully understand current rules of the Cowboy Mounted Shooting® Association (CMSA). The Range Master shall have a pocket copy of these rules as they perform these functions. CMSA offers Range Master Certification, which is strongly recommended to those who will be filling the Ranger Master role.

A. BEFORE THE FIRST SHOT

- i. Before the first competitor starts, the Range Master should look over the selected courses with the Match Director, insuring there are no safety hazards for shooters or spectators. The barrels shall be a minimum of 25 ft from the side of the arena and 25 ft from the end. Targets shall be 30 feet from the arena rail.
- ii. The Range Master should work with the Match Director to insure that the courses drawn are safe to be run in the arena. If the arena is small or oddly shaped the Range Master and the Match Director shall select 20 courses from the current CMSA courses that may be run safely in that arena. Courses shall be drawn from that selection.
- iii. The Range Master should ensure that the Match Director has formed an Appeals Board, consisting of 3 experienced CMSA competitors and one alternate. Alternates will be used only to avoid potential conflicts or when one of the committee members is involved in the protest. The Range Master should never be involved in a debate with a competitor or observer. The Appeals Board is appointed for the purpose of dispelling controversy regarding any Range Master calls. See Section 15.B for further details.
- iv. Ensure that you, as a Range Master, are fully versed in all current CMSA rules.
- v. The Range Master should be prepared to enforce ALL CMSA rules, including clothing rules. The Range Master and/or Match Director DO NOT have the authority to waive any CMSA rule.
- vi. The Range Master should watch for any unsafe situations.
- vii. Be prepared to “call it like you see it”. The appeals process is available to all competitors. Range Masters should not take an appeal personally; it is every competitor’s right to protest any appealable call.
- viii. The Range Master should insure that the Match Director has announced in the competitor’s meeting that any and all new members be pre-qualified to illustrate their ability to safely negotiate the course and properly handle firearms.

B. AS COMPETITORS ENTER THE ARENA

The Range Master should be going through a mental checklist, including:

- i. Check gates to make sure all are closed.
- ii. Target setters, spectators and gatekeepers are on the outside of the arena or in a safe location.
- iii. The course is set with 10 inflated targets in the correct location.
- iv. Timer is working.

C. RANGE MASTER’S LOCATION

The Range Master may be mounted or not and staged to one side of the start/finish end of the arena. It is highly recommended that his/her location remain in the same area during the entire stage. The Range Master may use his/her arm, a flag or GO-Light available from the CMSA to indicate the “competitor ride at will” signal. The Range Master’s “go” signal should remain up until the competitor has engaged the course by crossing the timeline.

D. TIMER/RANGE MASTER COORDINATION

The best/fastest system to keep things moving is by using an “understood assumption” that the timing crew will reset (if necessary) the timer after each run

2025-2026 CMSA RULEBOOK

1. THE COWBOY MOUNTED SHOOTING® ASSOCIATION, INC. (CMSA)

- A. CMSA is the recognized association for the equestrian sport of Cowboy Mounted Shooting that provides the official rules and guidelines of the sport.
- B. The CMSA recognizes only those events that are conducted under the rules and guidelines set forth in this rulebook. Exceptions or exemptions of any rule or guideline contained herein will require the approval of the CMSA.
- C. Cowboy Mounted Shooting® is a multi-faceted timed equestrian sporting event in which competitors compete using two single action revolvers, loaded with mounted shooting blanks specifically manufactured to CMSA standards, to shoot 10 reactionary targets while negotiating a specified course of fire on horseback. There also is a growing Cowboy Mounted Rifle and Shotgun Shooting community, where mounted competitors use one single action revolver and an approved lever, pump action or revolving rifle or a double barrel shotgun to negotiate a specified course of fire.
- D. This rule book contains the specific rules and guidelines adopted by the COWBOY MOUNTED SHOOTING® ASSOCIATION, INC.
- E. Federal, state, and local laws supersede any CMSA rules.

2. COWBOY MOUNTED SHOOTING ASSOCIATION DEFINITIONS

- A. Rules: Will be determined by the use of the word "shall."
- B. Guidelines: Will be determined by the use of the word "should" and are listed in Section 7. Safety Rules and Guidelines.

3. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CMSA CARDHOLDER

- A. Whereas being a member of the Cowboy Mounted Shooting® Association, Inc. is a privilege and not a right, CMSA has the authority to direct disciplinary action or sanctions against cardholders or affiliated clubs, who by virtue of being affiliated with CMSA, come under the jurisdiction of CMSA's rules, regulations and policies.
 - i. All members agree to the following: I understand that I am participating in a sport, which contains dangers, and risks may arise, including, but not limited to, accidental injury, the forces of nature and illness. In consideration of the right to participate in these events and the services provided for me by the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association and its agents, I have and do hereby assume the risks associated with such events. The contestant shall, at his own expense, defend management and/or all sponsors, their cardholders, or employees from any and all such claims and indemnify, from any and all liability, damage and costs arising from injuries to person or property occasioned by any act or omission of the contestant. Membership in the CMSA is a privilege and requires that those who compete in events meet all local, state and federal requirements to legally possess firearms for the purpose of such competition. Therefore, it is the responsibility of all members to ensure that they are legally able within the state or country in which they are competing, to own and/or possess firearms. If the CMSA is notified by proper authorities of a member's inability to legally possess the firearms required to compete in CMSA sanctioned events, that membership will be suspended im-

mediately. By joining CMSA, I am agreeing that images of me, my equipment, and my horse, equipment and myself may be photographed, videoed or recorded in any way and re-used without permission and without compensation. I further agree to support and enforce CMSA Rules as stated in the CMSA Rulebook. This Solidarity Agreement binds all CMSA Members to enforce CMSA Rules and assure our competition cardholders that they will play the same game worldwide when they travel for CMSA competitions.

- B. A member or affiliated club may be disciplined, suspended or expelled from the CMSA for actions that are determined to be detrimental to the overall welfare and/or financial well being of the association.
- C. All competitors are responsible for their own personal safety and that of their horses. They should also remain alert for other unsafe conditions and/or unsafe conduct by others. If a member/competitor becomes aware of such unsafe conduct he/she should point it out to the Match Director immediately.
- D. Cowboy mounted shooting requires equestrian and shooting skills of an intermediate to advanced level. Persons unsure as to their own skill level should contact the CMSA about qualifications, practice and pre-match training clinics held in their area.
- E. The CMSA Board of Directors is the forum that initially and ultimately hears and reviews evidence of alleged violations. Subsequently, the CMSA Board of Directors will determine what actions are appropriate based on the severity of the violation.
- F. Examples of actions that could be considered detrimental to the CMSA include, but are not limited to the following:
 - i. Threatening and/or aggressive behavior toward others during or after a match.
 - ii. Inhumane treatment of animals.
 - iii. Non-payment of debts to CMSA or affiliated clubs shall result in the cancellation of points and suspension of CMSA card until appropriate settlement has been reached.
 - iv. Competing under the influence of non-prescription drugs or alcohol.
 - v. Unauthorized use of CMSA trademarked or copyrighted materials.
 - vi. Failure to conduct CMSA sanctioned events in strict compliance with CMSA Rules.
- G. CMSA's disciplinary policy shall be as follows:
 - i. The CMSA Board of Directors has the final decision on all disciplinary issues and actions.
 - ii. By virtue of being a member of the CMSA you accept all terms and decisions of the CMSA board as final and not reviewable.
 - iii. Disciplinary process shall be as follows, but the CMSA Board of Directors may, at its sole discretion, elect to take action outside of these guidelines based upon the severity of the member or club's infraction.
 - a) First: A written warning from the CMSA, this step may include a probationary period.
 - b) Second: A suspension for between one - three months
 - c) Third: A suspension for one season.
 - d) Final step: Lifetime banishment from the CMSA and revocation of all privileges of membership.
 - iv. If the board or members of an Affiliated Club vote to

suspend a member from local events or club activities that club shall be required to mail, via US Mail, a letter notifying the CMSA of their actions, the terms of their suspension and reinstatement procedures. This notification letter shall include the signatures of the club's officers and/or board of directors.

H. Personal or club bad checks: If an individual or CMSA club writes 2 bad checks to CMSA (including but not limited to non sufficient funds or cancelled check) CMSA shall not accept any more checks but will require credit cards only moving forward.

I. An affiliated CMSA club may not be an affiliated club of another shooting organization.

4. CLASS, LEVELS AND MEMBERSHIP

A. **Class:** CMSA has six (6) Classes:

- Men
- Ladies
- Senior Men
- Senior Ladies
- Wrangler Open
- Wrangler Limited

B. **Levels:** CMSA has levels within each class:

i. Six Levels (1-6) within the Men's, Ladies', Senior Men's, Senior Ladies' classes. New memberships shall be defaulted to Men's or Ladies' level 1 classes. If a member wishes to be in their respective Senior class, it must be requested and the member needs to ensure that it has been changed (see Section 6. G.).

- a) MEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- b) LADIES: L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, L6
- c) SENIOR MEN: S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6
- d) SENIOR LADIES: SL1, SL2, SL3, SL4, SL5, SL6

ii. One level in each of the Wrangler Classes. Wrangler points are calculated based only upon Wrangler competitors.

- a) Wrangler Limited (WRL) are under the age of 10 years old.
- b) Wrangler Open (WRO) are 10 – 11 years old.

C. A competitor's official age for all age-relevant classes for the next competition season shall be the age he/she is on the day after the CMSA World Championship.

D. A year, season or competition year shall be defined as running from the day after the CMSA World Championship through the last day of the next CMSA World Championship.

E. Wranglers are competitors age 11 or under.

i. A Wrangler competitor's parent may submit a signed written request to move a Wrangler into the gender appropriate Level 1 class upon reaching 12 years of age. All class change requests MUST BE MADE IN WRITING through the CMSA office either via e-mail (office@cmsaevents.com) or US Mail and it is the responsibility of the member to ensure that his/her request has been received and processed. Wranglers who move into a Level 1 class may not move back into Wrangler class. Wrangler points earned during the season will be erased and no year end Wrangler awards shall be awarded. Wranglers who move into a Level 1 class shall be required to qualify to enter the CMSA World Championship.

F. Men and Ladies are competitors over the age of 11.

G. The Match Director is the single representative of a hosting club or association, responsible for all facets of a CMSA match.

H. The Range Master is responsible for maintaining a safe environment for both shooters and spectators, assessing any penalties incurred when a competitor engages the course of fire and keeping the match moving in a timely fashion.

