

# **FREE STATE RANGERS**

## **SASS Cowboy Side Match Long Range Competition Rifle Specifications**

Rifles/sights must comply with current SASS published rules for Big Bore Single Shot, Big Bore Lever, and Pistol Caliber Rifle.

.22 RF Caliber Rifle: Any .22 cal rimfire. (Except .22 magnum) meeting SASS rules for LR competition rifles.

### **Military Bolt action rifle: is not a SASS sanctioned rifle class.**

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#### MILITARY BOLT ACTION RIFLE/CARBINE SPECIFICATIONS

Classic Military Bolt Rifle/Carbine: any nation military bolt action in original caliber designed prior to 1920 or on the following list, exhibiting a mostly stock military issue appearance and NOT appearing or being sporterized.

List is: Austrian Steyr 1895, Springfield 03, 03A3, Enfield 1917, Mauser (any country, any model) , Mosin Nagant, Swede 1911, Swiss, Arisaka type 30 or 38, Krag Jorgensen, Mannlicher 1895, Mannlicher-Schoenauer 1903, Lee Metford, Lee Enfield.

Military bolt sights: as issued or approved exceptions are Mojo brand barrel mounted peep sights for 98 Mausers, Swedish Mausers and Mosin Nagants, modifications or replacement of front sight blades/apertures, hoods or apertures or rear sight apertures.

Not Approved: telescopes, modern micrometer adjustable receiver sights, National Match or Special Match rifles or target rifle modifications on rifles/carbines.

Modified (open class) Military Bolt Rifle/Carbine a weapon not meeting the requirements of classic military, for example: sporterized, modern caliber (designed after 1920), modern action (designed after 1920), modern sight or other(s).

Ammo: smokeless powder and lead bullets with or without gas checks loaded to less than 2000 FPS.

Trigger: as issued or any replacement

# **LONG RANGE RIFLE MATCH PROCEDURES AND RULES**

**RANGE OFFICER:** A range officer (RO) and alternate RO will be assigned for each match.. The RO will be in full control of the firing line. He will call the range hot/cold. NO weapons will be pointed down range, or handled under or transported to or from under the carport on a cold range.

The RO will conduct a safety meeting prior to the start of the match. Late arriving shooters will present themselves to the RO/alternate RO for a safety briefing prior to transporting a weapon to the area of the firing line.

**SCOREKEEPER:** Controls the start of firing after the range goes hot. Verbally controls shooter order, records scores, and informs RO when the shooters are done. The range then goes cold at the RO's call.

**SPOTTERS:** an official spotter with the aid of 1 or more assistants calls the shot a hit or a miss for the scorekeeper. NO shots are called out loud for the shooter. A designated spotter for each two shooters is assigned. The spotter will use the overhead shot spotting board and a red laser to visually show the shooter the shot strike. The only verbal calls will be the official spotter to the scorekeeper.

**CEASE FIRE:** A person/shooter witnessing a potentially safety compromising situation will immediately loudly call out a CEASE FIRE. i.e. squib load, persons or animals in an injurious area downrange. An error will result in the shooter being awarded an alibi. No criticisms will be directed at anyone calling a cease fire. Safe beats sorry.

**WEAPONS:** On arrival all shooters upon removing a weapon(s) from the vehicle or case will immediately open the action and verify the weapon safe. Actions will always be open except when positioned on the firing line.

**TRANSPORTING WEAPONS:** Muzzle up, action open is the order. It is difficult to error and sweep with a muzzle up attitude.

**SWEEPING:** Any sweeping of anyone at anytime with a weapon is a safety violation.

- A. Sweeping with empty, open action weapon is a 10 point match relay penalty for offending weapon.
- B. Sweeping with empty, closed action weapon is a relay DQ
- C. Sweeping anyone, including own self, with a loaded weapon is a match DQ

**BROKEN SHOOTER:** Any shooter unable to be seated or rise from a seated position and safely handle a weapon will ask for and receive assistance.

