



Rule changes for the 2012 season

5. COMPETITOR CLASSIFICATION

H. SENIOR CLASS: Any male CMSA cardholder having attained the official age of 50 shall be eligible to move into the Senior class. Any female CMSA cardholder having attained the official age of 50 years shall be eligible to move into the Senior class. Senior class move ups shall be the same as Level 1 through 6 move ups. (Senior status in the CMSA may not match that of other alliance partners and breed organizations. When competing in any such optional class CMSA members shall adhere to the rules of the alliance partner or breed organization). In the 2012 competition season, all Senior ladies who are already in the CMSA Senior class and are under the age of 50 will be grandfathered in and MAY remain in the Senior Ladies class.

6. Competitor CLASSIFICATION CLARIFICATIONS

G. All class change requests including move-down in class and/or age relevant (see rule 6.G.iv) class change SHALL BE requested in writing through the CMSA office prior to renewal and/or competition in a sanctioned CMSA event.

iii. When a member moves up or down in class or into/out of any age relevant class all previously earned wins will be removed from the current record.

iv. Senior designation may be edited on-site by host club ONLY IF they are using the CMSA Automation Software Package at the time of the member's renewal.

8. CMSA DRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITORS

A & B. Male & Female Competitors: i. A traditional western cowboy style long sleeved shirt. Sleeve must be wrist length and buttoned at the cuff and worn wrist length while competing.

C. Female Competitors: i. 19th century styled short-sleeved tops are allowed. Short sleeves are defined as sewn on sleeves that extend beyond the point of shoulder. Tank tops and "sleeveless" tops are NEVER ALLOWED.

11. HORSES

B. There is no limit on the number of horses that a competitor may use in a CMSA match, unless they are being tracked for specific prizes, breed association recognition or for CMSA Horse tracking that are based upon the horses' performance. It is the rider's responsibility to notify the Match Director or scorekeepers of the event if changes are required. Otherwise, a competitor may change horses for each stage.

12. SADDLES

Competitors shall use saddles of western design or other approved design (saddles acceptable in any CMSA event such as Cavalry) that are constructed of leather and in safe condition.

16. PENALTIES

vi. Non Qualified run or maximum time on any run: 60 seconds

vii. Unsafe gun handling: 5 seconds PER OCCURRENCE

ix. Knocking over a gate cone or automated target inflator: 5 seconds

I. Passing behind the timer. If a contestant passes behind the timer he/she is deemed to be dangerous and out of control and will receive a non-qualified run (60 seconds).

J. If a contestant re-crosses the time line after completing his/her run and restarts the timer, he/she will NOT be granted a re-ride. If the timing equipment has the ability to access the previous time there will be no penalty. But if the time is unavailable the rider shall receive a non-qualified run (60 seconds).

P. Competitors may holster and re-holster, but may not have more than one revolver in hand at any given time. Failure to do so will be a 5 second penalty. If a firearm is holstered, then comes out of the holster and into the competitors lap, there will be no penalty as long as the firearm does not touch the arena floor AND it was holstered before leaving the arena.

28. WORLD POINT QUALIFIERS

D. To qualify for CMSA World Points, events hosted on Saturday or Sunday shall consist of least four stages and a minimum of 10 competitors. Events hosted Monday – Friday may consist of 3 stages without seeking special dispensation. Except as follows:

i. If a club elects to run a WPQ or DWPQ event utilizing the CMSA Divisional Payout that INCLUDES a final stage only 3 stages are required and no special dispensation is required.

ii. If a club offers CMSA Rifle and/or Shotgun as a WPQ or DWPQ only 3 stages are required and no special dispensation is required.

29. CMSA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

30. CMSA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

B. Regional Championship dates, locations and host club shall be approved and designated by the CMSA.

The affiliated club that produced the highest count of competitors in the previous calendar year shall be granted first right of refusal pursuant to approval by the CMSA to host the Regional Championship. The competitor count from the Regional Championship will not be used in this calculation. If the club with the highest count of

competitors sent to CMSA does NOT wish to host the Regional Championship it will be offered to the affiliated club with the next highest count of competitors generated and so on. Clubs are encouraged to work together to produce the best possible event. The CMSA retains the right to grant Regional Championship events. This is a CMSA Board of Directors action.

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

31. BREED ORGANIZATIONS

The CMSA has and will continue to expand its cooperative efforts in regard to Breed Organizations and Alliance Partners to further the sport of Cowboy Mounted Shooting. As these strategic alliances are expanded additional information will be made available to the members of the CMSA.

