Not allowed are the following:

Be advised this list is not all inclusive. Remember it must have been available in the Old West in the 1865 to 1899 time period. Manufacturers are coming out with reproductions and variations of them faster than NCOWS can address. Therefore, if you have any questions or are not sure, please contact the NCOWS National Judge for clarification.

Revolvers

Ruger Vaquero Bisley (as of the first Territorial Congress of 2006.)

Ruger .32 H&R

Cimarron Lightning

Cimarron Thunderer

Cimarron Model P Jr.

"P" (Colt Model 1873 and Replicas thereof) frames with Birds-head grip.

"Pinkerton"-grip firearms

Uberti '73 SAA with cap and ball cylinders

Ruger Old Army cap and ball

Navy Arms Scout and similar small framed revolvers

Non-birds head or non-banana gripped Webleys'

Colt Police Positive

455 Webley Service Revolvers: Mark VI

Other Webley Revolvers: W.S. model

Cimarron "Eliminator" series of revolvers (Added July 2015)

For percussion revolvers, the so called "Manhattan Conversion" or other modification or cap guard to a percussion revolver to retain fired caps

Single action Colt 1873 and replicas thereof with octagonal barrels (Added May 2020)

Rifles

Winchester '94 with angle eject

Henry Big Boy and all other side eject models

Modern lever-action rifles in current production equipped with angle eject, ramped front sight.

H&R Buffalo Classic

Beretta Renegade (an 1873 w/factory installed short stroke)

Winchester 1866 and 1873rifles and carbines made by Miroku

Henry Repeating Arms Side Gate Lever Action, all calibers (Added May 2020)

Shotguns

Modern shotguns with vent ribs

Modern recoil pads (no white line spacers).

Derringers

Bond Arms Derringers

Cobra Enterprises Titan

Uberti Maverick large frame 357 Mag and 45 Colt

Gun Modifications:

Not allowed are the following:

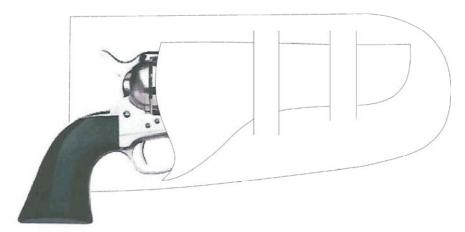
Short-stroke modifications to lever-action rifles/shotguns.

Short stroke kits for revolvers

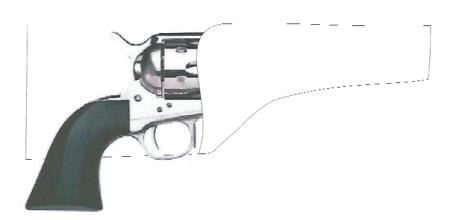
Lightning rods or similar devises

Aluminum carriers for toggle link rifles.

No belt holster shall be lined with metal, plastic, or any non-leather material to make it easier to extract or reholster revolver. Cloth Lining shall be acceptable. No holster shall be lower than the leading, forward edge of the trigger guard in the trigger area and no lower than the midpoint of the trigger guard over the cylinder or at the leading edge of the holster. Holster shall be attached to belt by a loop over the entire belt, i.e., no slotted belt (buscadero rigs). No holster may be tied to the leg.



Minimum Acceptable Holster Coverage



Unacceptable Holster Coverage

Clothing and Accouterments:

A very diverse range of apparel and accounterments existed within the time period of 1865-1899. Much has been written detailing the items worn and used during this time. The individual must research all items to ensure authenticity. Period photographs used to authenticate dress should be dated in order to eliminate confusion as to whether the item is correct.

Not allowed are the following: any modern Western-style boot with stitching on the toe; modern-style vests; snap-button shirts or modern-style Western shirts; modern jeans that have not been altered to conform to historic styling; Buscadero (slotted belt) gun rigs; modern "fast-draw" holsters; slide-on shotgun shell holders (effective as of the first Territorial Congress of 2006); modern-style cowboy hats, unless altered to an authentic style; modern Western trophy- style belt buckles. Loading strips are not allowed on the firing line but may be used at the loading area. Shotgun cartridge belts must have individual loops.