

This pamphlet contains policies and guidelines of a general nature. As conditions change, the pamphlet may be amended by board action.

Policies approved by the board are summarized and the date of adoption listed.

Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association Convention

1. The location of the convention shall be Casper, Wyoming. (1982).
2. The place of convention shall be decided by the board of directors. (1982)
3. Speakers may be provided room and board and mileage. (1992)
4. The convention shall take place on the second weekend of January.
5. The WSMLA may provide funds (\$100.00) to assist with social hour, food only expenses. (1993) (deleted 1994)

Convention committee

1. The convention committee shall be responsible for procuring lodging accommodations, negotiating rates, arranging meeting rooms and arranging the banquet
2. The committee shall develop and produce a program consistent with the scope of the WSMLA

Board of directors

- I. Board of directors meeting:
Meeting locations (time to be decided prior to meeting)
 1. The location of the convention
 - a. Friday
 - b. Sunday
 2. Riverton, Wyoming; Memorial Day shoot
 - a. Sunday
 3. The location of the state shoot
 - a. Saturday
 4. Any other time and place selected by the board of directors.
- II. Meetings will last no more than two (2) hours. (1990)
- III. Potential board vacancies shall be identified and published in the WSMLA newsletter by no later than the Nov/Dec publication.

- IV. Printed ballots shall be part of the registration packet. (1991)
- V. Elections will be held during the general meeting.

Film library

- 1. The sum of \$200.00 per year was available to the library director for the purchase of new films or tape. (1992)
- 2. The person desiring to borrow any tape or film will be responsible for round trip postage. The tape or film must be returned by the borrower within 60 days. (1993)

Safety packets

- 1. Safety packets will be distributed at no charge, however, the WSMLA will accept per packet donation.

WSMLA Definitions

As defined during the May 24, 1992 meeting.

- 1. Traditional muzzle loading hunting rifle.

Any muzzle loading hunting rifle equipped with a flint or percussion external side mounted ignition system being loaded with a charge of black powder or approved black powder substitute topped with a patched round ball. Rifle must have a stock designed in the spirit of the ignition system employed and equipped to carry a ramrod. Open iron sight only. No radical target type stocks.

- 2. Pistols.

Traditional muzzle loading pistol:

Any single shot muzzle loading pistol equipped with an external side mounted flint or percussion lock loaded with a charge of black powder or approved black powder substitute topped with a patched round ball.

Traditional revolver:

Revolver defined as any cap & ball revolver loaded with a round ball only and a charge of black powder or approved black powder substitute.

NMLRA Definitions

- 1. Open sights.

Front sight: Open un-shaded front sight of blade, bead, or similar configuration.
Rear sight: Open un-shaded rear sight of any common type. Peep sights excluded.

Adjustable sights may be permitted by the host clubs.

2. Ammunition: Projectile shall be a cloth patched round ball except for "traditional revolver" which shall be round ball only. Propellant shall be black powder or approved black powder substitute.
3. Shooting position.
Rifles:
 - Offhand position – Both feet on the ground, use two hands and one shoulder.
 - Cross-stick position – Fired from the sitting position. The rifle will be supported by the cross sticks, the shoulder and one or more hands.
 - Bench rest position – Sand bags will be used to support the fore end of the rifle only. The butt stock will be supported by the shooter.

The following definitions were adopted 5/24/92.

Pistols:

Men (includes women and JR's in men's matches): standing, pistol supported with one hand only at discharge.

Women and JR's: standing, pistol may be supported with two hands at discharge.

4. Junior: Any boy or girl who has not reached his/her 16th birthday before September 1st.
5. Sub-junior: Any boy or girl who has not reached his/her 12th birthday before September 1st and may shoot off cross sticks.
6. How to score: A shot takes the value of the center of the shot hole. (Half in) Please note bottle target scoring listed on the target.
7. Hits on wrong bull: Move the high ball and subtract one point. (Also works for wrong target as long as both targets are similar.
8. Breaking of ties:
 1. Most X's
 2. Widest shot loses tiebreaker.
9. Powder measure: A separate powder measure or holder will be used. Charging directly from a horn or flask is unsafe and is not permitted.
10. Spotting scopes (or binoculars): Option of hosting club.

11. Open powder containers are unsafe and will not be permitted.
12. Blowing down the barrel of a discharged firearm is strongly discouraged.
13. Protests: Hosting club rules prevail.

