

SASKATCHEWAN COWBOY MOUNTED SHOOTING ASSOCIATION
RULES AND REGULATIONS

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Section One
OBJECTIVES

1.01 **Objectives.** – The SCMSA is the recognized association for the equestrian sport of Cowboy Mounted Shooting in Saskatchewan. As such it is important that all Members understand and operate under the same rules and regulations. This helps to ensure the Association operates smoothly, efficiently and professionally with the minimum amount of conflict. It is also recognized that this is a living document and must be continually updated and revised by the Board of Directors.

Section Two
RULES

2.01 **Clinics/Demonstration Shoots/ Competition Shoots** – All clinics, demonstration shoots, shoots and similar type events must be approved by the SCMSA Board of Directors. Event organizers must give at least 30 days’ notice prior to holding an event to allow the BOD to meet and approve.

2.02 **Membership in the SCMSA and Participating in SCMSA events** - Membership in the SCMSA and participating in any SCMSA events require the individual to be insured through the Saskatchewan Horse Federation or hold other equivalent insurance. Individuals must have a valid restricted PAL to shoot at any SCMSA event or clinic. All USA shooters must have Canadian Transport Papers for their firearms and sign an insurance waiver supplied by the SCMSA.

2.03 **Personal/Public venue Approvals** - The owner or operator of the venue must be a member of the SCMSA, hold SHF or other equivalent insurance and have a valid restricted PAL. The venue approval will be terminated if the owner or operator fails to renew his membership. The venue approval may also be terminated if the owner or operator is being disciplined by the Board of Directors. Publically operated venues on public land do not fall under this rule.

2.04 **Nonpayment of Debts.** – The non-payment of debts to the SCMSA or affiliated/charter clubs shall result in the cancellation of points and suspension of SCMSA card until appropriate settlement has been reached.

2.05 **Venue Master** – The SCMSA will reimburse any member who successfully completes the venue master exam.

2.06 **Onetime membership incentive** – To encourage participation in our sport, the SCMSA will on a one-time basis, pay the membership fees to anyone who participates in a beginner’s shooting clinic. They must also have a valid restricted PAL and SHF or equivalent insurance.”

2.07 Shoot promotion – To encourage an increase in the number shoots the BOD will award \$500.00 to all approved CMSA shoots and jackpots. Demonstrations, etc. do not qualify for this money. This rule will be reviewed yearly.

2.08 To qualify for a SCMSA Incentive buckle - you must be a Level 1 shooter going into the shoot where the buckle is offered. Any Level 1 competitor who has previously won a mounted shooting buckle is not eligible for the Incentive buckle.

2.09 Ammo – Competition CMSA approved ammo that has been certified for use in Canada must be used at all SCMSA sanctioned events that are open to the general public. These events include CMSA shoots, jackpots and demos.

2.10 Notification of authorities – The Chief Firearms Officer, RCMP or municipal police force and the municipality must be notified by letter at least two weeks in advance of any CMSA shoot, jackpot or demo. This is the responsibility of the Match Director.

2.11 SCMSA sanctioned events – If the club puts money into any sanctioned event, that event will be open to entry by all members. If entries are limited by time, facility size etc. the entries will be by first come first served. Match or event directors can decide if wranglers participate. Private, invitational shoots can be sanctioned by the BOD but will not receive any prize money from the club.

2.12 Free membership – Any member who brought in \$500 or more in sponsorship money will be given one free membership the following year.

2.13 Administration of CMSA Shoots – To make CMSA shoots easier to administer:

- (a) No changes to entry details can be made after the shoot closes on the CMSA website
- (b) Entry fees will be posted on a spreadsheet and shooters are expected to E transfer funds or pay by cheque or cash at time of registration
- (c) Cancellations are allowed. Entry fees will be refunded by cheque or by E transfers
- (d) Prize money will be paid out only after the shoot via E transfer or by cheque. Wrangler payouts may be paid out with cash.

2.14 Additional Safety procedures – To make mounted shooting safer:

- (a) An armorer will be present at all shooting events.
- (b) Prior to commencement of shooting activities all firearms will be proven to be unloaded. This will be demonstrated to the armorer.
- (c) A safety talk will be held prior to commencement of shooting activities. It will include the following but not limited to:
 - Absolutely no fanning
 - No live rounds of any caliber are allowed on site
 - The proper procedure for hang fires
- (d) The Sling/lock system for gun case lockup will be used at large public arenas. There use is encouraged in all other venues

Section Three
REGULATIONS

3.01 SCMSA Member- Whereas being a Member in the SCMSA is a privilege not a right, SCMSA has the authority to direct disciplinary action or sanctions against Members or affiliated clubs, who by virtue of being affiliated with SCMSA, come under the jurisdiction of SCMSA's Rules and Regulations. A member or affiliated club may be disciplined, suspended or expelled by the SCMSA for actions that are determined to be detrimental to the overall welfare and/or financial well being of the association.

3.02 Year end High Point Winners. – Winners must be a SCMSA member. Winners must attend 60% of all SCMSA sanctioned shoots. Points will only be accumulated at:

- (a) SCMSA sanctioned shoots
- (b) at the level at which the shooter goes into the last SCMSA shoot of the competition year.