I. Membership Types:

i. Annual Individual Membership shall consist of a single member aged 12 or older and includes:

- a) Annual membership & competition card
- b) CMSA decal, online access to the current rulebook, 1 year subscription to the CMSA's official magazine *The Rundown*, point tracking services and access to the Member Profile page on CMSAEvents.com. Cost is \$70.00 per year (365 days).

ii. Annual Family Membership shall consist of members living in one household and includes:

- a) Annual membership & competition cards for each member
- b) One decal, online access to the current rulebook, & a 1 year subscription to the CMSA's official magazine, *The Rundown*.
- c) Point tracking services and access to the Member Profile page on CMSAEvents.com for each member.
- d) Cost is \$100.00 per year (365 days).

iii. Associate Membership shall consist of a single member and includes:

- a) Associate member card
- b) A 1 year subscription to the CMSA's Official magazine *The Rundown*
- c) Eligibility to compete at any non-championship (State, Regional, Classic or Championship Series) level CMSA events for a single season. Associate members shall NOT earn points, payback or prizes of any kind. If, during the competition year, an Associate member wishes to upgrade to a full competing membership he/she will pay only the difference between the Associate membership and Individual or Family membership being upgraded to at that time. If an Associate member is included on any State, Regional or Championship event results, the host club will be charged the upgrade fee for that member. After the Associate member period expires, that member must choose from any of the available membership types for the following year.
- d) Cost is \$35.00 per year (365 days).

iv. CMSA Supporting Member: Supporting membership receive one year membership to the CMSA's official magazine *The Rundown*. Cost is \$25.00 per year (365 days).

v. CMSA Pro status is available to all classes and levels of competition. To be eligible to enter any sanctioned CMSA Pro or stand alone CMSA Pro event the CMSA member shall possess a CMSA membership card with Pro status noted. Cost is \$50.00 per competition year. For information on CMSA dress code exclusions pertaining to wearing promotional logos see Section 8.F. i-x for complete details and restrictions. Only current Pro status members will have earnings tracked for qualification for future Pro Finals.

vi. CMSA Year Round Membership will be based upon a 365 day membership. The date you become a member is the day your membership card will expire. For example, if you join July 3, 2023, your membership will expire on July 3, 2024.

5. COMPETITOR CLASSIFICATION

A. The CMSA has established a classification system that is based on the competitor's riding and shooting abilities in the

form of a numbered classification system. Competitors are categorized into six levels from 1 to 6, for Men, Ladies and Seniors. The classification system is based upon performance of the competitor who earns class wins. All class wins at World Point Qualifying (WPQ) matches shall be counted toward changing classifications if all prerequisites have been met.

- B. **LEVEL ONE:** A Level 1 competitor is an entry-level competitor. To move up to a Level 2, a competitor shall earn four qualified wins as a Level 1 in a CMSA Point Qualifying Match. For a win to qualify toward a move-up there shall be at least three Level 1 competitors within the appropriate class in the match.
- C. **LEVEL TWO:** A Level 2 Class competitor has developed riding and shooting skills beyond that of a beginner. A Level 2 should be able to challenge a course of fire aggressively within the realm of his or her abilities. To move up to a Level 3, a competitor shall earn four qualified wins as a Level 2 in a CMSA Point Qualifying Match. For a win to qualify toward a move-up there shall be at least three Level 2 competitors within the appropriate class in the match.
- D. **LEVEL THREE:** A Level 3 Class competitor has a solid foundation in horsemanship and proficiency with firearms. A #3 shooter is an experienced average shooter. To move up to a Level 4, a competitor shall earn four qualified wins as a Level 3 in a CMSA Point Qualifying Match. For a win to qualify toward a move-up there shall be at least four Level 3 competitors within the appropriate class in the match.
- E. **LEVEL FOUR:** A Level 4 shooter is an experienced winning competitor possessing excellent riding and shooting skills. A Level 4 competitor is an expert within the field. To move up to a Level 5, a competitor shall earn five qualified wins as a Level 4 in a CMSA Point Qualifying Match. For a win to qualify toward a move-up there shall be at least five Level 4 competitors within the appropriate class in the match.
- F. **LEVEL FIVE:** A superior mounted shooter. To move up to a Level 6, a competitor shall earn six qualified wins as a Level 5 in a CMSA Point Qualifying Match. For a win to qualify toward a move-up there shall be at least six Level 5 competitors within the appropriate class in the match.
- G. **LEVEL SIX:** A master mounted shooter. While there is no move-up, wins are tracked for possible future use and earned when there are at least seven Level 6 competitors within the appropriate class in the match.
- H. **SENIOR CLASS:** Any male or female CMSA cardholder having attained the official age of 50 shall be eligible to move into the appropriate Senior class. Senior class move ups shall be the same as Level 1 through 6 move ups. Senior status in the CMSA may not match that of other alliance partners and breed organizations. When competing in any such optional class CMSA members shall adhere to the rules of the alliance partner or breed organization).
- I. **WRANGLER CLASS:** Wranglers are competitors who have an official age of less than 12 years. There is no minimum age. The Range Master will determine if the Wrangler is qualified to compete at the match if it's the Wrangler's first match. Lead line Wranglers should be encouraged at local matches. Lead line shall NOT be allowed at CMSA Championship events unless approved in advance by the Match Director.

There are two classes of Wranglers – Limited (WRL) and Open (WRO).

- Limited Wranglers are under age 10.
- Open Wranglers are 10-11 years of age.

6. COMPETITOR CLASSIFICATION CLARIFICATIONS

- A. When a competitor reaches the designated number of qualifying wins in their current class, they shall move to the next level in their class.
- B. The word CHAMPION shall be used for Overall, Reserve and Divisional winners only, including Men, Ladies, and Wranglers. All others shall be class WINNERS.
- C. Moving up a level shall not be granted by verbal or written request. Movement in class shall only be granted by number of qualified wins in a competitors' existing class.
- D. A competitor shall receive a qualified win toward a move up if he or she wins the Overall position of the entire match (in any WPQ event) while placing above competitors in his/her level or a higher level, regardless of gender, while placing above the required number of competitors necessary in his/her level to earn a win toward a move-up.
- E. If a competitor wins his class and the Overall or Reserve, he/she shall receive all prizes, cash and product for both titles.
- F. Under the following circumstances a competitor may choose to move down in class:
- Has competed in at least 15 sanctioned CMSA competitions without a qualified win. In the immediate prior season (season is defined as day after World to end of World Championship), competitor was a CMSA member in good standing, did not earn a qualified win, did not win their Double Down division or Eliminator at a CMSA Major event, and earned World Qualifying Points (a member shall not be allowed to "layout" a season and be granted a move back in class)
 - Competitor must be a Level 3 or above.
 - Level 1 shooters are considered beginners, once leaving no member may move back to a level 1.
 - Competitor made request in writing to CMSA office prior to competing in the new season. If a competitor is current, he/she must pay the card replacement fee. Local clubs cannot grant move back requests.*
 - Level 4, 5 and 6 competitors may only move one level lower in any given year. They may never move back more than two levels from the highest level ever attained.

All class change requests MUST BE MADE IN WRITING through the CMSA office either via e-mail or US Mail. It is the responsibility of the member to ensure that his/her request has been received and processed.

*The automation system does allow for a member who is renewing on-site to change their senior/numbered contestant status. Example: I am a M3, if I renew at an event and wish to renew as a SM3 the club can grant that and the system is built to check to ensure that they have not earned points in the current year (once you've competed you may not change into or out of the Senior class during that season) and that their official age qualifies them to do so.

- G. All class change requests including move-down in class and/or age relevant (see Section 6.G., iv) class (senior class only) change SHALL BE requested in writing through the CMSA office prior to renewal and/or competition in a sanctioned CMSA event.
- A local club may not change a member's classification. Once the Cardholder chooses to change class they may not change back to their previous Class during that competition year.
 - If a member renews, but has yet to compete in a sanc-

tioned CMSA event he/she may request an optional move down in class but will be required to pay the current membership card replacement fee. **This request MUST BE MADE THROUGH the CMSA OFFICE.**

- iii. **When a member moves into/out of any age relevant class all previously earned wins will be KEPT on the current record.**
- iv. **Senior designation may be edited on-site by host club ONLY IF they are using the CMSA Automation Software Package at the time of the member's renewal.**

7. SAFETY RULES AND GUIDELINES

- A. All firearms shall be treated as if they are loaded.
- B. All firearms shall remain unloaded until the competitor arrives in the loading area.
- C. No firearm should be cocked until immediately prior to engaging a target.
- D. Competitors have final responsibility to make sure their firearms are loaded and functioning properly prior to stage engagement.
- E. Competitors are expected to compete safely within their individual capabilities and to control their firearm's muzzle direction at all times.
- F. All competitors shall be knowledgeable and proficient in the safe use of firearms.
- G. Mandatory new shooter orientation and qualification rides shall be conducted PRIOR to competition.
- H. CMSA recommends the use of eye protection and ear protection for horse and rider at all CMSA sanctioned matches.
- I. As the national sanctioning body CMSA recommends that members join and support the NRA (National Rifle Association).
- J. CMSA requires the use of a Range Master, with an official age of at least 18 years of age either on foot, seated or mounted, at all CMSA sanctioned events.
- K. Parents or guardians of Wranglers or their designate may be in the arena, outside the timeline and in a safe location as approved by the Range Master when Wranglers compete.
- L. The competitor assumes all responsibility for participation in these events.
- M. Competitors are encouraged, but not required, to exceed the Minimum CMSA Dress Requirements for Competitors (see Sections 8.A and 8.B) by electing to dress in traditional western cowboy style apparel which portrays the overall look of the west in the late 19th century.
- N. Competitors should remain in CMSA Required Dress at all match events, dinners, award ceremonies, dances, etc. It is also recommended that invited guests and family wear western clothing. Members who elect not to wear CMSA competition dress at awards ceremonies may not be photographed and their image may not be posted online or in print.
- O. New members should seek out proper instruction from a qualified instructor/clinician prior to entering any WPQ event. A WPQ mounted shooting competition is not the appropriate forum to introduce your horse to the sound of gunfire for the first time.
- P. Only 5 blanks may be loaded in any one firearm, and all revolving firearms shall be indexed so the hammer rests upon an empty chamber. Match officials have the right to inspect any and all firearms used in the match.
- Q. These rules are designed for the safety of CMSA compet-

itors and spectators. Following these new rules will help decrease discharges outside the course of fire and will promote more safety within Cowboy Mounted Shooting.