**WEAPONS CLEANING/EXAM:** An area South and West of the firing line will be designated so weapons are pointed West for these procedures.

**ALCOHOL/DRUGS:** any shooter having the odor of consumed alcohol on his person or any shooter exhibiting the effects of alcohol, illegal drugs, or prescription drugs will be prohibited from shooting.

**EYE/EAR PROTECTION:** is strongly recommended, but not mandatory. However, choosing not to use these protections is done at the shooters own risk.

**CONVERSATIONS:** loud conversation and/or raucous behavior will be conducted at a distance from the firing so as to not disturb or interfere with the operation of the firing line.

**DECISIONS:** a panel of 3 club members, RO qualified will make any required decisions.

**ALL SHOOTERS:** are Safety Officers and are expected to follow the rules, be safe, and help fellow shooters to meet these same standards.

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### **Long Range Rifle Match Scoring**

All matches allow for 2 initial sighter shots which are accepted and scored (or not) at the shooters direction. Once a shooter accepts a sighter shot the 5 shot scoring starts, with only 5 shots of a possible 7 counted for score at each designated distance.

Matches are shot at 3 known distances.

The winner is determined by total point score, a maximum of 45 points, no minimum, with tie breaking as follows:

Big Bore Single Shot: total points and total bullseye(s) at 500 if tied 2 relays of 3 tie breaking shots at the small 500 target, if still tied a coin toss.

Big Bore Lever: total points and total bullseye(s) at 400, if tied 2 relays of 3 tie breaking shots at the cowboy, if still tied a coin toss.

Pistol Caliber Rifle: total points, if tied 2 relays 3 tie breaking shots at the small 200 circle target, if still tied a coin toss. .

.22 Caliber Rifle: total points, if tied 2 relays of 3 tie breaking shots at the 200 small circle target, if still tied a coin toss.

Military Rifle: same as big bore single shot.

### **MATCH DISTANCES: in yards**

<b>.22 Caliber Rifle</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Pistol Caliber Rifle</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Big Bore Lever Rifle</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Big Bore Single Shot</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Military Bolt Rifle</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>500</b>

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## **LONG RANGE RIFLE SAFETY RULES**

**And**

## **VIOLATION PENALTIES**

**For the rifle range and the parking area**

### **Safety violations with a match disqualification are:**

1. Sweeping anyone with a loaded rifle
2. Entering/leaving with, having or handling a rifle under the carport when the Amber Safety Light is flashing.
3. Accidental discharge with the projectile leaving the confines of the range or striking within 10 feet of the firing line.
4. Committing 2 safety violations of any level at a match other than one with a 5 point penalty.
5. Having a loaded rifle anywhere on the range other than the firing line.

### **Safety violations with a rifle relay disqualification are:**

1. Accidental discharge with the projectile fired downrange but not impacting within 10 feet of the firing line.
2. Entering/leaving with, having or handling a rifle under the carport with a closed action empty rifle other than on the firing line.
3. Sweeping anyone with an unloaded rifle anywhere on the range.

### **Safety violations with a 10 point penalty are:**

1. Walking to or from a vehicle towards the carport, but not reaching it with a closed action or the rifle not carried muzzle up and pointed safe. 10 points assessed on the offending rifle's relay

### **Safety violations with a 5 point penalty are:**

#### **(2 of these violations equal a relay disqualification)**

1. Firing out of turn or prior to being called to fire. 5 points assessed immediately against total score

## **SPECIAL SAFETY CONCERNS**

### **The match directors reserve the right to:**

1. Assess safety penalties as appropriate so as to be effective at the current match or if necessary carried forward to a future match.
2. Refuse to allow any shooter or person exhibiting physical impairment from legal or illegal drugs, alcohol or any other means to remain on the range.
2. Remove a shooter from the line for continually overshooting or undershooting by a significant distance a berm.
3. Require all shooters to attend a safety meeting prior to being permitted to shoot.