

The intent of this motion is to eliminate the discrepancy between the traditional 4 gun categories being divided by powder type and shooting styles and all other categories being only divided by gender. The alternative to this is to sub-divide all the current categories by powder type and shooting style, but that takes us to over 60 separate categories. Additional benefits of this motion are: 1. A reduction in the number of shooting categories from 18 to 15. 2. Specifically identifying the number and type of firearms required for each category. 3. Minimizes the impact on current categories. I have also specified that local posse shoots may continue to sub-divide these categories by powder type and shooting style as they wish.

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Member # L129

By-Law 10: Rules and Regulations

10-1. All NCOWS shooting classes, as established by By-Law, must be made available to all shooters at each National, Regional or Charter Posse Shoot. These classes shall be:

~~**Men's and Women's Smokeless Shootist:** Shooters may shoot smokeless powder and may fire handguns using a two-handed grip.~~

~~**Men's and Women's Blackpowder Shootist:** Shooters must shoot blackpowder or approved blackpowder substitute powder in all firearms except those chambered for rimfire cartridges, and may fire handguns using a two-handed grip. Shotguns may NOT include any model of pump shotgun.~~

~~**Men's and Women's Smokeless Duelist:** Shooters may shoot smokeless powder and must fire handguns using a one-handed grip.~~

~~**Men's and Women's Blackpowder Duelist:** Shooters must shoot blackpowder or approved black powder substitute in all firearms except those chambered for rimfire cartridges, and must fire handguns using a one-handed grip. Shotguns may NOT include any model of pump shotgun.~~

Men's and Women's: Shooter uses any four NCOWS approved guns (2 revolvers, 1 rifle, 1 shotgun) may use smokeless or black powder and revolver may be fired with one or two hands.

Men's and Women's Pistoleer: Shooters are restricted to the use of percussion revolvers, pre-1873 percussion or original/authentic reproductions of rimfire cartridge pocket pistols, exposed-hammer double-barrel shotguns (percussion or cartridge), and reproduction or original pre-1873 pistol-caliber repeating rifles (e.g. 1860 Henry, Spencer, 1866 Winchester, etc: Shooters must shoot blackpowder or approved blackpowder substitute powder in all firearms except those chambered for rimfire cartridges. Pistols and revolvers must be shot one-handed. Pistoleer shooters will shoot the same course of fire as the other competitors except that in a stage requiring more

than two shotgun rounds the Pistolet shooter would not be required to shoot the extra rounds.

Men's and Women's Seniors: Shall be open to those over age 60 only, ~~may use any of the above shooting styles.~~ Shooter uses any four NCOWS approved guns (2 revolvers, 1 rifle, 1 shotgun) may use smokeless or black powder and revolver may be fired with one or two hands.

Men's and Women's Elder: Shall be open to those over the age of 70 only, ~~may use any of the above shooting styles.~~ Shooter uses any four NCOWS approved guns (2 revolvers, 1 rifle, 1 shotgun) may use smokeless or black powder and revolver may be fired with one or two hands.

Boy's and Girl's Juniors: Shall be open to those age 12 to 17 only, ~~may use any of the above shooting styles.~~ Shooter uses any four NCOWS approved guns (2 revolvers, 1 rifle, 1 shotgun) may use smokeless or black powder and revolver may be fired with one or two hands.

Men's and Women's Working Cowboy: Shooter uses one pistol and one pistol caliber rifle. Smokeless or Black Powder cartridges may be used. No gun carts are to be used at any time. Pistol may be fired with one or two hands.

Men and Women's Originals: Shooter uses two (2) guns, any combination of NCOWS approved firearms to complete the course of fire. Must have three (3) originals present to have the class. For complete rules and regulations see Appendix A at the back of the Tally Book.

In addition to these classes, Chartered Clubs and special events may offer additional classes so long as they adhere to the general outline of these By-Laws. They may make any sub-divisions to the standard class they wish at local matches, such as division by powder used or shooting style.

10-2. Smokeless powder loads shall not exceed the maximum muzzle velocities of comparable black powder loads, e.g. 1500 fps for single shot cartridge rifles; 1300 fps for lever action rifles; 1000fps for handguns. Smokeless loads may be chronographed and certified by the Judge before the shooter will be allowed to compete. No loading below manufacturer's recommendation. Minimum velocity for any main match firearm is 600fps or published loading data.

10-3. The Territorial Congress, in conjunction with the Authenticity Committee and Executive Committee, shall establish and maintain official NCOWS Rules and Regulations to govern approved firearms, calibers, and load, and clothing and accouterments, and range rules and regulations

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