- i. There shall be a designated loading and unloading area at all sanctioned CMSA matches. Competitors shall not leave the loading area once they enter. Competitors shall immediately unload their firearms after their run. This may be done by a match official or someone appointed by the Match Director. Failure to immediately unload, or leaving the loading area once loaded will result in a non-qualified run.
- R. Competitors shall keep all firearms in a holster, scabbard or case at all times except for the appointed areas. Guns shall not be kept in holsters in the stands or at the stalls. They must be kept in a gun case, bag, etc.
 - i. Appointed areas include:
 - a) Designated loading area
 - b) Arena
 - c) An official gunsmith booth or dealer booth appointed by the Match Director
 - S. All firearms, including pistol, rifle, and shotgun, shall be unloaded immediately after each stage.
 - T. Match officials have the right to inspect any and all firearms used in the match.

8. CMSA DRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITORS

- A. Male Competitors: Male competitors shall be required to wear traditional, classic, recognizable western cowboy style clothing as described below, in order to compete in CMSA matches. The Minimum CMSA Dress Requirements for Male Competitors consists of:
 - i. A traditional western cowboy style long sleeved shirt. Sleeve must be wrist length and buttoned/stamped/fastened at the cuff and remain wrist length while competing.
 - ii. A traditional western cowboy style hat or protective headwear.
 - iii. Traditional western cowboy style boots.
 - iv. Modern western cowboy style jeans may only be worn with chaps or chinks.
- B. Female Competitors: Female competitors shall be required to dress in "traditional, classic, recognizable western cowgirl style clothing as described below, in order to compete in CMSA matches. "The Minimum CMSA Dress Requirements for Female Competitors consists of:
 - i. A traditional western cowboy style long sleeved shirt or blouse. Sleeve must be wrist length and buttoned/stamped/fastened at the cuff and remain wrist length while competing.
 - ii. A traditional western cowgirl style hat or protective headwear.
 - iii. Traditional western cowgirl style boots or high topped Victorian-style lace-up shoes.
 - iv. Modern western cowgirl style jeans may only be worn with chaps or chinks.
- C. Female competitors who wish to wear classic attire of the 19th century will have the following exemptions ONLY when worn with a full-length, full skirt or dress. A full-length skirt or dress means no split. The dress/skirt hem shall be full circumference and reach to the ankle.
 - i. 19th century styled short-sleeved tops are allowed. Short sleeves are defined as sewn on sleeves that extend beyond the point of shoulder. Tank tops and sleeveless tops are NEVER ALLOWED.

- ii. Traditional western style cowgirl hats are not required when wearing a full-length, full skirt or dress.
 - iii. Split riding skirts are considered trousers; therefore, a hat or protective headwear and long-sleeved western style shirt must be worn.
- D. To qualify to run a stage, a competitor shall engage the course while meeting the minimum dress requirements of their respective gender.
- E. Makers marks and brands are allowed on clothing and tack.
- F. Promotional logos on clothing shall allowed in order to develop a system that protects a sponsorship program for our members. The following rules apply:
- i. Non-Pro members: Members who do not have Pro status cards are allowed to wear approved CMSA logos during the match. No sponsor logo may be worn by Non-Pro members.
 - ii. Pro members: A CMSA member in good standing who has a current Pro status may participate in this logo sponsorship program. The following rules apply:
 - a) All Pro competitors wearing logos MUST have a letter on file with the CMSA office on company letterhead from the company they are sponsored/endorsed by authorizing that competitor to wear their logo in CMSA events. Failure to do so will result in a non-qualified run.
 - b) Current Pro status members may wear sponsored logos on their long-sleeved shirts during any CMSA sanctioned event, including the main match. Each competitor wearing shirts with logos shall include an approved CMSA logo on either breast, collar or either sleeve.
 - c) Livestock brands and one's own farm logo on a shirt must be worn with an approved CMSA logo.
 - d) Participants may display logos on tack, corner plates, gun leather, saddle pads, lettered breast collars, headstalls or saddles.

9. FIREARMS

- A. Only fixed sight single action revolvers of .45 Colt caliber, designed prior to 1898, or reproductions thereof, shall be allowed in CMSA competitions. Examples are: Colt Single Action Army or Bisley Model, Smith & Wesson Schofield, Russian, or Remington Models 1875 & 1890, their reproductions and Ruger Vaqueros, Bisleys or Montados.
- B. All holsters shall be of leather construction and shall retain the competitors' firearms throughout the strenuous range of motion required in mounted competition. A holster is defined as a leather pouch formed in the shape of a gun. A feedbag or saddlebag does not qualify and is considered by CMSA to be unsafe. Revolvers shall be returned to holsters, which would be limited to belted holsters, pommel, cantle, and/or shoulder holsters.
- C. All firearms shall be maintained in the same external condition as originally manufactured from the factory. Allowed modifications shall be limited to engraving, hammer knurling or turned down hammers as long as there is no lateral movement or welded add-ons. Custom grips are allowed including birds head grips (like the Cimarron Thunderer). No rubber grips are allowed. The original external profile shall be maintained. All external parts shall be of the type manufactured for that particular model of firearm. Stock parts may be swapped from gun to gun. Ejector rods shall be maintained. Sight modifications on revolvers shall be limited to the filing of the front sight. Front and rear rifle sights may be removed. Triggers shall be operational; slip hammer revolvers are unsafe. Factory installed safety devices shall be maintained in all revolvers. Any and all modifications

that can jeopardize safety or give a contestant an unfair advantage are DISALLOWED and will constitute disqualification from the event and may lead to further disciplinary action. It is the contestant's responsibility to ensure that the firearms used in competition are safe and operable.

- D. Bird's head type grip frames on single action revolvers are legal for CMSA World Point Competition. Included are standard factory production Bird's Head grip frame guns and guns equipped with aftermarket bird's head grip frames. Aftermarket grip frames shall be a production type product. No one of a kind custom made grip frames shall be allowed. The side profile for grip frames cannot be altered on any revolver. This includes standard, factory bird's head and guns equipped with aftermarket bird's head grip frames.
- E. The use of tape or vet wrap on guns, grips, or hammers is not allowed. Violation will result in a non-qualified run, except in case of an emergency such as broken grips or stock. In such cases the competitor shall notify the Match Director to seek approval to complete the event in a safe manner.
- F. Bisley style hammers are legal on single action revolvers for CMSA World Point Competition. A Bisley style hammer may replace a standard hammer so long as it is of the same manufacturer. Example: It is legal to replace a standard Ruger Vaquero hammer with a Ruger Bisley hammer.

10. MOUNTED SHOOTING BLANKS

- A. All mounted shooting blanks used in CMSA WPQ matches, demonstrations, official practices sanctioned, approved or covered by the CMSA's spectator liability policy shall be CMSA certified and approved. All certified mounted shooting blank providers shall submit 100 rounds of their mounted shooting blanks to CMSA for testing & certification approval. Each mounted shooting blank provider upon approval shall be issued a numbered CMSA approved mounted shooting blank provider certificate. This approved mounted shooting blank provider certificate number shall be included with all WPQ match results. All CMSA approved mounted shooting blanks shall consistently burst properly inflated helium grade targets from a distance of not less than 10 feet and not more than 20 feet. Blanks shall be headstamped.
- B. No blank shall have an effective range longer than 20 feet for competitor and spectator safety.
- C. If the quality of the match-supplied mounted shooting blank is in question, any CMSA Member may purchase 50 rounds of said mounted shooting blanks & submit it to CMSA for analysis.
- D. Match supplied blanks are "as is" and shall not be modified in any way. If a competitor modifies or alters match supplied blanks they shall receive a non qualified run for that stage.

11. HORSES

- A. CMSA competitions are open to all breeds of equines including horses and mules, registered and unregistered. Competitors are expected to compete with mounts that are healthy and in good physical condition.
- B. There is no limit on the number of horses that a competitor may use in a CMSA match, unless the horse is being tracked for specific prizes, breed association recognition or for CMSA horse tracking, which are based upon the horses' performance. It is the rider's responsibility to notify the Match Director or scorekeepers of the event if changes are required. Otherwise, a competitor may change horses for each stage.

- C. New competitors and/or mounts shall demonstrate that they can safely control or be controlled during the completion of a course of fire prior to entering a competition.
- D. No abuse of animals shall be allowed. This is a Match Director call, done with a warning first. If disregarded, expulsion from the match shall follow.
- E. The CMSA has established a horse tracking system to allow members to track their horses, both grade and breed registered, via CMSA event results at CMSA sanctioned events. Ownership, points earned, placement at events and other data will be collected to create a history for each horse that has properly been registered with the CMSA.
 - i. It is the responsibility of the member to maintain their current status with the various breed registry organizations.
 - ii. It is the responsibility of the member to ensure that when competing on a horse the member intends to track that he/she has properly submitted that horse's CMSA registration number to the Match Director.
 - iii. Horses being tracked shall compete in all stages of the event entered. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of all points and tracking for the entire season.

12. EQUIPMENT

- A. Competitors shall use saddles of western design or other approved design (saddles acceptable in any CMSA event such as Cavalry) that are constructed of leather and in safe condition.
- B. A leveraged, shank, or curb, bit in CMSA mounted shooting classes mean the use of a curb bit that has a solid or broken mouthpiece, has shanks and acts with leverage. All curb bits must be free of mechanical devices and should be considered a standard western bit. Nine inches is the maximum length shank to be measured from top of bridle ring to bottom of rein ring. Shanks may be fixed or loose. Concerning mouthpieces, all mouthpieces whether broken, solid or chain are legal. The port must be no higher than 3 1/2" (90 mm) maximum, with rollers and covers acceptable. Broken mouthpieces, halfbreeds and spades are standard. A curb bit must be used with a curb strap or curb chain properly attached so as to make contact with the horse's chin. Slip or gag bits are permitted in all CMSA events. In all CMSA classes with the exception of the Cavalry class, horses will be shown in a saddle and appropriate bridle, snaffle bit or hackamore for the duration of the class. Use of a bridle is optional. Use of rawhide or mechanical hackamores or other type of bridles is the optional choice of the contestant. However, mechanical hackamore nosepieces must be covered in leather and cannot have visible or bare metal in contact with the horse's head. The diameter of mouthpieces, length of shanks and use of curb straps or chains must comply with CMSA rules. Tie-downs may be used, but must be leather, flat nylon or rope a minimum of 3/8 inch in diameter. Bonnets (tie-down that goes over the poll and/or across the forehead) made of rope, flat nylon webbing or leather only (minimum 3/8 inch diameter) are permitted. Martingales and draw reins are allowed for CMSA events. Martingales used with curb bits must have rein stops. Draw reins may not be attached between or around the front legs. The Range Master and or Match Director may prohibit any equipment he/she deems to be inhumane.
- C. Prohibited Equipment:
 - i. Wire curb straps, regardless of how padded or covered
 - ii. Any curb strap narrower than half of an inch.
 - iii. Although nosebands, bonnets and tie-downs are legal, they shall not have any bare metal in contact with the

horse's head. Chain, wire, or metal tie-down or bonnets are prohibited, regardless of how padded or wrapped.

iv. Horse tape (also known as rocktape or equine kinesiology tape) is not allowed at CMSA major events. This applies for the main match and also all ancillary events. It may be used during warmups, but is not allowed during competition. Nasal Strips are allowed during competition. It is recommended that the color be as neutral or natural as possible.

