


2017 MMSA Club Policy

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These club policies are endorsed by the MMSA Board of Directors. The following rules and policies apply to all club members and contestants or as specified.

Safety: In addition to the CMSA rulebook regarding conduct and safety:

- A rider in or out of the arena must control his/her horse at all times.
 - No intentional ramming of the fence or gate at the end of the course of fire.
 - No intentional running into a Range Master or anyone else or their horse at any time. ➤ Judgment will be made at the discretion of the Range Master.
- Match Directors are to ensure that their appeals committee consists of Certified Range Masters, MMSA Board of Directors members, and/or experienced shooters.
- At any time if a rider or horse has done serious injury to someone or damage to property that rider will be withdrawn from the match. Riders assume all responsibility of injury and/or damage to others property.
- All contestants shall use the same match supplied .45 Colt blank ammunition. No personal ammunition of any type is to be allowed. This is a match DQ. You may only take 10 rounds at a time from the ammo table for the stage you are about to shoot. Taking extra ammo from the ammo table will not be allowed. It is recommended that you load no more than ten rounds out.
- Competitors may not 'practice' with their firearms at any time (this includes wranglers and their cap guns). Our sport is under a constant microscope and this type of behavior will not be tolerated, period. All firearms are to be treated as loaded at all times and handled as such.
- When you have completed your course and you have extra rounds in your gun, leave the arena, dismount and immediately unload your firearm. If an armorer is available, have them do it for you. This live round is yours to keep, do not put it back into the competition rounds. Do not discharge unused rounds in the arena unless specifically directed to do so by the Range Master in the event of a gun issue. **DO NOT LEAVE THE ARENA WITH A COCKED GUN.**
- A parent or legal guardian **MUST** sign a Parental Consent Form for any event a minor (under the age of 18) wishes to compete in. If they do not, the minor will not compete. No exceptions.

Finances:

- Outstanding debt to the club from a member or contestant must be paid prior to competing in the next MMSA event.
- There will be a \$20.00 insufficient fee charge on all returned checks. After two returned checks within a twelve-month period, a member will be required to pay for all future events in cash for the next twelve months.

The following items apply to all CMSA and MMSA sanctioned events:

- On-line pre-registration will be required before said event via the CMSA website. Late fee of \$15 will apply for entries after the posted sign up deadline. This will help streamline the administration duties at the event.
- All contestants must check in the day of the event.
- All contestants shall provide a copy of a current negative coggins for each horse they will be competing on to the designated BOD member to be kept on file each shooting season for MMSA events. Members are responsible for ensuring that it is kept current. Horses that do not have a current negative coggins **WILL NOT COMPETE**. You will also be required to have a negative coggins in hand on any horse you bring on the grounds.
- Up until the first shot fired, a contestant can withdraw from the event and either receives a refund or a credit towards another MMSA event.
- Exhibitions: Exhibition rides will be allowed at most events. Unless specifically stated on the event flyer, exhibition rides will only be allowed when the total number of entries (main match and wranglers) on a given day does not exceed 50. Exhibition rides will not be allowed at State or Regional shoots.
- With one main match horse already entered, exhibition rides will be \$5.00 per stage for pistol or shotgun and \$7.00 per stage for rifle or shotgun plus a \$5 balloon setter fee per exhibition rider. Exhibition rides with no main match horse entered will cost a main match fee for that event.
- Jackpots are cash or check and are paid the day of event. Main match riders only may enter jackpot. Only one jackpot entry per individual. Bullet Bucks **MAY NOT** be used for jackpot entries.
- Match directors must submit all required information to the BOD for posting on the CMSA website a minimum of 60 days prior to the event date (120 days if entries will be limited).
- Match directors must have a budget for a scheduled shoot submitted to the Board of Directors for approval a minimum of 90 days before the event.
- Shoot profit retention guidelines - All MMSA shoots will be budgeted to retain a minimum of 20% of the gross income for any individual shoot. Four stage shoots shall retain 20% of the total shoot income up to a maximum of \$750. Six stage shoots shall retain 20% of the total shoot income up to a maximum of \$1,000.



