

## NAB Meeting: Shelbyville, TN April 9, 2024

### Attendees:

Mark Marley  
Bobby Ruwe  
JD Graham  
Gary Vickers  
De Chapman  
Keith Gentry  
Eric Ryan Anderson  
Mike Lewallen  
Jeff Kirk  
Adam Ross  
Axel Thurner  
Dave Lohrey  
Tom Hockran  
Mark Hallink  
Eddie Miller  
Courtney Chapman  
Lisa Dippel  
Ken Jardine  
Kenda Lenseigne

Mark Marley called the meeting to order. Thanked all members for coming. We will follow agenda and end with Balloon Inflator discussion to include Axel Thurner. Turned meeting to Bobby Ruwe.

### Long guns

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Unclear Rule 34 H iii and 35 H ii. Failure to maintain 2 points of contact on the firearm while shooting shall result in a 10 second procedural.

Comments The rule in each case should be changed to read, " Any portion of both arms shall be in contact with the firearm at the moment of firing the gun."

Why There is confusion as to where the point of the shoulder is when engaging a rifle or shotgun target... What is happening is the first target the riders engage they are only putting the butt stock on the biceps to engage the targets. Rounding the barrel, the horse surging to run the run down and the rider using the opposite hand to line the horse out, they often fail to move the butt stock inward past the point of the shoulder for the 2 points of contact. In addition protest committee members are confused as to what makes a point of contact, arbitrarily stating "one point is the finger to the elbow

and the second point is the elbow to the point of the shoulder." That is contrary to David Lohrey's video that was posted to the CMSA web site. In addition a competitor wearing a dark shirt with a dark butt stock on the long gun makes it extremely difficult to see if the rider is in compliance.

Long Gun discussion to change rule back not requiring 2 points of contact. Discussion whether it is being enforced/called by range masters. Eddie Miller does not have a problem asking range masters to abide by 2 points of contact rule. Support to leave as-is. General consensus to leave as-is.

## **Blanks**

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Unclear Rule 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.

Comments All CMSA certified ammo producers should have their ammo recertified by CMSA ever year.

Why I have seen numerous ammo issues the last 3 to 4 matches with blanks purchased from the same ammo producer. I understand that heavily modified guns can cause malfunctions that is not the fault of the blanks. But lately, there has been numerous competitors that have had high primers which cause their cylinders from rotating. I also had a round where the primer fired but there was absolutely no powder in the casing. This is clearly not a gun issue but an ammo issue. This has been such an issue that one competitor will not enter a shoot in which this certain ammo is being used. If we're not given a rerun due to faulty ammo then the ammo producers need to be held accountable for producing quality blanks.

Ammo discussion: CMSA headstamp originally implemented to streamline with Starline Brass. Discussion about "old" ammo still in circulation with varying head stamps. Discussed whether expiration date is an issue – dependent on storage conditions. If properly stored, not an issue. Regarding recertification yearly, do not feel there is a need. We have had 1 submission in 10 years for testing. Currently no requirement for recertification. Consensus to leave as-is.

## **Penalties/Procedurals**

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Unclear Rule 17(B) PROCEDURALS does not list the time penalty for a procedural. The only place a 10 second procedural is actually listed is in the 34 Rifle rules H iii. and 35. Shotgun rules H ii.

Comments We have understood that a procedural was always a 10 second penalty. But it is not listed in the main rule book as such.

Why For clarification reasons and as to not leave any doubt Rule 17(B) PROCEDURALS should list the penalty as 10 seconds.

-Gate Cone rule spelled out in the rules

Discussion regarding calls on knocked gates inside and knocked vs. outside and knocked. Not calling knocked gates AND procedural for same infraction. Historically have checked horse tracks, etc – grey area on call. Balloon inflator language in rulebook is confusing – same rules apply to automatic inflators. We need to remove language regarding inflators.

Bobby proposed: Call 10 second PENALTY on any missed gate and/or hit gate. This is not a procedural. Can get multiple 10 second penalties on same pattern. Voted: Approved. Rulebook will be updated and Range Master test will be reviewed to ensure consistency. Rule will go into effect when online rulebook on CMSA website is updated.