13. STAGE DESIGN

- A. Only courses drawn from the current course book shall be used in WPQ events unless specific exception is granted by the CMSA Board of Directors.
- B. A standard CMSA stage shall have 10 targets. A competitor is to engage the course of fire with two single action revolvers which shall be loaded with no more than 5 approved cartridges each. Revolvers are to be used one at a time. With the first revolver, a competitor engages a random course of fire (the first half of the stage). This random course shall be set in a safe manner in compliance with current rules and stage design. Upon completing the random course, the competitor shall holster the now empty revolver and draw the second revolver and engage the second half of the stage commonly called the rundown. Revolvers shall be returned to holsters, which shall be limited to belted holsters, pommel, cante, and/or shoulder holsters. Competitors may holster and re-holster during a stage as long as no more than one revolver is held at any one time.
- C. The Range Master shall have the responsibility of making final inspection of the course before the first competitor begins their stage.
- D. Running starts into the arena are not allowed.
- E. All competitors shall start with the gate closed or use of a baffled alley/gate.
- F. Barrels shall not be closer than 25 feet to the side rails of the arena and 25 feet to the end rail, and targets shall be a minimum of 30 feet from side rails of the arena.
- G. Courses of fire may be drawn on the first day or not more than 18 hours prior to the beginning of the event and must be posted prior to the beginning of a multi-day event such as a state, regional or championship event. Courses shall not be pre-drawn, posted or published more than 18 hours before the event begins unless special exemption has been granted by the CMSA.
- H. Courses shall be drawn from not less than 20 courses, unless special dispensation has been granted by the CMSA, except for Rifle, Shotgun, Cavalry (which require specified courses), Pro and Eliminator events when using certified patterns.

14. TIMING

- A. Electronic beam barrel racing timers, such as FarmTek timers, shall be used for all WPQ and championship events. The competitor and horse shall start the course of fire from behind the timing beam.

15. SCORING

- A. CMSA matches are scored according to elapsed time plus the total of any applicable penalties. The total sum of all of the stages determines all placing.
- B. The decision of the Range Master is final, based on the cur-

rent rulebook. If a competitor wishes to protest the Range Master's decision, he/she shall do so by filing a \$50 cash protest fee with the Match Director. The member protesting the call must be entered in the event (event consisting of either a day's event or as an entry in a Championship event) to be protested or be the legal guardian of a minor entered in the event. The Appeals Board for any CMSA sanctioned match shall be made up of three CMSA Certified Range Masters or experienced CMSA cardholders and one alternate. Alternates will be used only to avoid potential conflicts or when one of the committee is involved in the protest. This Appeals Board shall be set up confidentially by the Match Director prior to the shooters' meeting. The appeals board shall not consist of any Range Master who is working at that event, even if they were not the Range Master who made the appealed call. This will help ensure the appeals board is impartial. No appeal shall be heard, discussed or pre-vote opinion taken of the Appeals Board until the \$50 is paid in CASH to the Match Director. The Appeals Board shall then convene and review the situation by reviewing video, listening to the competitors' case and/or seeking the Range Master's input. They shall then discuss and vote in private on whether to accept or deny the protest. If the appeal is granted, the \$50 is returned; if the appeal is rejected, the \$50 goes to the club or event producer. A brief report shall be sent to the CMSA with the match results on detailing any and all appeals filed at a WPQ event. Appeals Board decisions are not appealable.

ALL PROTESTS are to be filed on the same day as the protested call took place, or within a reasonable amount of time. This is a Match Director call.

- C. **Points shall not be retroactive.** Match Directors and/or host club or event producers are to enforce that competitors either have their current membership card or have joined CMSA at the World Point Qualifying match in which they wish to compete.

16. PENALTIES

A. Penalties shall be restricted to the following:

- i. **Missed target: 5 seconds**
- ii. **Knocked over barrel: 5 seconds**
- iii. **Dropped gun: 5 seconds**
- iv. **Failure to holster: 5 seconds**
- v. **Non Qualified run or maximum time on any run: 60 seconds**
- vi. **Unsafe gun handling: 5 seconds PER OCCURRENCE**
- vii. **Loss of hat prior to engaging the course of fire: 10 seconds**
- viii. **Knocking over a gate cone or missing a gate: 10 seconds**
- ix. **Failure to round the Random Barrel: 15 seconds**
- x. **Engaging designated "First" or "Last" targets out of order per course of fire instructions: 15 seconds**

- B. A firearm that is dropped once the course has been engaged is a dead firearm and the competitor incurs a 5-second penalty plus any missed targets. A competitor who drops a firearm before engaging the course may be removed from his place in line until the firearm has been cleaned. No consequences shall be received for a firearm dropped beyond the time line after crossing the finish line at the completion of a run. For safety reasons the Range Master, match official or experienced adult member shall be the only person to pick it up.

- C. A competitor who becomes dismounted during the course of fire receives a non-qualified run.

- D. Total final time for any ride shall equal no more than 60 seconds. Total time for a competitor that does not complete any stage shall be 60 seconds for that stage.
- E. All targets shall be broken by direct gunfire, except as follows:
- i. Targets broken by nature prior to the competitor engaging that target shall be shot to be considered a hit. Any target that has been engaged and is broken by nature, a horse's tail, or unknown source shall be considered a hit if broken prior to crossing the timeline. If it is unknown what broke a target and the competitor has shot it, it shall be considered a hit.
- F. No penalty will be given to any competitor for knocking over a target pole unless it is designated as a gate. The two targets that make up a designated gate on a course of fire shall be called gates. If a competitor knocks over a target designated as a gate at any time during the completion of a course it shall be considered a 10 second penalty. If a competitor knocks over a gate cone and/or misses the gate, it is only one 10 second penalty, not a procedural.
- G. A competitor shall have been determined to have engaged the course once he has crossed the start/ finish line and is on the clock. At that point, he/she accepts the stage as it is. Thereafter, any mechanical malfunctions of your firearm or gear, including your horse, shall not constitute a re-ride. If balloons are placed in an incorrect position, engage the course by position rather than balloon color.
- H. Passing behind the timer. If a contestant passes behind the timer he/she is deemed to be dangerous and out of control and will receive a non-qualified run (60 seconds).
- I. If a contestant re-crosses the time line after completing his/her run and restarts the timer, he/she will NOT be granted a re-ride. If the timing equipment has the ability to access the previous time there will be no penalty. But if the time is unavailable the rider shall receive a non-qualified run (60 seconds).
- J. If a competitor is notified during or after the completion of a stage that a timekeeping error or a timing malfunction occurred, the competitor shall be granted a re-ride by the Match Director.
- K. If a competitor crosses the timing line prior to completing the course of fire, he/she shall receive a non-qualified run.
- L. The Match Director shall grant re-rides as soon as possible after the completion of that run. Re-rides are given as a new stage. The competitor does not carry forward any misses or a clean stage.
- M. If a run is interrupted, the call for a re-ride is made by the Range Master.
- N. The "no alibi" blank rule shall be in place for all CMSA sanctioned matches. There are no squibs, high primers, or misfires accepted. There shall be no re-rides or scoring adjustments for problems with mounted shooting blanks.
- O. If a competitor hits two targets with one shot they may use the remaining round to pick up any target they may have missed. This is referred to as the Two Target Rule or TTR.
- P. Gun twirling, fanning, shooting behind the back or other unsafe gun handling techniques in an arena shall be a 5 second penalty assessed per occurrence.
- Q. While competitors are required to wear a cowboy hat, protective headwear, or appropriate headwear at all times in the arena, your hat must remain on top of your head until you have engaged the course. The penalty for a hat falling off prior to engaging the course (crossing the timeline) shall be a 10 second penalty.

- R. Competitors may holster and re-holster, but may not have more than one revolver in hand at any given time. One gun shall be in a holster when the competitor crosses the timer. Failure to do so will be a 5 second penalty.
- S. If there is doubt on a call the outcome shall favor the competitor.
- T. Failure to have sleeves buttoned/snapped/fastened at the wrist shall be a 10 second penalty.
- U. During CMSA events there may be times where camera flashes, loud crowd cheering or other distractions may come from the stands. As these are typical by-products of competition, and are understood to be incidental to competition, no rules shall be made to govern actions such as these outside the arena. Therefore, no re-rides shall be given for such occurrences.

17. RULES THAT RESULT IN A PROCEDURAL, NON-QUALIFIED RUN, OR DISQUALIFICATION

A. PROCEDURALS

- i. There is only ONE 10 second Procedural per stage
- ii. If a competitor corrects his/her mistake, there is no procedural.
- iii. 10 SECOND PROCEDURALS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
 - a) Failure to engage the targets in proper order.
 - b) Failure to engage all of the correct targets before rounding the barrel.
 - c) Failure to round barrel.

