

GENERAL INFORMATION

COWBOY ATTIRE

Each shooter must conform to minimum SASS dress requirements. We request that Shoot-Out participants stay in SASS dress for all events and functions (attendance at The Cowboy Emporium, all Receptions, the Awards Dinner, and Awards Presentation). Cowboy Action Shooting is a fun and exciting sport that generates a lot of interest—in large part due to the Period Attire. Staying in character while “out on the town” helps promote our sport by stirring local interest, and increases the number of spectators who visit The Range—all of which results in publicity...and new shooters! Please help us put our best “boot” forward for the City and Townfolk of Oak Ridge by complying with these requests.

MOTORIZED GUNCARTS

We welcome shooters of all skill levels and abilities, but we must request that the use of motorized guncarts be limited to those who need them for disability and/or handicap reasons. If you must use a motorized guncart we do require that they are kept to the opposite side of the road from the stages.

SHOOTER SIGN-IN

Early Shooter Sign-In is located at the DoubleTree Hotel Lobby on Wednesday evening March 25, from 5PM until 9PM. Regular Shooter Sign-In is located at The Cowboy Emporium (Oak Ridge Civic Center) on Thursday March 26, from 9AM until 9PM. Final Shooter Sign-In is located at The Range on Friday morning, March 27, from 7AM until 8AM.

RANGE ACCESS

Only registered shooters, match officials, and registered media will be allowed inside the loading and unloading areas. Guests and non-shooting persons MAY NOT enter these areas.

SAFETY MEETINGS

Safety Meetings are held at The Range on Friday, March 27 at 8AM and 12PM. Shooters must attend a Safety Meeting prior to shooting Main Match Stages. If you do not attend a Safety Meeting, you will not be allowed to shoot.

BRASS

Brass may be picked up after each shooter completes his/her course of fire during the Main Match. However, with a tight shooting schedule of 45 minutes per stage, delaying the stage for brass pick-up **cannot** be allowed.

EYE AND EAR PROTECTION

All spectators and participants must wear eye and ear protection when in and around the shooting areas. *Eye and ear protection is mandatory* and is available at the entrances to the spectator areas.

AMMO REQUIREMENTS

Each of the 10 main stages requires ammo for 10 pistol, 10 rifle, and up to 6 shotgun. Additional ammo is needed for Thursday Side Matches.

SASS RULES AND SCORING STANDARDS

SASS rules and scoring standards will be in effect during the shoot. The shooter is ultimately responsible for his or her own actions. Bad coaching or instructions is not grounds to overturn a call.

SCORING

All scores must be recorded on the correct score sheet. Each posse will have a scoring notebook that is to accompany them from stage to stage. Each stage will have its own score sheet. Be sure the scores are entered on the correct stage. The scoring notebook is to be turned in to the Stage Marshal at the end of the shooting day for processing. The notebooks can be picked up the next morning from the Stage Marshal at the posse's first stage. Results will be tabulated in the evening and posted as quickly as possible.

POSSE SYSTEM

Two Poses are scheduled to shoot through a stage at a time. One Posse will run the stage while the other Posse shoots and vice versa. Assignments will be made within the Posse to time the competitors, keep score, count misses, and look for procedural and safety violations, and supervise loading and unloading. Each Posse must ensure at least three other Posse members have been assigned responsibility to watch the targets and judge shooters' performances. Once Posse Leaders have declared they understand the course of fire, it is up to the Posse to make sure all members understand the stage and its nuances. Coaching is allowed (and encouraged). It is *not* the timer's responsibility to count hits and misses. *Please! No lolly-gagging—keep moving!*

STAGE MARSHALS

Stage Marshals are assigned to monitor individual events and ensure consistency from stage to stage. Stage Marshals' instructions as to rules and procedures for each stage are binding, even if they seem in conflict with the written course description. Stage Marshals observe (in a back-up capacity), noting misses and looking for safety violations and procedural errors.

SIDE MATCH INFORMATION

The DQ Forward rule will not apply to Side Matches at the Smoky Mountain Shoot-Out. Side Matches begin on the morning of Thursday, March 26 at 9AM. Awards are presented during the Shooters' and Vendors' Reception at The Cowboy Emporium (Oak Ridge Civic Center) on Friday night beginning at approximately 6:30PM. Certificates are awarded for 1st place in each Side Match category.

MAIN MATCH INFORMATION

The Main Match begins on the morning of Friday, March 27 at 8AM and includes all SASS categories and Outlaw. Awards are presented during the Awards Dinner at The Cowboy Emporium on Saturday night beginning at approximately 8PM. Each Main Match category is awarded a plaque for 1st place, and certificates for 2nd and 3rd places. The Top Ten shooters are announced, and an award is presented to the Top Lady and the Top Gun. Rank scoring is used for the Smoky Mountain Shoot-Out.

VITTLES AT THE RANGE

Breakfast and lunch are available at The Range on Friday and Saturday. Various menu items are provided by "Zeeke and Nell's Café."

DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLES

As usual, we have many wonderful Door Prizes to give away—thanks to our outstanding Vendors and Sponsors who go above and beyond to help make this a great event. Door Prize drawings are held during the Shooters' and Vendors' Reception on Friday night beginning at 6:30PM. Raffle drawings are held on Saturday night during the Awards Presentation. You must be present to win Door, Raffle, or Trivia prizes.

COSTUME CONTEST

An informal Costume Contest is scheduled throughout the event. Judges mingle among participants and guests each day at The Range and The Cowboy Emporium. Judges are also in full force during the reception on Friday night, and during the Awards Reception. Certificates are awarded. "The Spirit of the Game" applies to the Costume Contest and its awards.

TRIVIA CONTEST

Test your knowledge about the History of Barbed Wire. A Trivia Question Sheet is included in the Shooter's Packet. Entries must be turned in at the Shoot-Out Information Booth by 6PM Saturday. Winner will be drawn from all completely correct Trivia Question Sheets. Prize will be awarded during the Awards Presentation.