## **Move Backs**

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Unclear Rule Rules para 6.f

F. Under the following circumstances a competitor may receive a move down in class.i. Has competed in at least 10 sanctioned CMSA competitions without a qualified win. In the immediate prior season, competitor was a CMSA member in good standing, did not earn a qualified win, did not win their Double Down division at a CMSA Major event, and earned World Qualifying Points (Season defined as Day after World to End of World Championship, a member shall not be allowed to "delay" a season and be granted a move back in class)ii.

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Why The current "move down" rules allow (in some limited cases) highly competitive riders within a Class to move back, while the purpose of the move back rule is to allow uncompetitive riders to move back. When this happens, it leads to undesirable criticism of CMSA and its rules.

Discussion about different issues in different parts of the country. Some places have 3 or 4 level 1s in a class and seem to move up too quickly for example, while other places have 20+ 1s and very difficult to obtain wins. Parts of the country are very top heavy in competition. All of these issues affect participation – competitors choose to avoid competing where they CAN get a win and also avoid competing when they CAN'T get a win. Not 1 size fits all. Discussion that the move back is not the issue – the move ups are. Comparisons to USTRC where members are voted up a level. Discussion about weighting wins at majors/state/regional events.

Regarding Move Backs: there is a new policy in effect for participation in 20 events (previously 10). Many unaware of this implemented change.

Mark Marley indicated we can change to include eliminator wins at majors and ensure 20 sanctioned competition is followed. CMSA Board will consider.

**Cavalry**

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Unclear Rule Paragraph 33. C ii " Scouts or officer fringe leather jackets may be worn if military correct pants

, additionally proper hat/helmet, boots, etc. are worn.

Comments Paragraph 33. C ii " Scouts or officer fringe leather jackets may be worn if military correct pants

or matching full length fringe chaps are worn over period correct pants, additionally proper hat/helmet, boots, full etc. are worn.

Why In the interest of paragraph 33 B,

"Bringing more pageantry and Americana to the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association's matches." Many of us who dress as Scouts for Cavalry would like to have the wearing of matching full length fringe chaps or fringe pants added as an optional uniform selection. This gives no competitive advantage, and we feel it enhances the look of the scout trooper.

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Unclear Rule 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. While 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 1860s styling. This has been decided for the sake of the colorful variety of uniforms that will be worn in the arena, yet will not place an 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.

Comments During the summer across the United States and Canada and especially in the south temperatures and humidity can reach well over 100 degrees during competition and even with just a few troopers in a class shooter are kitted up for over an hour. The requirement to wear a uniform jacket under these conditions presents a health and safety hazard to even the youngest and healthiest of competitors. There have been several clubs voice concerns over having Troopers scratch due to temperatures even a petition from Florida. I suggest we add a uniform option to Cavalry which will address these safety concerns as well as maintain the military bearing we've so proud of.

Why PARA 33. Sub C

Sub v.

In Lieu of a jacket a trooper may wear a Cavalry Bib Shirt (aka Plasteron of Battle Shirt) commonly used during the Civil War. This shirt MUST be a solid color of a cavalry unit and accompanied by appropriate

suspenders, a neck scarf and period pants. all other Cavalry uniform requirements of headdress, holsters etc must also be worn.

SUB vi

Cavalry uniforms are approved for wear during rifle, shotgun and main match competition.

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Unclear Rule PARA 29 (State Championships)

H. All State Championships shall offer Rifle and Shotgun as CMSA Point events. These events shall be triple points.

Para 30 (Regional Championships)

J. All Regional Championships shall offer Rifle and Shotgun as CMSA Point events. These events shall be quadruple points.

Comments PARA 29 (State Championships)

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Para 30 (Regional Championships)

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Why These rules are preducial against Wrangler and Cavalry members in some regions as they do not require offering these classes so competitors are limited in their oppotunity to get WQPs in States and Regions that do not offer them.

Additionally their opponents in other parts of the country have an unfair advantage to gain WQPs and in a quest for year end high points magnifying the problem.

Discussion about Cavalry participation numbers across the country and Ken Jardine's successful quest to grow participation. Much discussion regarding jackets and lack thereof in nurse uniform as well as proposed bib ensemble listed above. Called the jacket loophole. Does not take away from jacket requirement. Much discussion that members will never wear a jacket again. Some feel it takes away from pageantry of Cavalry and should not be allowed specifically at major events. Discussion about extreme heat and comparison to modern Jungle kits used by military. Cannot waive jacket or write "in lieu of jacket". This will be an approved uniform addition only.