B. Violation of the following shall result in a non-qualified run:

- i. Discharge of a round outside the course of fire (any time or place prior to or after engaging the course) shall incur a 60 second penalty for either the previous or next stage at the discretion of the Match Director. If the competitor reloads and shoots the pattern he or she shall be disqualified from the match. If the competitor, knowingly or unknowingly, allows a person to possess their firearm(s), with or without permission, and a round is discharged from that gun (without permission from the match director) then the person responsible for the safe keeping of the discharged firearm(s), as well as the person who discharged the firearm, shall be assessed a 60 second penalty. With the Match Director's permission and prior approval, a competitor may test fire round(s) outside of the course of fire with no penalty.
- ii. Engaging the course without the consent of the Range Master.
- iii. Breaking the timer, without engaging the course, before or after the Range Master has given the "ready to ride" to the competitor. NO WARNING SHALL BE ISSUED. If the timing equipment has the ability to access the previous time there will be no penalty. But, if the time is unavailable the rider shall receive a non-qualified run
- iv. If a competitor loads and/or shoots 6 rounds from the same gun in a stage.
 - v. Failure to wear the minimum CMSA dress requirements.
 - vi. Passing behind the timer or touching the timer.
 - vii. Running a time-only, demo, or training run on a stage before a main match run.
 - viii. Failure to engage proper target color per course instructions. This rule applies only to the first target of the stage and only to courses that you engage light

targets first. All other rules apply after the first target is engaged. If the course instructions specify you must start with the light targets first, if you engage a dark target first it will result in a non qualified run.

- C. Violation of the following shall result in disqualification from the match:
 - i. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the range, staging and shooting areas. This includes all persons, competitors, range officials, guests or anyone else in these areas.
 - ii. Competitors shall not consume any alcoholic beverage until they have completed all of their shooting for the day and have unloaded, inspected, and stored all of their firearms.
 - iii. Competitors shall not ingest any substance which may affect their ability to participate in a completely safe manner. Both prescription and nonprescription pharmaceuticals that may cause drowsiness or other physical or mental impairment are to be avoided.
 - iv. Abusive language or conduct shall not be tolerated and at the discretion of Match Director shall be given a warning or disqualification.
 - v. Competitors shall have no live ammunition or live blanks on their person or in their cartridge belts or saddlebags. Only dummy ammunition with inert or fired primers shall be used in cartridge belts.
 - vi. All competitors shall use certified match-supplied .45 Colt mounted shooting blanks. No personal mounted shooting blanks of any type are to be used in CMSA competitions.
 - vii. No abuse of animals shall be allowed. This is a Match Director call which shall result in expulsion from the match.
 - viii. Refusing a Match Official's request to inspect a firearm. Match Officials (Range Masters for the event and/or Match Director or their designate) have the right to inspect any and all firearms before or following a competitor's run. The CMSA expects match officials to exercise good judgment in when and how inspections are performed to create a fair environment for all contestants.

18. TARGETS

- A. The standard targets used in CMSA competitions are helium quality targets. When inflated, a target shall measure 6 to 9 inches in diameter. Targets shall be of two distinctly different colors, unless otherwise specified in the current official course book.
- B. Target stands shall be made of a flexible material like PVC or polyethylene pipe no larger than 1" inch in diameter.
- C. The standard height of a target pole shall be 48 inches, but may be varied from 24 to 72 inches to increase the variety possible within each CMSA stage.
- D. Approved automatic target inflation systems may also be used in CMSA WPQ events. Contact the CMSA office for approval details. When using automatic target inflation systems, a target that has been engaged by the competitor and deflates while the rider is on the course of fire shall be considered a hit. A target that remains the same size while the rider is on the course of fire shall be considered a miss. As always, it is the rider's responsibility to accept the course of fire prior to engaging the course.

19. WRANGLER RULES AND GUIDELINES

- A. A mandatory safety meeting with ALL Wrangler competitors, parents, Wrangler Director and Range Master shall be held immediately following the rider's meeting prior to start of the main match.
- B. All rules regarding clothing, conduct and addressing the course apply to the Wrangler class unless otherwise specified in this section.
- C. "Demo" competitors may be used at the discretion of the Range Master/Wrangler Director to show the Wranglers how to engage the course. It is suggested that the demo competitor be an experienced shooter who is not competing in the match or a competitor not on his/her competition mount.
- D. Given that Range Masters have greater discretion when assessing Wrangler penalties, it is suggested that one Range Master call all Wrangler stages at a given match. There can be a second person in the arena serving as a spotter or a safety rider. The second person can assist the Range Master watching the gates, routes prescribed by the Wrangler director as well as assist the Limited Wranglers that may need assistance completing the course. The Range Master is the ONLY one who can assess a penalty.
- E. The Wrangler Director for the match shall place additional marker cones in the arena to direct the Wranglers in a certain direction and path for the particular course. There shall be 15' between the additional marker cone and the adult target cone. Failure to follow the appropriate course path could result in a penalty or procedural. The course design will be for both the Open and Limited Wranglers.
- F. Limited Wranglers shall engage the course as prescribed in the rule book. They are NOT required to wear guns/holsters or to address the targets; however, if a Limited Wrangler opts to carry holsters and non-firing replica or unloaded competition firearms he/she shall be judged according to Open Wrangler rules.
- i. Penalties for Limited Wranglers will be assessed as follows:**
- a) Knocked over barrel: 5 seconds**
- b) Knocked over gate or missed gate: 10 seconds**
- c) Failure to follow course of fire: 10 seconds**
- d) Lead Line/Assisted Wranglers will be assessed a 60 second score for all runs.**
- G. Open Wranglers shall engage the course as prescribed in the rule book. All Open Wranglers shall wear holsters and use either non-firing replica or unloaded competition firearms. All Open Wranglers shall ride to; aim at all targets and change guns.
- i. Penalties for Open Wranglers will be assessed as follows:**
- a) Missed target due to failure to look at AND to point the gun at the target: 5 seconds***
- b) Knocked over barrel: 5 seconds**
- c) Knocking over a cone making up a gate or missing gate: 10 seconds**
- d) Failure to follow course of fire: 10 seconds**
- e) Dropped gun: 5 seconds**
- f) Failure to holster first gun: 5 seconds + 25 seconds of penalties for all missed targets on the rundown (will be treated as a dropped, loaded gun)**
- g) Gun twirling/unsafe or unsportsmanlike gun handling: 5 seconds per occurrence.**
- h) Failure to wear required hearing and eye protective equipment: 60 seconds****
- i) Lead Line/Assisted Wranglers will be assessed a 60 second score for all runs.**
- *The Range Master's call is final on (a) all missed or hit targets. This is a non-appealable call and no appeal will be heard and no score adjusted.
- **Any Wrangler who arrives at the shooting line without hearing and eye protection shall receive a 60 second (non qualified run) for that stage.
- H. WRANGLER SHOOTING
- i. Limited Wranglers may be allowed to shoot by the Match Director; however, they will not be required to shoot. If a Limited Wrangler chooses to shoot, misses will be charged against their time. If a Limited Wrangler chooses to abstain from shooting, no misses will be charged against their time.
- ii. Limited Wranglers shall shoot from a standing, stationary position ONLY. They shall not walk with a loaded firearm at any time.
- iii. The Match Director or Wrangler Director will ensure there is a qualified person standing near to the Wranglers (Open and Limited) when each shot is fired to ensure the safety of both the Wrangler as well as those watching in the immediate area.
- iv. All Wranglers shall wear hearing and eye protection when shooting.
- v. Open Wranglers will be assessed a 5 second penalty for all missed targets. They shall NOT be timed when shooting.
- vi. The Wrangler Director and/or Range Master will be responsible for designing and setting the ground course "stage" and assessing penalties for missed targets. A minimum of a 5 target "stage" will be used for ground shooting at each match.
- vii. The parent or guardian shall be responsible for loading the firearm, handing the live firearm to the Wrangler Director, Match Director, or whomever is appointed to supervise the Wrangler shooting, and unloading the firearm at the end of the stage.
- viii. In the event the parent and/or guardian has an accidental discharge while loading the Wrangler's firearm or while handling the firearm prior to shooting, that Wrangler will be assessed a 60 second run.
- ix. No Wrangler (Open or Limited) can ever carry a loaded firearm. If a Wrangler carries a loaded firearm, they will be assessed a 60 second run. A parent or guardian will carry the loaded firearm. When it's time for their Wrangler to shoot, the firearm will be handed to the Wrangler Director, Match Director or whomever is appointed to supervise the Wrangler shooting who will then hand the firearm to the Wrangler when the course of fire is clear and the Wrangler can safely shoot the appropriate targets.
- x. Wranglers shall not shoot while mounted in any CMSA WPQ competition, practice or demonstration event.
- xi. Open Wranglers shall ground shoot at all CMSA sanctioned events.
- I. Lead line shall NOT be allowed at the CMSA Championship events unless approved in advance by the Match Director.
- J. Wranglers shall not be allowed to ride in tandem with anyone in competition during a CMSA sanctioned event. Wranglers must be able to ride the horse on their own, or with lead line assistance if the Match Director allows.
- K. Due to local laws, Wranglers in Canada do not earn standard CMSA points. This applies to Canadians as well as American Wranglers competing in Canada. Please consult a local Canadian club for more details.

20. MATCH INSTRUCTIONS

In order for an active Affiliated Club or event producer's event to be sanctioned by the CMSA and count as a WPQ event you shall abide by the following procedures for the 2025-2026 competition year.

21. REGISTRATION

- A. Any CMSA member in good standing may enter a sanctioned event. New members may enter after a Match Official has approved their riding and gun handling skills. In order for CMSA to track World Qualifying Points and move ups, all competitors shall be assigned a number or letter designation. To be included on the CMSA score sheet, a competitor shall be one of the following:
 - i. A current CMSA member (Adult or Wrangler).
 - ii. A new member (Adult or Wrangler) is a new member who joins the day of the event and is issued a temporary number beginning with a capital "T" such as T1, T2, T3 or an automated code is assigned if using the CMSA Automated System. New member's points and class wins will be tracked and posted after all fees have been paid. New members are eligible for any and all applicable prizes and cash payouts.
 - iii. Associate members are not part of a class, and do not receive points, but do count toward the required minimum number of riders for the match to be counted as a WPQ. Current adult members placing above Associate members will earn points based upon the total number of contestants. Associate members shall receive no prizes or payback of any kind.
 - iv. An individual will only be considered a competitor in a match if he or she pays an entry fee and engages at least one stage of the match.
- B. The Official CMSA Automation System is now available to all CMSA Affiliated clubs; those clubs that elect not to utilize the new system shall verify all match data to ensure its accuracy. The host club or event producer will be charged a fee equal to the points fee for each contestant that is submitted incorrectly. Verifying a member's CMSA card at entry or utilizing the CMSA Automation System will eliminate these errors.
- C. When using the CMSA Scoring Sheet (Excel) all cells in the CMSA number column & the class column shall be filled in with the correct information.
- D. Time-only scores are not allowed on score sheets submitted to the CMSA.
- E. CMSA cards shall be checked at registration to ensure correct CMSA numbers, class specification and that their card is current for the competition season. Each competitor shall compete at the class & level listed in the Official CMSA Automation System. If using the CMSA Scoring spreadsheet members will compete according to his or her membership card.
- F. If not using the Official CMSA Automation System, clubs may verify interim move-ups by printing out (or copy/paste into Excel) the certified points page from the web site the day of the event. This page will also tell you how many qualifying wins each competitor currently has towards his or her next move-up. In the event of a multiple WPQ event, after the first day, you may tentatively move a competitor up for the next day of competition.
- G. Move-ups are not official until certified by the CMSA office.
- H. Results will be certified by the CMSA office.
- I. If a member believes that his or her class or wins are incorrect, they should contact the CMSA office immediately at 888-960-0003.

