

SASS SHOOTERS HANDBOOK EDITS – Version 26.2 January 1, 2022

DELETE ALL REFERENCES TO “**Chief Range Office/CRO**” from all documents
(*except for that in the definition of Timer Operator*)

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SASS sanctions championship matches including State, Regional, ~~Divisional~~, National, and the World Championship

SHB p.1

Ammunition required for loading/reloading during the course of any stage must be carried on the shooter’s person, in a bandoleer, cartridge/shot shell belt loop, ~~pouch~~, holster **cartridge loop**, **pouch**, pocket, or...

SHB p.3

Nylon, plastic, or Velcro ~~accouterments~~ **accoutrements**.

SHB p.4

- Elder Statesman/Grand Dame: Age 70 and up.
- Cattle Baron/Cattle Baroness: Age 75 and up.
- El Patron/La Patrona: Age 80 and up.

- El Rey/La Reina: Age 85 and up

SHB p.6

...at the ~~shooters~~ **shooter's** discretion.

SHB p.8 (B-Western)

CATEGORY MATRIX

Above the “Base Categories” listed in this handbook, the local club monthly match and club annual match level, all SASS recognized shooting categories may be offered by subdividing by all factors; including age, gender, shooting style, and propellant. When breaking down all style/costume categories, the regulations for the base category ~~is~~ **are** to be applied first, then the age limits.

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In the interest of ensuring and promoting a true competitive environment at the SASS Sanctioned Championship level of competition (State, Regional, ~~Divisional~~, National, and World Championships)

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Exceptions to the category mandate include Buckaroo/Buckarette, Junior, Elder Statesman/Grand Dame, Cattle Baron/Cattle Baroness, ~~and~~ El Patron/La Patrona, **and El Rey/La Reina.**

SHB p.10

Safe firearm handling is the **shooter's** responsibility. Refer to the Safety section for all firearm handling safety rules.

SHB p.11

- No firearm may be ~~de-cocked~~ **decocked** on the firing line to avoid a penalty if cocked at the wrong time, position or location once a round has gone downrange. Once a revolver is cocked, the round must be expended (shot). However, if a round has not gone downrange, and under the direction and supervision of the ~~CRO~~/TO, the revolver may be ~~de-cocked~~ **decocked**.

SHB p.14

(the dreaded "Double Jeopardy" of a procedural and a miss). This does not mean a shooter may reload a rifle or revolver at any other time to make up a miss.

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- In the event a shooter declares a malfunction, the shooter will be given the opportunity to make that firearm safe and continue on with the next procedure. The TO will allow the shooter to make the malfunctioning firearm safe, preferably on a nearby and appropriate horizontal surface (box, table, straw bale, ground, etc.), or if necessary, assist the shooter by allowing them to "hand off" the firearm. Multiple malfunctions by a shooter will be cause for the Timer Operator to request the shooter change firearms.

- If a competitor has a firearm malfunction that cannot be cleared during the course of fire, the shooter may not leave the firing line until the firearm has been cleared. A Match Disqualification penalty will be assessed to the shooter if they leave the firing line with the malfunctioning firearm unless under the direct supervision of a Match official.

SHB p.18

~~Safety Officers/Chief Range Officers – CRO~~ (Timer Operator – TO) The role of the ~~Chief Range Officer~~/Timer Operator (~~CRO~~/TO) is to safely assist the shooter through the course of fire.

... It is expected the ~~Chief Range Officer~~ **Timer Operator** will be the responsible party for resolving all safety...

SHB p.18

Reshoots are not awarded for ammunition or firearm malfunctions. However, if there is a range failure (failure of props, ~~failure of the timer~~ **failure/unrecorded time**, or Range Officer interference) beyond the competitor's control, a reshoot may be granted.

SHB p.20

~~Chief Range Officer~~/Timer Operator (~~CRO~~/TO) – is the Chief Range Officer (~~CRO~~) for the stage and is in charge of the firing line as long as he/she is running the timer and has the primary objective to safely assist the shooter through the course of fire.

SHB p.21

A ~~minimum of~~ **Three** spotters are required – majority 2/3 breaks any ties in regards to misses.

SHB p.21

~~De-cocking~~ **Decocking** a revolver, rifle, or hammered shotgun to avoid penalty without positive direction to do so from the ~~CRO~~/TO.

SHB p.22

Any discharge that hits the ground or **non-expendable** stage prop less than five feet from the shooter.

SHB p.23

If the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the shooter by the ~~CRO~~/TO and/or Posse Marshal, and they wish to take the matter further, they may then elevate their appeal to ~~the a~~ **Match RO or** Range Master. The **Match RO or** Range Master will objectively and without bias consider the appeal on grounds of policy and rules interpretation only and should conduct their own investigation by interviewing those persons directly involved in the matter (~~CRO~~/TO, Spotters and the Shooter).

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The process for convening a jury of experienced and knowledgeable TGs **or RO Instructors** who are not familiar with the matter may require that the shooter pay a “protest fee” and complete a “protest form.”

SHB p. 24

Testing of blackpowder rounds for the production of adequate smoke will also be conducted in a similar ~~matter~~ **manner** as described above.

SHB p.25

Competitors shall not leave the designated loading area with a loaded firearm unless they are ~~proceeding~~ **called** to the stage as the next competitor to begin the stage **by the Timer Operator or Expeditor**”

SHB p.28

- A leather lace-on or **snap-on** “heat shield” wrap around the barrel and magazine tube of the 1860 Henry rifle is allowed.

SHB p.34

- A set-screw may be installed on the frame of Colt Walker & Dragoon reproductions to keep the loading lever from dropping and tying up the action.

- An external metal "latching band" may be used on percussion revolvers to secure the loading lever.

SHB p.36

- Modifying the cylinders of percussion revolvers by opening up the cap/nipple recess area to accommodate the use of all types of cappers is allowed.

SHB p.37

move to p.38 under "Revolver Cylinders"

~~Chief Range Officer/Timer Operator (CRO/TO) – the terms are interchangeable, and~~ is the chief range officer for the stage at that time, being in charge of all activities on the stage while in possession of the timing device.

SHB p.42 "Glossary of Terms"

Decock – Lowering the hammer of a firearm using part of the hand (e.g., thumb) to impede the hammer's fall.

SHB p.42 "Glossary of Terms"

Plating – a thin coating of gold, silver, or other metal.

Chemical, electrodeposition, epoxies, glues, adhesives, tape, or other methods of affixation may be used.

SHB p.44 "Glossary of Terms"