

Texican Rangers, Inc.

Club Rules

August 2015

SCOPE

These Club Rules apply to shooting range activities of the **Texican Rangers, Inc.**, a Cowboy Action Shooting™ Club. These Club Rules incorporate by reference the rules, regulations and general guidelines of the Single Action Shooting Society® (SASS) as presented in the COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING™ Shooters Handbook (Shooters Handbook) and the WILD BUNCH™ ACTION SHOOTING Handbook (Wild Bunch Handbook). Also included by reference are the interpretations and clarifications of those rules and applicable penalties described in the COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING™ Range Operations Basic Safety Course (Level I) (RO I). The most recent version of the handbooks can always be found on the SASS web site, www.sassnet.com. Only the rules specific to Texican Rangers activities that are *in addition* or *exceptions* to the SASS Rules are presented here. All safety infractions must be enforced and assessed to the shooter. Failure to comply with penalty enforcement could impact Club insurance coverage. No one is required to participate in any activities that they deem as unsafe.

DEFINITIONS and CONDITIONS

A **Match** ("Match") is defined as all activities associated with a scheduled Cowboy Action Shooting, Wild Bunch, or Special Shooting event extending from the Shooters' Meeting to the raising of the Red Range Flag.

The **Range** ("Range") is defined as the area on **Stieler Ranch** ("Ranch") north from the two-track that is south of the area of Stage 1 (The Jail) to the area of the Boot Hill Cemetery; and west of the access road to and through the firing line.

Anyone participating in, observing, or servicing a Match operation and activity is subject to these Rules and must sign a Waiver of Liability upon entry to the Ranch.

EQUIPMENT and CLOTHING

Firearms generally must comply with the SASS Firearms Covenants described in the Shooters Handbook and the Wild Bunch Handbook. Exceptions used in specific Texican Ranger monthly match categories are:

- Cody - Dixon Lever Action or Single Shot large caliber rifles
- Model 93/97 shotgun

Only pure lead or lead alloy bullets and lead shot are permitted for use in ammunition used at the Range. Exceptions to the SASS ammunition and propellant powder requirements at the Texican Rangers Matches are as follows:

- Black powder duplex loads are allowed in ammunition used in Cody – Dixon category

- Gas checks are allowed in ammunition used in Cody – Dixon category

Clothing and accouterments are required as described in the Shooters Handbook and Wild Bunch Handbook. Exceptions may be allowed for Special Matches but no summer attire is allowed (except for medical reasons), such as shorts, T-shirts, athletic shoes, sandals, etc.

RANCH RULES

The Range is located on a working ranch. There may be uneven ground, rocks and wooden surfaces so shooters/visitors should be careful when moving on/between stages, and around the Range. Use your best judgement as to how quickly you move.

- Keep gates closed unless signs indicate otherwise. If you open a gate close it; if someone is behind you ensure they close it.
- The maximum speed limit imposed by the Ranch owner is 5 MPH. Do not drive at any speed that produces excessive dust.
- Watch for livestock and wildlife. If, while actively shooting on a stage, livestock or wildlife is seen down range, call for an immediate “CEASE FIRE.”
- Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times while shooting is in progress.
- Keep pets on a leash at all times.
- Properly dispose of smoking materials to avoid littering and to prevent wildfires.

RANGE RULES

- CHL firearms must be left in parked vehicle. Law enforcement officials are exempt from this rule if required to carry off duty and not on official business.
- The Range Flag is used to signal whether the Range is open for shooting (**Green Flag**) or closed to shooting (**Red Flag**).
- The Shooters’ Meeting conducted prior to the Match concludes with a safety briefing. Attendance at the safety briefing is MANDATORY to participate in the Match.
- Firearms may only be discharged on the firing line after the Match begins. With Match Director consent firearms may be discharged prior to the Match to check function or clear cap nipples.
- All shooters and spectators must wear eye and ear protection within the “target line-of-sight” safety boundary of the firing line.
- Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the Range west of the picnic table area during a Match.

MATCH RULES

- Range Officer/Timer Operator (RO/TO) should be RO I certified.
- Limit shooters at a loading table to as many as will fit at a time.
- Do not holster loaded pistols until you are next in line to shoot.
- Do not leave loaded guns unattended at loading table. If you must leave the table, leave pistols on the table and obtain a “stand-in” to watch your guns while absent.
- Brass may be retrieved behind the firing line and forward of the line only if the person’s body does not extend beyond the line and posse progress is not impeded.

- Counters/Spotters should assist in calling shotgun targets NOT down.
- Only the three Counters/Spotters may determine misses.
- Majority rules in determining the number of misses.
- Total Time is used to score all Club matches.

GENERAL SAFETY RULES

- Always treat all guns as if they are loaded.
- Never point a gun at anything you are not willing to destroy.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target.
- Do not cock a handgun or rifle until it is pointed downrange.
- Know your target and what is beyond. (Call for immediate CEASE FIRE if wildlife or livestock is observed down range.)
- Everyone is a safety officer.

SHOOTING CATEGORIES

All SASS recognized shooting categories are available for use at monthly matches. SASS category specific rules may be found in the Shooters Handbook. In addition, the Texican Rangers offer the following Club specific categories:

- Cody-Dixon Lever Action
- Cody-Dixon Single Shot
- 1911T
- 1911M

Rules for these Club specific categories may be found on the Texican Rangers website.

PENALTIES

Abusive, belligerent, or otherwise hostile behavior, acting under the influence of alcohol or drugs, whether legal or illegal, by members, guests, visitors, vendors or contractors will not be tolerated and may result in eviction and denial of privileges.

Illegal activities, or possession of illegal products or substances of any nature, are prohibited on the part of any member, guest, visitor, vendor or contractor.