- J. Time-only, demo and training runs shall be completed after all competitors entered in the event have completed their scored runs in each stage. Running a time-only, demo, or training run on a stage before a main match run shall result in a non qualified run for that stage (60 second penalty).

22. ASSOCIATE MEMBER (Adult or Wrangler)

- A. An Associate member is a competitor who has not joined and has never been a member of the CMSA and pays the current Associate membership fee.
- B. Associate members are NOT to be listed on any awards form and they are not eligible for cash payback, prizes, awards, titles or move-up wins.
- C. Associate members will compete as a group, since they are not part of any CMSA class.
- D. Associate memberships are a developmental membership and as such are limited to a single season.

23. NEW COMPETITORS joining at a CMSA match (Adult or Wrangler)

- A. When using the CMSA Score Sheet (Excel) assign temporary number (T1, T2, T3) to each new competitor and supply complete membership information for each new member via e-mail when submitting results, including: Name, full address, e-mail, phone number, date of birth, class (1, L1, S1, SL1, WRO or WRL) and membership type (individual or family - if family supply all family members at this time as well).
- B. A new member shall fill out a CMSA cardholder application and the host club/event producer shall submit a copy with payment of membership fees with the event results. Event producers shall submit all new memberships via e-mail with event results.
- C. Adult new members shall compete in Level 1 of their respective class, except Wranglers who are designated WRO or WRL in the class field.

24. POINTS

- A. CMSA members shall receive one point for entering the match and one point for each competitor he or she places above in the overall standing. Only one entry for CMSA sanctioned points shall be allowed per CMSA sanctioned match. In the case of multiple point events (2x DWPQ, 3x State Championships, 4x Regional Championships, 5x CMSA Shoot-outs, 6x CMSA Classic Series Events, 8x Eastern and Western and 9x CMSA National Championship) members earn points on the same basis but are multiplied by the appropriate number. **Associate members count as a point for all members placing above them, but points are not tracked or awarded to Associate members.** Although Associate members count for a point, they are not counted for move-ups in any class. To earn a move-up win, all competitors in the winner's class must be current. For example: If a level 3 competitor beats 4 other level 3 competitors, but one of their cards has expired, **there is NO move-up.**
- B. Wranglers are tracked in a separate World Points Series of Wranglers only and shall be separated by Limited and Open. Due to local laws, Wranglers in Canada do not earn standard CMSA points. This applies to Canadians as well as American Wranglers competing in Canada. Please consult a local Canadian club for more details.
- C. If a person joins at a particular match, their points will count at that match and thereafter. Points shall not be awarded retroactively.

- D. Points and membership status will be removed from any new member whose event fees and/or memberships are not paid in full within 15 days of the event at which they joined.

25. HOW TO HANDLE FEES & RESULTS OF A CMSA MATCH

- A. A host club or event producer shall remit the match results in an acceptable format and all appropriate fees to the CMSA for each competitor on the score sheet, including:
- Cardholders (Adult or Wrangler)
 - T1's - Temporary Cardholders (Adult or Wrangler)
 - Associate Members (Adult or Wrangler)
- B. Fees:
- Remit \$5.00 per competitor for WPQ matches
 - Remit \$10.00 per competitor for DWPQs (double points) matches
 - Remit \$10.00 per competitor for for State Championships (triple points), & Regional Championships (quadruple points).
 - Remit \$15.00 per competitor for co-hosted shootouts and Classic Series events.
- C. The CMSA point fee shall be included in match entry fee and not added on as an additional fee.
- D. If using e-mail send the entire score sheet to results@cmsaevents.com. Include your club name, event date and event code. For example, AZ1021511 is correct; please do not use the event name.
- E. Match results for weekend events shall be submitted to the CMSA office (via results@cmsaevents.com) by 3:00 PM CST on the following Monday. All other results shall be submitted within 24 hours of the completion of the event. A late fee of \$50.00 per day shall be charged to the host club if results are not submitted on time.
- F. Limiting the number of competitors who may enter a CMSA event shall be advertised 21 days in advance on the CMSA website unless special dispensation has been granted by the CMSA.
- G. All events must be scheduled and submitted to the CMSA via the CMSA online scheduling interface at least 30 days prior to the event's start date unless special dispensation has been granted by the CMSA.

26. PAYBACK REQUIREMENTS:

- A. The CMSA does not require host clubs or event producers to follow a preset payback formula, but DOES REQUIRE that host clubs and event producers publish paybacks AND added money (added money defined by the CMSA as GUARANTEED and not connected to the number of competitors) to advertise any event as a payback event. Host clubs and event producers who fail to do so may face disciplinary action.
- B. Host clubs and event producers who use the CMSA Automation System will have the benefit of many payback/jackpot options. This system will calculate pre-event payback based upon number of entries making posting fast and easy. It will calculate and produce a pre-event payback and non-cash awards sheet for posting, a post event awards script, print a check register and checks as well as submit the payback for posting and tracking to the CMSA.
- C. Host clubs and producers who do not utilize the CMSA Automation System may payback pursuant to their own system as long as proper publishing of payback has been completed. Payback for events not utilizing the CMSA Automation

System WILL NOT BE posted or tracked by the CMSA.

- D. Exhibition horses shall not be included in main match payback.

27. 2025-2026 WORLD POINT QUALIFIER, DOUBLE WORLD POINT QUALIFIER, STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

- A. An Affiliated club may host the following events each season:
- An unlimited number of World Point Qualifying matches (WPQ) and/or Double World Point Qualifying matches (DWPQ).
 - All events, dates & locations are subject to approval by the CMSA.
- B. World Point Qualifiers and Double World Point Qualifiers may be held on any date approved by the CMSA.
- C. State & Regional Championship matches shall be stand alone events. Acceptance to host the State or Regional match shall be sent to the CMSA office by December 31, 2023/24.
- D. No other association's event, of any type, may be held in conjunction with or contiguous to, any CMSA sanctioned event unless special dispensation has been granted by the CMSA or an affiliate agreement is in place with that association.
- E. To prevent match conflicts events should be submitted to and approved by the CMSA office prior to October 1st, 2023/24 for 2025-2026 season schedule deadline, the following rules apply:
- The CMSA World Championship shall be a stand-alone event and no other CMSA events shall be scheduled on these dates.
 - No other CMSA matches shall be scheduled within a 750 mile radius (established by arena to arena address per mapquest.com) of the location, on the same day as any CMSA Championship Series Event including, but not limited to the National, Eastern, Western and Central Championships.
 - No other CMSA Point matches shall be held on the same days, in the same state, as a State Championship.
 - No other CMSA Point matches shall be held on the same days, in the same Region, as a Regional Championship.
 - No other CMSA Point matches shall be held on the same days, in the same Region or within a 200 mile radius (established by arena to arena address per mapquest.com), as a Classic Series Championship.
 - State & Regional Championships submitted after October 1st, 2024/25 for 2025-2026 season may or may not have this exclusivity.

28. WORLD POINT QUALIFIERS: (SINGLE OR DOUBLE POINTS) WPQ OR DWPQ

- A. No more than 2 WPQ may be held in one location, in a single day.*
- B. No more than 4 WPQ's may be held in one location on a single weekend.*

*Those host clubs/producers using the CMSA scoring sheet (Excel based) may NOT host more than 2 WPQ's per weekend.

- C. Double point WPQ's (double points, double fees) are allowed.
- D. To qualify for CMSA World Points, events hosted on Saturday or Sunday shall consist of least four stages and a minimum of 10 competitors. Events hosted Monday - Friday may consist of 3 stages without seeking special dispensation,

except as follows:

- i. If a club elects to run a WPQ or DWPQ event utilizing the CMSA Divisional Payout that INCLUDES a final stage only 3 stages are required and no special dispensation is required.
 - ii. If a club offers CMSA Rifle and/or Shotgun as a WPQ or DWPQ only 3 stages are required and no special dispensation is required.
- E. Border Wars may count for club, state and regional points for each club, state and region involved. Clubs must be from separate but adjoining states but not necessarily in the same region. If the border wars event is 4 main match stages or less, there must be at least 1 event for each club involved (i.e., one 4-stage match Saturday, one 4-stage match Sunday). If the border wars event is at least 5 main match stages with rifle and shotgun then the Border Wars may be 1 match fewer than the number of host clubs. A maximum of 3 states/clubs is allowed. Only WPQ and DWPQ events shall be border wars.

29. CMSA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (TRIPLE POINTS):

- A. Each state may have 1 State Championship
- B. **State Championship dates, locations and host club shall be approved by the CMSA.** The affiliated club that produced the highest count of competitors in the previous calendar year shall be granted first right of refusal, pursuant to approval by the CMSA, to host the State Championship. The competitor count from the State and Regional Championship will not be used in this calculation. Shoot-out and Classic series events will be included in the competitor count to determine the calculation. For instance, numbers from the 2022 season will determine the host for the 2024 season. If the club with the highest count of competitors sent to CMSA does NOT wish to host the State Championship it will be offered to the affiliated club with the next highest count of competitors generated and so on. Clubs are encouraged to work together to produce the best possible event. This is a CMSA Board of Directors action.
- C. State Championships shall be triple-point matches.
- D. To qualify as CMSA State Championship, the event shall be a standalone event. A minimum of 10 competitors is required, not counting Wranglers.
- E. State Championship events shall be hosted within the borders of the respective state unless special dispensation has been granted by the CMSA.
- F. The Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association will recognize the Top CMSA World Point earning Cowboy and Cowgirl in each state. Only points earned at CMSA World Point Events hosted by Affiliated clubs based in the membership card holder's home state will accrue for the state high point honors.
- G. All Range Masters at CMSA state matches shall be certified.
- H. All State Championships shall offer **Cavalry**, Rifle and Shotgun as CMSA Point events. These events shall be triple points.