Voted and agreed to require clubs to offer Cavalry at State and Regional matches. Wording will be added to the rulebook.

Voted and agreed to allow fringe scout pants (see wording above)

Voted and agreed to create an additional uniform as described by Ken in his submission. (3 opposed: Mike Lewallen, Adam Ross and Eddie Miller). Ken will work on wording and submit for rulebook inclusion.

Miscellaneous

Do away with limit on RM Test- Currently there is an 80 minute time limit

Consensus to do away with time limit

Sponsor logo size – We did away with the sponsor logo size requirement, there is no specific size anymore

Consensus to Remove from the rulebook when it is updated.

Dave Lohrey brought up getting timed out on the website when entering shoots. De answered that we adjusted time out period and good changes in the works simplifying shoot entry as well as contestants signing up for shoots.

## **Policies**

Border Wars Discussion: Can shootouts and classics be border wars? (currently they can't)

How far from the border can they be?

What adjustments need to be made?

Mark Marley - we approved this for this current year. Encouraged discussion and thought for future determinations. Affects clubs' ability to earn rights to host State and Regional events, especially when run in conjunction with major events for example. Also affects members' ability to earn points in their state and region without mileage restrictions. Confirmed that there is also no limit on the number of border wars shoots that clubs may host.



## Small Balloon Discussion

Email submitted by Rob/Shelley Boucher was shared with the group

Mark Marley: CMSA is 100% in support of automated inflators and will use them at all major events. Recognizes that balloon size affected more often by machines.

Discussion about what is considered Broken by Gunfire:

Eddie – RM calls for balloon broken, no longer standing up

Ken – Not holding air

Mark Marley – previously used the word burst, but not good for cold. How do we account for shrinking down?

Bobby - machines have more often slow to shrink

Mike – machine specific

Axel – described many variables with the machines themselves as well as balloons. Balloons are not created for our sport – lots of variations in the same lot. Constantly adjusting and improving. Has a new set on order with improved technology. Aware and working on it.

Ken – rulebook says 6-9” balloon. Suggested we are entitled to 6-9”. Could create sub-committee to determine

Keith – deflated

Adam – flaw in the call on a small/shrinking balloon

Bobby – Can’t give balloons away, how do we resolve?

Jeff – size specific – what if we just had to engage?

Mike – consistently small in same position at times – don’t call those?

Eddie – brought up he has noticed competitors that have shot these tend to better with small balloons

Kenda – shouldn’t have to be used to them

Axel – definite advantage for those of us who shoot them regularly

Ken – inherently unfair to assess penalties for shrinking balloons

Eric – Is it fair? We need to call in a way that is consistent across the board. The way Eddie and RM team are calling is consistent.

Eddie – if we choose alibi rule – players will take advantage

Adam – Is that a better alternative?

Axel – Grievances?

Mike – read Boucher email regarding testing balloon to see if it holds air.

Much group discussion about logistics/holding up the match

Jeff – machines also advance at times during the run

Ken – Wranglers can’t protest a miss. Consider a no alibi rule: Must engage

De – machines will improve, are there things we can do to make these work better? Treas set switched to solid linkage...

Mike – horrible machines at TLC shoot

Gary – really watching size. They are much improved since NE 23. Hate to see misses, constantly working on the machines

Adam – put it on the RM to make the decision. It happens too often to sweep this issue

Mark H – Announcer remind shooters to own the course and educate shooters

De – Kenda had 4 balloons on 1 stage yesterday that kept shrinking, self had 3 all day

Adam – put the onus on the RM, let them police.

Eric – gave example of timid range masters that might cave on calls to avoid conflict

Mike – rule specific to machines?

Adam – current arrangement not working. Start with Eddie's RM. Instruct them to make the calls

Kenda – we're in a limbo waiting on the technology

Jeff – hard line on the other side

Bobby – the way Eddie and RM currently making calls has less controversy

Adam – Non contestable call on balloon size

Tom – No alibi rule

Mike – will never be consistent

Adam – we have 95% shot here at this event with the best RM

Informal vote on some sort of alibi rule: Slim majority to leave as-is. If balloon is holding any air, calls will be misses. CMSA Board will consider all discussion items.

Meeting adjourned