2015 MMSA Club Policy

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- The times for every stage will be posted shortly after each stage is finished. Once the times are posted for a stage, all competitors will have 30 minutes to file an appeal for that stage with the exception of the final stage of the match. For the final stage of the match, the time limit for an appeal will be 15 minutes. Once the appeal time is up, no appeals grievances will be allowed after this time. It is each competitor's responsibility to watch their scores. Please look to the CMSA rule book for further information on how to file an appeal.
- To accommodate inclement weather conditions at shoots, a jacket may be worn over your regular shoot attire as long as it does not contain the logo of any organization or club which is considered a competitor of the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association or the Minnesota Mounted Shooters Association.
- When used at a shoot, wrangler demonstration riders will either walk or trot the course. While it is preferred to use a rider and/or horse that is not competing, as long as the demonstration is done at a controlled walk or trot, that will be acceptable.
- A wrangler safety meeting will be held immediately after the general safety meeting. Ground shooting for wranglers will then follow prior to the start of the main match regardless of when wranglers are shooting in the go order for the first stage.

Membership Incentives & Other information:

- When a MMSA club member receives a level win at a MMSA shoot and it is their move-up to the next level (per CMSA rules), that person will have a choice of a buckle \$125.00 value, or a cash award of \$100.00. The buckle must include your level, year, and either have the name of the shoot or MMSA. Member can then have whatever else they wish on the buckle. Member will be responsible for any cost of the buckle over \$125.00. Buckle orders must be placed through the designated club member, Tom Bamford and within 6 months of the move-up win.
- Club members are encouraged to become a Certified CMSA Range Master thru the CMSA Range Master test. Upon the successful completion of the Certified Range Master test, club members will be reimbursed \$25.00 for the test fee.
- For each \$100 in monetary sponsorship or \$250 in product sponsorship, a member brings into the club, that member will receive \$15 in shoot credits to be used within 12 months of receipt by the club of the sponsorship. Credit will only be approved and issued after a sponsorship form has been completed in full by the member and submitted to the Director or Officer identified on the sponsorship form prior to the sponsored shoot.
- Product donations will be at the Match Directors discretion as to any shoot credits to be issue at the shoot the product is donated too. These credits must be accounted for in the shoot budget/final reconciliation prior to any paybacks and completed sponsorship forms must also be provided with the final reconciliation of the shoot. All shoots are expected to meet the retention guidelines stated above.
- Members are responsible for ensuring that any requests by their sponsors are taken care of and, if necessary, approved by the BOD. It is solely the member's responsibility to take care of these requests, not the equipment manager or the match director. This includes transporting and hanging any banners at the appropriate shoot, clearing any sponsor booths with both the match director and the arena, meeting the sponsor prior to the event if needed to direct them to the appropriate place to set up a booth, making sure the announcer has information to read regarding the sponsor, etc.
- Match Directors – MMSA will let the match director of a MMSA/CMSA event ride for free at the event they are match directing (if there is more than one match director, one entry fee will be properly divided between them). It is the Match Directors responsibility to oversee all aspects of their shoot. Including, but not limited to, arranging for Range Masters and ALL help in the crow's nest. Questions on the Match Director's responsibilities should be directed to the club Secretary or President.
- Ammo purchased by the MMSA is for club sanctioned events only. No ammo will be sold to club members.
- Club Equipment is only to be used at club sanctioned events. All club sanctioned practices, clinics, or demonstrations must be advertised to all members prior to the event through email or the club website. This is to prevent unnecessary wear and tear on the equipment and potential loss of equipment.
- Club Officers and Directors are encouraged to keep their membership with CMSA current at all times and become a Certified CMSA Range Master.
- As a CMSA affiliate club, MMSA will only promote CMSA sanctioned or CMSA affiliate club hosted mounted shooting events (clinics, demos, competitions, etc.) or organizations at any of their events, in their website, and any other club managed media (Facebook, Twitter, email, etc.).

