

Particulars as they relate to the L.S.S.A. COWBOY SILHOUETTE MATCHES

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OVERVIEW:

There are three categories, all using the regulation NRA Hunter's Pistol silhouettes as follows:

40 meters=chickens

50 meters=pigs

75 meters=turkeys

100 meters=rams.

Targets are arranged in two banks, with five animals in each bank. There is a thirty second preparation period (loading of firearm, etc.) followed by a two minute period in which shooter will expend five rounds, and FIVE only. Targets are shot from left to right, starting with the left hand bank of animals. After two minutes, cease fire is called, shooters record their score, and await the next command. The cycle is repeated for the right hand bank of animals. If a target is missed, it will be recorded as such during the scoring period, but the shooter will not attempt another shot at the reluctant animal. Shooter will go on to the next animal leaving the missed animal to stand alone.

Score sheets have blocks wherein shooter writes an X for a hit, a Zero for a miss. If an animal is spun or partially knocked down in any other fashion, but at least one part is off the base and touching earth, it will then be recorded as a hit. With four sets of ten animals, the match consists of forty shots of record. A perfect score (GRAND SLAM) would be a forty.

The heavier gauge pistol caliber animals face left, the lighter gauge rim fire animals face to the right.

The three categories consist of the formal COWBOY divisions of *pistol caliber rifle* (no magnums allowed other than .22 WMR in this category) and *rim fire rifle* (no hyper-velocity or magnum ammunition—any .22 rim fire is acceptable but .22 shorts and longs don't do the job as well as long rifles). The other two informal categories are *hunter pistol* (including rim fire and pistol caliber) and *open rim fire rifle*. The cartridge restrictions of *pistol caliber cowboy* and *rim fire cowboy* apply.

EQUIPMENT:

Firearms:

Cowboy Rifles: Any tubular magazine, repeating, iron sight, NON bolt action weapon. This includes the pistol caliber rifle division, the only deviation from NRA rules governing pistol caliber lever action division. Front sight must be a post or bead (anti-glare tubes can be used if no longer than 1.25 inches)—a new allowance is the use of a fiber optic on the post or bead, not to be longer than 1.25 inches. The rear sight may be open, receiver, or tang mounted as originally intended. Olympic sights, International sights, and extended mounts are NOT allowed. There is no clear explanation as to what constitutes Olympic sights.

Open rim fire rifles: any sights or scope, any action, any style, NON magnum .22 rim fire.

Hunter pistol: this is all one group--any sights or scope, center fire pistol caliber or rim fire caliber, any action. Pistol caliber must use the center fire animals. Pistol caliber may not fire at the practice swingers, as they will damage these devices.

EYE and EAR PROTECTION: REQUIRED!

CLOTHING: REALLY REQUIRED!

SPECIAL LOCAL RULES:

All Laguna Seca Parks and Recreation Rules apply. The Range Master has authority over everyone--including the Match Director. The Range Master is the designated Range Safety Officer, but the Match Director and any other trained R.S.O. will always be aware of any safety issues. Range safety is, however, **EVERYONE'S** business!

OVERALL SAFETY RULES:

Firearm handling: safety first, second, foremost, and **FOREVER**. Muzzles must be pointed down range at all times when the weapon is loaded. Rifle may be vertical when the magazine tube is being loaded. It must never be pointed at anyone—anyone violating this rule will be disqualified and ejected from the line. The Range Master may have other consequences if he so chooses. The so-called 180 degree rule is not applicable as all shooters are beside each other. When the firearm is being brought to the firing line, it must be empty / action open / muzzle **UP**--unless it is still in the case. Handguns will be cased until they are brought to the firing line. Violation of safety rules may result in disqualification and ejection. **SAFETY FIRST!** We are all too young to die.

- Hang fire/misfire/squib: keep muzzle pointed downrange, notify Match Director, wait 30 seconds before opening the action. In the case of a squib, the Range Master will make sure bore is clear. That is his job.

MATCH INFORMATION:

- New shooters will have basic safety rules explained to them before match begins.
- Match Director is in charge and has final word on issues regarding safety and competition.
- Schedule is posted on the LSSSA website calendar.
- Be sure you clearly understand which bank of animals will be your intended targets for the upcoming stage. If you shoot the wrong animals, these hits will not be added to your score.

Shooting commands:

Range master declares “cold” and “hot” line conditions.

“Cold” means firearms benched, cleared, actions open, yellow flag in the chamber.

The range will be declared “hot” when everyone is behind the firing line and the Range Master has determined it is safe for the match to resume. If any participants or spectators are not wearing eye and ear protection when the hot range command is given, they should do so immediately.

“Shooters to the line:” shooters move in front of the red line, stand at their shooting stations, but do not touch firearm.

“Listo (or Ready):” this is the command meaning you have thirty seconds to load FIVE (5) rounds in your repeating firearm, or one round in your single shot firearm.

“Fuego (or Fire):” this command means you have two minutes to fire at ***your*** assigned bank of five animals.

“Alto Fuego (or Cease fire):” this is the command to clear and bench a safe weapon, and then record your score. Then **step** BEHIND the red line. Once everyone is behind the red line, the Match Director will start the next sequence.

STOP! and, or **CEASE FIRE!**: this may or may not indicate an emergency, but it does mean to cease fire, and it may be followed by **MUZZLE IN AIR!** This has happened when it was discovered there was a person, persons, or other higher life form downrange.

SCORING PROCEDURES:

Total animals hit are placed in the TOTAL box. High score takes the match. In event of a tie, the highest ram score breaks the tie. If the ram score is a tie, it then goes to the total turkey score. This process will progress through each closer animal until the tie is broken.

AWARDS:

- Points are given for the top three scores: 1st=3 points, 2nd=2 points, 3rd=1 point.
- A participation point is awarded to each shooter, no matter what their place.

SAFETY VIOLATIONS AND CONCERNS:

Accidental discharge: may result in disqualification, definitely in loss of a point.

Pointing firearm in unsafe direction: will result in an automatic disqualification.

Handling of firearms during “cold” period: automatic disqualification.

No spectators allowed at shooting stations during match. The firing line is too compressed for safety.

Inexperienced shooters may participate if sponsored and supervised by a silhouette match experienced club member. Shooters are subject to the age restrictions of the range.

Match Director and/or Range Master has final say regarding the above.

INCIDENT REPORTS:

Reports will be filed on club provided form for all injuries.

FEES AND SIGN-IN:

- Initial fee of \$10.00.
- If shooter shoots an additional match, \$5.00 per each additional match.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

The Range Master has control of emergencies. The club has a trauma kit in the shed if so needed. Match director will appoint a first responder before the match.

MATCH ETTIQUETTE:

Rudeness, abusiveness, or any other form of disruptive or untoward behavior directed at **ANYONE** is probably going to result in disqualification. This includes gamesmanship of any sort. Shooters are expected to remain nonverbal (except during emergencies) UNTIL each firing period is concluded. The match director will make a judgment at the time of the incident. Be fair, be friendly, be **SAFE**.

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Match Director