

SASS TERRITORIAL GOVERNOR SUMMIT '06 RESULTS.

The 2006 SASS Territorial Governor Summit once again took place in Las Vegas from Wednesday, December 6th to Sunday, December 10th. 296 Territorial Governors from across the globe attended, each representing at least one SASS-affiliated club. I, the Hole in the Wall Territorial Governor, voted with the majority on every motion. The following chart is a brief summary of what was voted on and the results of each. A detailed summary of each proposition is further explained on the following page.

#	Description	For	Against	Abstain	Result
1	Should the Uberti 1873 percussion revolver be allowed as a Frontiersman Category revolver?	90	202	4	Fail
2	Should the Senior Category be divided into smaller divisions by ages 60 and above and 65 and above?	239	55	2	Pass
3	Should we adopt a set of recommended State Conventions and document them in the SASS Match Director's Guide and the RO Course materials? (For a list of these Stage Conventions, see the detailed report on next page).	235	59	2	Pass
4	Should we outlaw all short and long sleeve tee shirts and tank tops in all categories? (Not including short sleeve blouses which would remain acceptable only in the ladies categories).	272	23	1	Pass
5	Should we change the penalty for shooting out of a category as follows?: First offense in a match is a Procedural and the shooter must thereafter comply with his or her category requirements or change categories. Second offense in the same match is a Stage DQ. Third offense in the same match is a Match DQ.	265	30	1	Pass
6	Should we make the following changes in our scoring processes for both time and rank scored matches?: A Match DQ results in the elimination of the shooter from <i>all main match awards</i> . All times are erased. A Stage DQ results in a disqualification given to the shooter for the stage only, and the shooter will still be eligible to win the category.	273	21	2	Pass

DETAILED REPORT.

Item #1: Should the Uberti 1873 percussion revolver be allowed as a Frontiersman Category revolver? This motion was voted on at previous TG Summits, but as a legal main match revolver and not a Frontiersman Category revolver. Due to the country's gun laws, France's representatives were in favor of permitting the revolver, but the overall consensus was in opposition to the motion.

Item #2: Should the Senior Category be divided into smaller divisions by ages 60 to 64 and 65 and older?

Prior to the meeting, this motion suggested that the category be divided into ages 60-65, 66-72, and 72+. This was changed to 60 and above, 65 and above, and 70 and above, dubbed Senior, Silver Senior, and Elder Statesman, respectively. The rule also applies to Ladies Senior, but *does not* apply to other Senior Categories like Senior Duelist.

Item #3: Should we adopt a set of recommended State Conventions and document them in the SASS Match Director's Guide and the RO Course materials? The Stage Conventions are a list of standards that every shooter should abide by unless otherwise noted by the stage description. Essentially, they are the defaults of the stage when nothing is specified. They, as well as any discussion that took place at the Summit, are as follows:

1. **All knockdown shotgun targets may be reengaged until down.**
2. **All knockdown targets (shotgun, rifle, or revolver) must go down to count.**
This does not include Buckaroos using .22s or .410s.
3. **All staged guns shall have their barrels pointed safely downrange and, where possible, all long guns staged horizontally shall be staged ~~where no part of the firearm hangs over the edge.~~**
A motion was made and accepted to change the wording to "with the rear of the trigger guard" on the table instead of the entire long gun.*
4. **Staged shotguns shall be open and empty.**
5. **Shooters may not start a stage with ammunition in hand.**
6. **Long guns shall be discarded open and empty with their barrels pointed safely down range.**
7. **Revolvers shall be returned to leather after the shooting string.**
8. **Revolvers shall be drawn and used in accordance with the shooter's category.**
This refers to staging and gun handling. It does not mean that a Traditional shooter cannot shoot a stage duelist style.
9. **Safe gun handling is the shooter's responsibility. The 170° safety rule is in effect. The basketball traveling rule is in effect when there is a live round under the hammer.**
10. **If no starting position is given, the shooter shall stand fully erect with revolvers holstered, hands at his/her side, not touching any firearm.**
11. **Cowboy port arms is defined as the butt of the long gun at or below the waist of the shooter, the muzzle at or above the shoulder, and the long gun held with both hands.**
12. **Interpersonal conflict will not be tolerated at this event.**

Item #4: Should we outlaw all short and long sleeve tee shirts and tank tops in all categories? Short sleeve blouses would remain acceptable only in the ladies categories. No real discussion regarding this topic took place.

Item #5: Should we change the penalty for shooting out of a category as follows?

- First offense in a match is a Procedural. Shooter must subsequently comply with the category requirements or change category.
- Second offense in the same match is a Stage DQ.
- Third offense in the same match is a Match DQ.

Item #6: Should we make the following changes in our scoring processes for both time and rank scored matches? Match DQs: eliminate the shooter from all main match awards. Stage DQs: shooter is given a disqualification for the stage only and is still eligible to win a category.

*Initially, my mandate was to vote against Item #3 due to this third Stage Convention. However, after it was amended to "the rear of the trigger guard," I consulted with HITWG and changed my vote in favor of the Item. If Item #3 didn't pass, butt-forward rules would be more prevalent at state level matches and above.

RULE CLARIFICATIONS.

- Buckaroos that hit a knock down target (the does not fall) are scored with a hit. If they miss the target they must reengage or take a miss.
- The ground is not a prop.
- An open lever is a lever that is not completely closed.
- You may reload a pistol misfire (not a squib) round on the clock.
- Correcting an equipment or ammunition problem, unassisted and under time, is permissible.
- Berm Marshal and Stage Driver job responsibilities are to ensure continuity as to how the stage is being shot. Full responsibilities will be added to the RO I handbook.
- Failure of the RO to “coach” a shooter is not justification for a re-shoot.
- If the timer operator tells the shooter to shoot in the wrong order, the shooter would be offered the option of a re-shoot. If the shooter is told a different shooting order, and there was no competitive advantage to shooting the improper sequence per the RO’s direction, the score could stand with no penalty and no re-shoot would be necessary.
- If the stage ends in the use of a long gun, empty rounds must be cleared before leaving the firing line. Otherwise, the shooter will receive a Safety.
- SASS will not endorse a product that claims to meet the SASS Black Powder standards.

POTENTIAL FUTURE SUMMIT AGENDA ITEMS.

- When does a stage start? The current rule states that the stage begins after the first shot has been fired down range. The RO committee wants to drop this rule and change the “start” of the stage to after the buzzer goes off. The only exception would be if the shooter did not hear the buzzer. Otherwise, misfires and squibs on the first shot would not qualify a shooter for a re-shoot.
- Under today’s rules, if a shooter loads an extra round in his or her gun, it would result in two safeties: one for the round on the carrier and one for loading more than the required rounds. A proposal that the shooter would only get one minor safety per gun for the same action will be discussed at the '07 Summit.
- Reviewing the current category structure and the possible creation of a two tier structure: one with SASS official categories that are required at matches state level and above, and one with SASS approved categories that are optional at state level or above.
- An 80% size Sharps rifle, known as the Baby Sharps, was displayed, and the Mods Committee will review it for possible inclusion in the future.
- A shooter with a doctor’s medical condition certificate regarding the shoulder area may be allowed to compete using a lower gauge shotgun, such as a 410 or 28.
- Should End of Trail and other matches use solely knock down targets in order to prevent the use of low velocity loads? It seems the Wild Bunch is interested in either establishing a minimum power factor or a minimum velocity limit.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- SASS will establish a new web page that will have the answers to frequently asked questions on rules and interpretations. Coyote Calhoun will be the author.