A. AQHA/CMSA Three Horses entry per Event:

i. An AQHA contestant may ride up to three horses per CMSA/AQHA Event. All AQHA entries will run after all non-AQHA entries have completed the stage.

ii. The rider's first horse will be where his/her main match CMSA score will be derived from. Once the contestant has committed to his first horse it shall remain through the AQHA portion of the event. CMSA contestants may designate their main event scores to be their AQHA scores, BUT THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RIDER TO ENSURE HE/SHE HAS PROPERLY ENTERED THE EVENT.

iii. If a contestant is caught switching the order of go on his AQHA horses, this may lead to automatic dismissal from both the AQHA event portion as well all the CMSA portions of the event.

iv. AQHA POINT SCORING CHART

v. The American Quarter Horse Association tracks horse points as follows; all CMSA points will earned at AQHA/CMSA events will be tracked in the normal fashion.

35. CMSA MOUNTED SHOTGUN RULES

A. Mounted shotgun shooting is a class within the sport of Cowboy mounted shooting. Competitors should be experienced mounted shooters prior to attempting the shotgun competition and shall follow CMSA rules plus the following additions or changes.

B. Mounted shotgun competition shall be accomplished with the first five targets being engaged with a revolver (CMSA revolver rules apply) and the second two targets being engaged with a double barrel shotgun. (Targets placed at target position 1 and 3 on the rundown)

C. Firearms:

i. The Shotgun used shall be any legal shotgun with two barrels. Any gauge shotgun is legal. However, an adapter will be required on all except for a .410 Gauge. This shotgun requires no adaptation to fire pistol ammo.

D. Mounted Shooting Shotgun Blanks.

i. Mounted shooting shotgun blanks shall be match supplied pistol blanks for all gauges of shotgun.

E. Divisions are as follows:

i. Shotgun competitors shall be divided by Limited (Class 1-3) and Open (Class 4-6). There will be no gender split in the National Shotgun points program.

F. Clothing and Tack:

i. CMSA rules apply, plus the shotgun scabbard shall be of leather construction and shall be attached to the saddles.

ii. Each stage shall be started with the shotgun in the scabbard.

G. Stages:

i. The following patterns from the CMSA course book shall be the shotgun patterns: 1, 10, 12, 18, 26, 27, 28, 32, 36, 47, 48, 49, 50, 54, and 54s.

ii. All Shotgun matches shall consist of two or more stages.

H. Penalties are the same as CMSA revolver rules. Plus the following:

i. A hand must be on the forearm of the shotgun in the act of firing the weapon. (Hand is defined as below the wrist). (10-second procedural penalty)

ii. The safety should be on prior to crossing the start line, or the external hammers shall be at half cock prior to crossing the start line.

I. Shotgun WPQ Matches:

SGWPQ (Shotgun World Point Qualifier) requirements:

i. Minimum of two stages.

ii. Minimum of 5 contestants.

iii. If there is payback it will be a minimum of 40% on the CMSA payback method.

- Clubs will have the option of paying back or not, but if payback is offered it shall be as follows. 40% (or more) is paid back from the shotgun entry fee split by the number of entries in each division (Limited Division money stays in the Limited Division) and that amount is paid back on a 1 – 5 basis.

iv. The CMSA will track and recognize the point's winners at the Club, State, Regional and National levels in the Limited (1 – 3) and Open (4 – 6) divisions. There will be no gender split in the National Shotgun points program.

v. Same shotgun rules apply. Limited/Open split.

vi. If a local CMSA club wishes to host a shotgun WPQ they may run a three stage revolver event **WITHOUT** seeking special permission and a two stage shotgun match. This provision is **ONLY** offered to clubs hosting SGWPQ events.

vii. Points are dependent upon the type of point multiplier used for the revolver competition. If the revolver portion is a WPQ (single points) then the shotgun will automatically be a single point event, if the shotgun point option is selected for a State Championship that will make the shotgun points 3x and so forth.

viii. Total Shotgun World Qualifying Points will be earned in the two preliminary stages of any event with a final stage.

ix. Point fee is \$5 per, unless a DWPQ is selected and then they will be \$10. All other State and Regional events will be \$10 per contestant.

- All point fees are to be taken from the entry fee retained by the club/producer. The new system will automatically calculate the points and produce an invoice.