30. CMSA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (QUADRUPLE POINTS, SPECIAL BUCKLES):

- A. Each region may have 1 Regional Championship
- B. Regional Championship dates, locations and host club shall be approved and designated by the CMSA.
The affiliated club that produced the highest count of competitors in the previous calendar year shall be granted first

right of refusal pursuant to approval by the CMSA to host the Regional Championship. The competitor count from the State and Regional Championship will not be used in this calculation. Shoot-out and Classic series events will be included in the competitor count to determine the calculation. The numbers from the 2022 season will determine the host for the 2024 season. If the club with the highest count of competitors sent to CMSA does NOT wish to host the Regional Championship it will be offered to the affiliated club with the next highest count of competitors generated and so on. Clubs are encouraged to work together to produce the best possible event. The CMSA retains the right to grant Regional Championship events. This is a CMSA Board of Directors action.

- C. Regional Championships shall be quadruple-point matches.
- D. To qualify as CMSA Regional Championship, the event shall be a standalone event. A minimum of 10 competitors is required, not counting Wranglers.
- E. Regional Championship events shall be hosted within the borders of the respective region unless special dispensation has been granted by the CMSA.
- F. The Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association will recognize the Top CMSA World Point earning Cowboy and Cowgirl in each CMSA region. Only points earned at CMSA World Point Events hosted by Affiliated clubs based in the member card holder's home region will accrue for the regional high point honors.
- G. Shea Michelle has custom-designed trophy buckles for the Regional Championships. At least two of these buckles shall be ordered for each Regional Championship.
- H. Regional Championship buckles can be customized for each match and shall be purchased through CMSA.
- I. All Range Masters at CMSA Regional matches shall be certified.
- J. All Regional Championships shall offer **Cavalry**, Rifle, and Shotgun as CMSA Point events. These events shall be quadruple points.

31. BREED ASSOCIATIONS & ALLIANCE PARTNERS

The CMSA has and will continue to expand its cooperative efforts in regard to Breed Organizations and Alliance Partners to further the sport of Cowboy Mounted Shooting. As these strategic alliances are expanded, additional information will be made available to the members of the CMSA. For breed association competitions, a western saddle is a common type of saddle distinguished by a large noticeable fork, a high cantle and large skirts and a horn.

- A. American Quarter Horse Association:
 - i. An AQHA contestant may ride up to three horses per CMSA/AQHA Event. All AQHA entries will run after all non-AQHA entries have completed the stage.
 - ii. The rider's first horse will be from where his/her main match CMSA score will be derived. Once the contestant has committed to his first horse it shall remain through the AQHA portion of the event. CMSA contestants may designate their main event scores to be their AQHA scores, BUT IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RIDER TO ENSURE HE/SHE HAS PROPERLY ENTERED THE EVENT.
 - iii. If a contestant is caught switching the order of go on his AQHA horses, this may lead to automatic dismissal from both the AQHA event portion as well all the CMSA portions of the event.
 - iv. Classes: AQHA and CMSA will offer 4 AQHA competition divisions:

- a) Open: This division is open for anyone to show AQHA horses. This will be the division for the CMSA Level 5 and 6 competitors in all AQHA CMSA events. In addition to the CMSA Level 5 and 6 competitors, the Open is where all professionals who earn remuneration for training, clinics, etc. would show, regardless of CMSA classification.
- b) Amateur: All rules and regulations set by AQHA for amateur eligibility apply. Amateur status would be open to Level 1, 2, 3, and 4 competitors, unless rules or regulations for amateur are not met.
- c) Limited Select Amateur and Select Amateur: All rules and regulations set by AQHA for Select Amateur eligibility will apply. At the age of 50 an exhibitor in good standings with AQHA and CMSA may choose to show in the Select Amateur division. Senior levels 1-3 shall be limited select amateur, and levels 4-6 shall be select amateur, meeting the required rules and regulations of Amateur status.
- d) Limited Youth and Youth: All rules and regulations set by AQHA for youth eligibility will apply. Due to the nature of the sport of CMSA, the youth division for AQHA/CMSA will be the ages 12 -18 years of age. Once turning the age of 19, exhibitors will no longer be eligible to compete in Youth Divisions. Limited youth shall be levels 1-3, and levels 4-6 shall be Youth.
- v. Once you start the year and compete in your first AQHA/CMSA show, that is the class you may remain in for the remainder of the competition year.
- vi. AQHA points will not be gender split, but pay-out in the CMSA software will be gender split if there are at least 3 competitors in a division.
- vii. All age eligibilities with AQHA are January 1st of each year.
- viii. AQHA POINT SCORING CHART

The American Quarter Horse Association tracks horse points as follows*:

AQHA POINT CHART										
ENTRIES IN CLASS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH	9TH	10TH
3-4	1/2									
5-9	1	1/2								
10-14	2	1	1/2							
15-19	3	2	1	1/2						
20-24	4	3	2	1	1/2					
25/29	5	4	3	2	1	1/2				
30-34	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2			
35-39	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2		
40-44	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2	
45 & more	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2

* All CMSA points earned at AQHA/CMSA events will be tracked in the normal fashion. Points are not gender split.

32. CMSA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP:

- A. The CMSA shall produce one World Championship event per season.
- B. The CMSA World Championship will require members to qualify based upon points earned as follows:
 - i. All Level 1 competitors will be required to have earned a minimum of 200 World Qualifying Points to enter the 2025-2026 World Championship.
 - ii. All Level 2 competitors will be required to have earned a minimum of 300 World Qualifying Points to enter the 2025-2026 World Championship.
 - iii. All Level 3 competitors will be required to have earned a

- minimum of 400 World Qualifying Points to enter the 2025-2026 World Championship.
- iv. All Level 4 competitors will be required to have earned a minimum of 500 World Qualifying Points to enter the 2025-2026 World Championship.
- v. All Level 5 competitors will be required to have earned a minimum of 600 World Qualifying Points to enter the 2025-2026 World Championship.
- vi. All Level 6 competitors will be required to have earned a minimum of 700 World Qualifying Points to enter the 2025-2026 World Championship.
- vii. Limited Rifle/Shotgun competitors will be required to earn 25 World Qualifying Points in Rifle/Shotgun to enter the 2025-2026 World Championship.
- viii. Open Rifle/Shotgun competitors will be required to earn 50 World Qualifying Points in Rifle/Shotgun to enter the 2025-2026 World Championship.
- ix. Limited Cavalry competitors will be required to earn 25 World Qualifying Points in Cavalry to enter the 2025-2026 World Championship.
- x. Open Cavalry competitors will be required to earn 50 World Qualifying Points in Cavalry to enter the 2025-2026 World Championship.
- C. International members include all members having an address of record with the CMSA that is outside the continental United States. This includes those living in US territories, Alaska and Hawaii.
 - i. All International members will be required to have earned a minimum of 100 World Qualifying Points to enter the 2025-2026 World Championship.
- D. Wranglers are not required to qualify to attend the CMSA World Championship. Note: NO ASSISTED WRANGLERS SHALL BE ALLOWED AT THE CMSA WORLD.
- E. In order to compete in the Senior Incentive at the World Championship, you must have competed in one Senior Incentive event at a major championship in that competition year. No buy-ins will be allowed.

33. CAVALRY CLASS

- A. The Cavalry class shall be divided into two cavalry divisions: Limited (Level 1, 2 & 3) and Open (Level 4, 5 & 6), regardless of gender.
- B. Description:
 - i. The Cavalry class is a mounted revolver competition within the sport of Cowboy Mounted Shooting that combines historical uniforms, equipment and horsemanship. Through our Cavalry troopers, CMSA is paying tribute to the service, sacrifice and skills of our Cavalry forefathers and current military members. Inspired by the great diversity of colorful military uniforms from the Civil War (1861-1865) Union and Confederate, Plains Indian Campaigns (1870-1879), Southwest Campaigns (1880-1889), Canadian Mounties (pre-1898 Northwest Mounted Police) and Spanish American Wars (1898). This Class shall be conducted as a side match, and presented in exhibition form. Emphasis should be placed strongly on authenticity in uniforming, firearms, saddlery, and other equipment of the mounted branches of the cavalry, bringing more pageantry and Americana to the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association's matches in a lively and historically accurate manner. Like any other CMSA competition, the Cavalry class is open to all current CMSA members, except Wranglers.
 - ii. It should be understood that, due to the constraints of competing in mounted shooting, the CMSA does not require Cavalry shooters to compete in museum accurate uniforms and kit; rather we are honoring our military roots by show-

