

Significant changes of note to the SASS Firearms Covenants and Shooters Handbook

Levers

- “John Wayne” style levers may be substituted on rifles for the standard factory lever.
- Levers may be wrapped or padded with leather or other natural material.**
- Filler “blocks” or other such mechanisms designed to prevent all movement of the fingers within the lever loop are not allowed.**
- With the exception of the “John Wayne” levers, any replacement lever must maintain the same basic contour and size as the original lever.
- The lever may be cut and welded provided the basic exterior contour and size is not changed.

Re: Bisley hammers & frames

- Bisley style revolver hammers may only be used when mated with a Bisley style grip frame.**
- Birdhead grip frames and grips may be installed on any SAA or its modern replicas but may not be used with Bisley style hammers.
- Grip frames may be replaced, “rounded,” or extended (e.g., the exchange of a Single Action Army grip frame with an 1860 Army grip frame and vice versa).
- Brass or aluminum grip frames are allowed.
- Bisley style grip frames may only be used when mated with a Bisley style hammer.**

SHOTGUN REQUIREMENTS

Any side-by-side or single barrel shotgun typical of the period from approximately 1860 until 1899 without automatic ejectors, with or without external hammers, having single or double triggers is allowed.

Lever action, single barrel, tubular feed, exposed hammer shotguns of the period are allowed, whether original or replicas.

The only slide action shotgun allowed is the [Model 1897 Winchester](#) shotgun, whether original or replicas.

Certain shooting categories require a specific type of shotgun and ammunition to be used.

Military configurations are not allowed (i.e., trench guns).

Please see the shooting categories for further information.

Re: Shotgun Gauges

- Side-by-side, single barrel, and lever action shotguns must be centerfire of at least 20 gauge and no larger the 10 gauge.
- Slide action shotguns must be centerfire of at least 16 gauge and no larger than 12 gauge.**
- Side-by-side, single barrel and lever action centerfire shotguns in .410 gauge are allowed within the Buckaroo Category only.

Re: Shotgun loops

Leather belt slide ammo loops are acceptable, however, shotgun shell slides may not be worn over shotgun belts. **Shotgun loops must be in a single row.**

- Cartridge loops must not have a metal or plastic liner. **However, the entire loop may be made of metal.**

Re: Gunfighter/B-Western

- The Gunfighter and B-Western Categories are the only categories that allow two [loaded](#) revolvers out of leather at the same time.**

A Gunfighter may not holster revolvers with the intent to engage another revolver sequence.

All rounds must be expended prior to holstering unless the revolvers were drawn at the wrong time or a revolver/ammunition malfunction has occurred.

Stage design may allow a competitor shooting “Gunfighter Style” to stage or restage revolvers between target sequences.

Inadvertently leaving unfired rounds in a revolver is a miss unless the round is under the hammer, then it is a Stage Disqualification.

(this applies to ALL shooting categories)

Re: Pocket Pistols

Pocket pistols may not be used as or converted to main match revolvers.

Significant changes of note to the SASS Range Operations Basic Safety Course

6. Revolvers are returned to leather (re-holstered) with hammer down on a spent case or empty chamber at the conclusion of the shooting string, unless the stage description specifically directs otherwise; e.g., “move to next position and set gun on table or prop.” A shooting string is defined as shots from one type of firearm prior to the next type of firearm engaged.

Revolvers not re-holstered with the hammer not all the way down on either an empty chamber or a spent case will result in a Stage Disqualification unless corrected before using the next firearm.

12. **Any discharge** that hits the ground or stage prop less than five feet from the shooter, any discharge at the loading or unloading areas, or discharge that is deemed unsafe will result in a **Match Disqualification**.

Any discharge that hits the ground or stage prop from five to ten feet from the shooter will result in a **Stage Disqualification**.

Note: Match directors have the latitude to place props so shooters must negotiate them. In doing so Match Directors may declare props expendable or shootable without penalty.

ILLEGAL ITEMS

The following are examples of SASS “illegal” items. The current version of the SASS Handbook should always be used as an additional reference for illegal items.

- Shotgun belts not worn just above the pistol belt or touching the belly button.
- Holsters departing from the vertical by more than 30 degrees when worn**
- Two main match revolvers worn on the same side of the body
- Main match revolver ammunition that exceeds 1000 feet per second in velocity (currently there is no minimum velocity requirement)
- Main match rifle ammunition that exceeds 1400 feet per second in velocity (currently there is no minimum velocity requirement)
- Loading during the stage from bandoleers that are tied down in any manner
- Modern shooting gloves
- Short sleeve shirts
- Modern feathered cowboy hats
- Designer jeans
- Ball caps
- Tennis, running, jogging, aerobic or other modern athletic shoes, combat boots
- Clothing displaying manufacturer’s or sponsor’s logos.
- Nylon, plastic, or Velcro accouterments.
- Wearing a shotgun slide on a shotgun belt.**