

## Notes from TG meeting; EOT 2015

Potential Agenda items (discussed with the purpose of getting reaction as to whether or not they might be voting items this winter):'

1. Should the B-Western category be amended to allow ANY SASS-legal rifle? General discussion indicated that the majority present thought the rule was "not broken" and was not in need of change.
2. Should the following phrase be added to the Timer Operator (TO) definition in the RO1 manual? "The TO must never run the timer for a family member?" General discussion was swift and negative toward this proposal, so it will also not likely be in the TG voting agenda.
3. Currently the penalty for NOT holstering a revolver at the end of the revolver string is a MINOR SAFETY, and the RO Committee, (ROC) feels this is not "in line" with most other penalties as set forth by the rules and the stage conventions. That is, the ROC does not feel that a revolver staged flat on a table or other surface is "unsafe", therefore, the penalty of minor safety is inappropriate. Instead the penalty is more logically a procedural, (i.e. not doing what you're told to do). Furthermore if a shooter persists in failing (refusing) to holster revolvers, it would then be a progressive penalty with SDQ at second occurrence, and MDQ at third. Discussion included the possibility that a shooter who commits a procedural error (improper target engagement, or shooting incorrectly for category, etc.), would get only a single procedural penalty if he or she then failed to holster a revolver versus a procedural AND a minor safety. On the other hand, as failure to return to leather is not deemed an unsafe act, most present seemed to agree that calling it a procedural penalty is more logical, and this proposal could very well be on the list of voting items.
4. There were two items relevant to the Classical Cowboy category, one concerning legal firearms, and the other concerning accoutrements. a. Should the firearms acceptable for Classic Cowboy be limited to the period 1880 or earlier? That would permit the use of the 1873 rifle, but would exclude use of the 1887 lever-action shotgun. Those present seemed to like the 1897 shotgun, and felt that it was not necessary to change the rule. b. Should the clothing requirements state that chaps and spurs MUST be worn at all times. Discussion included many comments to the effect that clubs that shoot in the hot summer months would put a severe burden on shooters in the CC category. Similarly, many felt that because spurs can be a tripping hazard for those unused to them, requiring them to be worn could result in safety issues. Net result, both proposals were not well received and will not likely make it to voting items.
5. It was stated that the rules currently allow wearing guns butt forward in all categories except Gunfighter, B-Western, and Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter. Shooters wearing guns butt forward can elevate the gun with muzzle still in the pouch, rotate it to butt backward position, then draw it without breaking the 170 degree rule. The proposal is to permit Gunfighters, B-Western and Frontier Cartridge Gunfighters to wear both revolvers in a butt-forward configuration, as it does not make sense to forbid that kind of draw if it can be done safely. Lassiter came to the front to demonstrate that both guns could be drawn simultaneously as described above without breaking the 170. It was brought up that this style of draw is not likely competitive, but had some cool style points, and because it can be done safely, should be allowed. There was some comment, (from Gunfighters?) that Lassiter should be required to draw that way always). This proposal will likely be a voting item.

6. We were reminded that the TG's failed to remove the dropped, dead round rule by a mere 6 votes, (not percentage points, but VOTES). Therefore, the ROC wanted to get a feeling as to whether or not the TG's would reconsider the issue. The ROC was in favor of removing the dropped round rule, as they did not feel that attempting to retrieve a dropped round was inherently unsafe, and if in fact resulted in breaking the 170, we already have a penalty for that. Deadly added the comment that the dropped round rule was inappropriate as it was biased toward just one action, when, in fact, multiple other actions, (i.e. wind blowing hat, kerchief blowing up in face, cheek weld with a long gun pulling ear plugs out, etc.), could also result in breaking the 170, and we are satisfied with the penalty (SDQ) for those. It was also added that if the TG's voted to remove this rule, the so-called "Lazarus Rule: would be moot. The Lazarus Rule stated that if a dropped, dead round were retrieved and USED, the shooter would receive the procedural for retrieving the round, but would receive no further penalty if targets were hit with that round, (i.e. the round would NOT be considered to be illegally acquired).