- casing the uniforms and skills of our Cavalry forefathers. With this in mind, Range Masters and clubs are encouraged to allow uniforms, tack and kit which meet the general guidelines set out in these rules with wide discretion to the trooper's attire and kit arrangement provided the arrangement DOES NOT give the trooper a competitive advantage.
- iii. In the spirit of sportsmanship, Cavalry troopers shall voice uniforms concerns to their fellow troopers before the Cavalry class starts.
- C. Clothing/Uniforming:
- i. All competitors shall wear a uniform, consisting of some form of appropriate headwear/helmet, uniform-appropriate belt gear, footwear and trousers of the period. Although certain items of uniforming may vary, depending on the unit depicted, jackets, uniform coats or other unit specific outerwear for the period the competitor has chosen will be required. For example, while it is well known that many Confederate units had difficulty in obtaining uniforms, and often campaigned in homemade uniforms, shirtsleeves, or civilian clothing, for the sake of sameness for both sides, competitors depicting rebel soldiers will be required to wear a uniform jacket. Nevertheless, Confederates may wear trousers other than strictly the regulation light blue (Confederate regulations stated that uniform trousers were made of light blue wool, virtually identical to those of the Union army). Since southern soldiers wore blue (often captured from northern soldiers), gray, butternut (brownish gray) and even civilian attire, such garments will be permitted, so long as they are of the 1860's styling. This has been decided for the sake of the colorful variety of uniforms that will be worn in the arena, without placing unfair competitive advantage on one side or another. Both Union and Confederate competitors may wear any period shirt underneath the jacket, and vests are optional.
- ii. Scouts or officer fringe leather jackets may be worn as long as military correct pants or matching FULL LENGTH fringe pants or fringe chaps are worn, additionally proper holsters, hat/helmet, boots, etc. are required.
- iii. Women: Although there weren't any official female fighting units during the Cavalry period, there were a number of women who disguised themselves as soldiers and otherwise followed the army throughout the war. Some women who served as camp followers, officers' wives, etc... adopted colorful uniforms of their own that included skirts. Uniforms/outfits such as these will be allowed in the Class, so long as all of the other rules of the division are followed (firearms, jacket, hat, saddlery, tack, holsters, and so on) and the configuration gives no competitive advantage.
- iv. A helmet is permitted and may be worn in lieu of military headdress. It is recommended that a helmet color be chosen (solid light or dark) that compliments the uniform. Troopers are encouraged to wear a helmet representative of the military headdress of the unit they are depicting.
- v. Troopers may wear a Cavalry Bib Shirt (aka Plastron of Battle Shirt) commonly used during the Civil War. This shirt must be a solid color of the cavalry unit depicted and must be accompanied by appropriate suspenders, a neck scarf and period pants. All other Cavalry uniform requirements of headdress, holsters etc must also be worn. A Cavalry jacket is not required with the proper bib shirt configuration.
- vi. Cavalry uniforms are approved for wear during rifle, shotgun and main match competition.
- D. Firearms: Any revolver that is legal in standard CMSA competition may be used in the Cavalry class.
- E. Gun Leather/Holsters:
- i. All competitors shall be required to use Civil War-era, full flap holsters as were most commonly used during the period they have chosen to portray. Military type full flap and civilian full flap holsters of the period may be used.
- ii. All holsters shall have full flaps that fall naturally over the revolver's grip and cover the entire grip and hammers. One full flap pommel holster may be used and this pommel holster gun butt may face backward. However, a minimum of one revolver shall be worn on the competitor's person and be used in competition.
- iii. Any revolvers worn on the body must be carried butt forward when on the hip. The empty revolver must be returned to one of the holsters.
- F. Mounted Shooting Blanks:
- i. The only mounted shooting blanks allowed for use in the CMSA's Cavalry class are CMSA certified .45 Colt mounted shooting blanks.
- G. Horses:
- i. Any CMSA qualified equine may be used in CMSA Cavalry class.
- H. Saddles and Tack:
- i. Horses used in Cavalry competition may be tacked with period correct saddlery equipment. For example, saddles can be any of the following types: Model 1859 and up McClellan saddles, single rigged Texas Hope-type saddle, U.S. Grimsley, or the Jennifer pattern, along with English and Plantation saddles of the period are among those saddles of the Cavalry time period may be used. Ladies, if they choose, may ride sides-saddle.
- ii. As the size of modern horses may not allow them to be fitted with period correct saddles, all other CMSA approved saddles are approved for Cavalry to allow for horse comfort, health and safety.
- iii. Saddle pads or saddle blankets are approved for use with Cavalry. However, they should be of neutral colors (no bling). If a saddle pad is not a neutral color (i.e., is neon or covered in bling), it should be covered with a neutral colored gray, blue, black etc., saddle blanket or a military saddle blanket. Non-military looking pads may also be covered by a trooper's dress.
- iv. Saddlebags, canteens and other equipment of the period are encouraged. Pick the saddle and tack for the time period you have chosen to portray.
- I. Headstall: All headstall equipment should be of the configurations used in the era and unit the competitor has chosen to portray. This includes halter, bridle, bit and reins, all hardware should appear period correct. All headstalls approved for CMSA main match are approved for Cavalry, however it is desired that head tack should have, at least, the exterior military appearance of the period.
- J. Stage Design: The following patterns from the CMSA course book shall be the Cavalry courses: 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, 31, 36, 43, 47, 49, 52, 64, and 79.
- K. Timing: All CMSA timing rules apply.
- L. Scoring: Competitors shall meet the uniform, saddle, holster, equipment, etc. requirements in order to complete a qualified run. However, the CMSA or event producer may choose to have a separate contest independent of the match for best dressed competitor.
- M. Penalties:
- i. All CMSA rules apply.
- ii. Failure to wear the minimum Cavalry Uniform, headdress, saddle, tack and pad requirements shall result in a non-qualified run.
- iii. Non-regulation holsters and incorrect placement of holsters shall result in a procedural and the competitor will

receive a 10 second penalty.

- N. Targets: Blue and gray targets are recommended.
- O. Cavalry World Point Qualifier (CWPQ) Match requirements:
- i. Minimum of 2 stages.
 - ii. Minimum of 2 contestants.
 - iii. Clubs will have the option of paying back or not, but if payback is offered it shall be as follows: A minimum of 40% is paid back from the Cavalry entry fee, split by the number of entries in each division (Limited Division money stays in the Limited Division) and that amount is paid back on a 1 – 5 basis.
 - iv. The CMSA will track and recognize the competitors' points at the Club, State, Regional and National levels in the Limited (1 – 3) and Open (4 – 6) divisions. There will be no gender split in the National Cavalry points program.
 - v. If a local CMSA club wishes to host a Cavalry WPQ, they may run a three-stage revolver event WITHOUT seeking special permission and a two-stage Cavalry match.
 - vi. Points are dependent upon the type of point multiplier used for the revolver competition. If the revolver portion is a WPQ (single point) event, then the Cavalry will automatically be a single point event; if the cavalry point option is selected for a State Championship that will make the Cavalry points 3x and so forth.
 - vii. Point fee is \$5.00 per contestant, unless a DWPQ is selected, and then it will be \$10.00. State and Regional Championships will be \$10.00 per contestant.
 - viii. All point fees are to be taken from the entry fee retained by the club/producer. The automated system will calculate the points and produce an invoice.

34. CMSA MOUNTED RIFLE SHOOTING RULES

- A. Mounted rifle shooting is a class within the sport of Cowboy Mounted Shooting. Competitors should be experienced mounted shooters prior to attempting the rifle competition and shall follow CMSA rules plus the following additions or changes.
- B. Mounted rifle competition shall be accomplished with the first five targets being engaged with a revolver (CMSA revolver rules apply) and the second five targets being engaged with a rifle. The competitor shall not have a round in the chamber of the pump or lever action rifle prior to crossing the starting line and shall lever or pump the action prior to engaging the first rundown target.
- C. Firearms:
- i. The rifle used shall be one manufactured prior to 1900 or a reproduction thereof. It shall be a production weapon, not a one of a kind or a home-made weapon. It shall be a pump action, lever action, or revolving rifle. The pump action and lever action shall be .45 Colt, .44-40 or .44 Magnum calibers. The revolving rifle shall be .45 Colt. Rifle barrel minimum length shall be 16 inches and overall rifle minimum length shall be 30 inches.
 - ii. The following Henry rifles are legal for CMSA competition:
 - a) Big Boy Classic
 - b) Big Boy Color Case Hardened (rifle and carbine)
 - c) Big Boy Silver
 - d) Big Boy Silver Deluxe Engraved
 - e) Big Boy Steel (rifle and carbine)
 - f) Big Boy Deluxe Engraved 3rd Edition
 - g) Big Boy Carbine - has a John Wayne large loop lever
- D. Mounted Shooting Rifle Blanks:
- i. The mounted shooting rifle blanks for the pump and lever
- action rifles should be the 5 in 1 or 3 in 1 blank cartridge. The pump action and lever action shall be .45 Colt, .44-40 or .44 Magnum calibers. The revolving rifle shall be .45 Colt, .44-40 or .44 Magnum calibers.
- ii. The revolving rifle shall use mounted shooting blanks designed for use in revolvers with a sealant (bore butter, Crisco or like substance) applied to the crimped end. This sealant should be available at the armorer's table, but competitors should ensure that they have the proper sealant in their possession.
- Do not use any type of adhesive as it could provide a projectile or clog the gun.
- iii. All mounted shooting blanks shall be CMSA certified and supplied by the match producer.
 - iii. A maximum of 5 blanks shall be loaded in the rifle. If more than 5 blanks are loaded in a rifle, a penalty of a non qualified run (60 seconds) shall be assessed.
- E. Divisions are as follows:
- i. Rifle competitors shall be divided by Limited (Levels 1-3) and Open (Levels 4-6). Points will not be gender split in the National Rifle points program, but Match Directors may choose to gender split the payout.
 - ii. Rifle competitors may use either a pump/lever or revolving rifle, and may choose which to use in the final/showcase.
- F. Clothing and Tack:
- i. CMSA rules apply, plus the rifle scabbard shall be of leather construction and shall be attached to the saddle.
 - ii. Each stage shall be started with the rifle in the scabbard.
- G. Stages:
- i. The following patterns from the CMSA course book shall be the rifle courses: 1, 10, 12, 18, 20, 27, 28, 36, 47, 48, 49, 50, 75, 78, 79, 84, 87, 88, 89, 90, 92, and 106.
 - ii. A Rifle match shall consist of two or more stages.
- H. Penalties are the same as CMSA revolver rules, plus the following:
- i. Failure to cycle the lever on lever action rifles or cycle the pump on pump action rifles prior to engaging the first rundown target shall result in a 10 second procedural penalty
 - ii. CMSA highly recommends following the manufacturer's instructions while firing the revolving rifle.
 - iii. Failure to maintain 2 points of contact on the firearm while shooting shall result in a 10 second procedural.
- I. Rifle World Point Qualifier (RWPQ) Match requirements:
- i. Minimum of 2 stages.
 - ii. Minimum of 2 contestants (double entries do not count toward rider total).
 - iii. The CMSA will track and recognize the competitors' points at the Club, State, Regional and National levels in the Limited (1 – 3) and Open (4 – 6) divisions. There will be no gender split in the National Rifle points program.
 - iv. Same rifle rules apply. Limited/Open split. Each contestant may enter only once with either the revolving rifle or with lever/pump.
 - v. If a local CMSA club wishes to host a RWPQ they may run a three stage revolver event WITHOUT seeking special permission and a two stage rifle match.
 - vi. Points are dependent upon the type of point multiplier used for the revolver competition. If the revolver portion is a WPQ (single point) event, then the rifle portion will automatically be a single point event; if the rifle point option is selected for a State Championship that will make the rifle points 3x and so forth.
 - vii. Point fee is \$5.00 per contestant, unless a DWPQ is selected, and then it will be \$10.00. State and Regional Championships will be \$10.00 per contestant.