A win and resulting move up at the last shoot does not change the level at which the shooter is competing for high points.

3.03 Wrangler Level Participants. – The goal of SCMSA is to properly train and prepare our Wrangler level participants for full competition starting at age 18 in Canada and age 12 in the USA. The following applies to practices, competition and demonstrations:

- (a) Pylon cones may be placed to direct Wranglers through the courses
- (b) Peewee, Novice and Junior Wranglers may be briefed and walked through patterns on their horses prior to being timed
- (c) Parent must designate a guardian if they are absent from each shoot. The Wrangler must carry a letter with them stating the parent's permission for the Wranglers participation
- (d) The range master has the final say in all instances
- (e) No participant under 18 years of age shall fire any firearm while mounted at any practice, jackpot, clinic or competition.
- (f) A Wrangler may move up when deemed ready by the parent – however the Range Master has final input with regard to safety at all shoots.
- (g) No move backs so Wranglers should practice, practice, practice!
- (h) The Wrangler will have a current Canadian club membership and SHF insurance or equivalent.

There will be 3 classifications within the Youth membership of the SCMSA. They are:

1. **Peewee Wrangler** – Any child 9 or under as of the day after CMSA World Championships in October
 - Requires being led through the course or having a parent in the arena
 - Will NOT participate in ground shooting
 - Moving up is optional
2. **Novice Wrangler** – Any child 11 or under as of the day after CMSA World Championships in October
 - Will ride thru the course with no assistance
 - Engage targets as per the CMSA rulebook regarding Wranglers
 - Will NOT participate in ground shooting
 - Encouraged to have holsters and a least 1 cap gun
 - Scoring as per CMSA Wrangler rules
 - Moving up is optional
3. **Junior Wrangler** – Any Child who is under the age of 18 as the day after CMSA World Championships in October
 - May be briefed on the course and may participate in course walk through patterns on horse prior to being

timed

- Qualifies by a demonstration of skill
 - Must have successfully completed an approved firearms safety course in order to ground shoot
 - Will be wearing all proper attire for competition as per CMSA rules and be carrying two cap guns
- If Venue Master has approved the Wrangler will shoot
- All balloons from the ground with TWO hands on the gun at all times
 - Within arms distance and in direct supervision of a shooter with a valid restricted PAL, the Range Master, a Parent/Guardian (as specified by current letter)
 - The Wrangler will have no holsters while ground shooting
 - Before shooting begins: a firing line will be established, the stage will be set, the range will be declared clear by the Range Master ONLY, and the area will be warned by the Range Master by stating “fire in the hole”
 - The loaded revolver will be handed to the Wrangler by the shooter with a restricted PAL who will be at arm’s length to the Wrangler and will be in direct control of the Wrangler
 - Once the stage has been completed the Wrangler will hand the revolver back to the supervisor
- Penalties are the same as adult counterparts, as per decision by range master and
 - Scoring will be as per CMSA Wrangler rules

Section Four

Revisions

- 4.01 **Rules and Regulations.** - This document was approved and adopted at the AGM on January 16, 2016.
- 4.02 Line items 2.05 added, 2.02 modified, 3.04 added - Minutes of March 23/16 BOD meeting
- 4.03 Rewritten to confirm to Saskatchewan Chief Firearms Officer -June 1/16 BOD meeting
- 4.04 Item 3.05- addition- June 1/16 BOD meeting
- 4.05 Item 2.01- rewritten in 2.02- 2.01 changed to require events be approved – June 1/16
- 4.06 Item 2.03 – clarify insurance and add restricted to PAL
- 4.07 Item 2.06 – addition Feb 2/17 BOD meeting – one time membership fee
- 4.08 Item 3.05 – removed Feb 2/17 BOD meeting - Shooting without PAL
- 4.09 Item 2.02 – addition Feb 2/17 BOD meeting – must have PAL and USA shooter requirements
- 4.10 Item 3.03 – rewritten April 5/17 BOD meeting – to match SCMSA with Alberta Clubs
- 4.11 Item 3.03 (3) – addition May 9/18 BOD meeting – wranglers ground shooting must have completed a firearms safety course
- 4.12 Item 2.07 – addition Jan 17/15 BOD meeting - \$500.00 to first time shoots
- 4.13 Item 3.04 – moved to rules from regulations now 2.08 – housekeeping
- 4.14 Item 2.09 – added May 26/19 BOD
- 4.15 Item 2.10 – added April 3/19 BOD
- 4.16 Item 3.03 – changed ages for peewee and wranglers, removed automatically will score 60 secs, move up optional and having a parent in the arena – changed Oct 23/19 BOD
- 2.11 New item approved at AGM Jan 23, 2021
- 2.12 New item approved at AGM Jan 21, 2019
- 2.13 New item approved at AGM January 22,2022
- 2.07 Revised April 12,2022 BOD meeting - \$500 to all CMSA shoots and jackpots
- 2.03 Revised – Private arena approvals replaced with Personal/private venues – changed because of meeting with CFO May 18, 2022
- 2.05 and 3.03 3 Junior wrangler – removed range and replaced with venue – changed because of meeting with CFO May 18, 2022
- 2.14 New item – added because of meeting with CFO May 18, 2022