WSMLA Sponsored matches

Traveling Trophy

1. Traditional muzzle loading hunting rifle. (1992)
2. Categories: men, women, juniors and sub-JR's.
3. Qualifying period: state shoot to state shoot
4. Target: qualifying -- double bull buffalo
Range: twenty-five (25) yards.
Shots: five (5); two (2) in one bull, three (3) in other bull.
5. Qualifying: Re-entry - shot at any two day shoot. Highest score on targets shall determine the qualifier (can qualify only once each period). Any 50 or better score at any two day shoot qualifies the shooter or shooters.
6. Shoot off: At state shoot. Host club must post time and date prior to shoot off in the state newsletter. All competitors will shoot off at the same time (absolutely no exceptions).
7. Target: shoot off: men and women - single bull target at each range
Range and shots; (Men and Women)
Two shots at 100 yds.
Two shots at 50 yds.
Two shots at 25 yds.

Jrs. and sub-jrs.:
Double bull buffalo at 25 yds. Shoot 5 rounds.
8. Fee: One dollar minimum per target (includes re-entry). One dollar per target will be returned to WSMLA (cost of target is determined by the host club and can be added to the price of the target to recover cost of the targets).
9. Plaques will be ordered by the Traveling Trophy /Awards chairman.

Postal Match

1. Traditional muzzle loading hunting rifle. (1992)
2. Categories -- club, ladies, jr and sub-jr.
3. Target and range -- double bull buffalo at 50 yds for all categories. (1992)
4. Teams ladies -- three person teams (1991)
club -- three person teams (1992)
jr & sub-jrs -- no teams.
5. Match schedule -- monthly matches beginning in March and ending in November. Scores must be submitted to the postal match coordinator by the 5th day of the next month or the month after. Example; April's score should be submitted by May 5th, but not later than June 5th. All scores must be submitted by December 5th. Scores not submitted by the due date will be forfeited
6. Fees: club -- \$15.00
Ladies -- \$ 5.00
7. WSMLA classification: after the competitor has participated in at least three (3) matches during the postal match year, the aggregate score will be averaged and a classification will be assigned or advanced. A classification must be held for three (3) months before advancing to a higher classification. the highest classification (except tyro) will carry over to the next postal match year.
8. Classification-adult-jr & sub-jr

	Ave. score	Ave. score
tyros	less than 25	no provision
marksman	25	20
sharpshooter	35	30
expert	40	35
master	45	40
life master	49	no provision
9. Handicap

Classification	handicap pts.
unclassified, master & life master	0 pts
tyro	4 pts
marksman	3 pts
sharpshooter	2 pts
expert	1 pt
10. Scoring. Teams will score their own targets in accordance with existing WSMLA rules. Use the best three (3) scores, with handicap, for the team score. All other scores will be used to determine individual classification.

11. The team with the best win/loss/tie record will be declared the winner. Ties will be broken by the aggregate score.
10. Plaques will be ordered by the PM Chairman for presentation at the state convention

WSMLA State Shoot

1. The host and location of the state shoot will be decided at the convention during the general membership meeting. (1978)
2. Individuals must be registered State members to shoot any State sanctioned matches. (clarified 2005)
3. Individuals (or a Family) who are not a state member will be allowed to participate in WSMLA sanctioned matches by paying a \$10.00 fee per shooting event. (amended 1-10-09)
4. Hosting club will be advanced a sum from \$100.00 minimum to \$500.00 maximum, to assist with shooter prizes, etc. (1980)
5. Listed below are the minimum series of matches required for the state shoot. Records will be kept.

Scores will be posted in a timely manner and in an accessible location (same day as shot if practical).

Aggregate matches will be provided with plaques for first place (with the exception of juniors and sub-juniors. They shall receive first, second and third). The plaques will be ordered by the Traveling Trophy/Awards Chairman.

Matches

A. Traditional muzzle loading hunting rifle. (1992)

1. Men's flint

Target:		Range:
Six bull	8 ring black	25 yds
Six bull	7 ring black	50 yds
Single Buffalo	8 ring Black	50 yds
Single bull	7 ring black	100 yds
Aggregate		

2. Men's percussion

Target:		Range:
Six bull	8 ring black	25 yds
Six bull	7 ring black	50 yds

Single Buffalo	8 ring Black	50 yds
Single bull	7 ring black	100 yds
Aggregate		

3. Women

Target:		Range:
Six bull	8 ring black	25 yds
Single bull	8 ring black	25 yds
Single buffalo	8 ring black	50 yds
Single bull	7 ring black	100 yds
Aggregate		

4. Small bore - ten pound weight limit - maximum of .40 caliber.

Target:		Range:
Six bull	8 ring black	25 yds
Single bull	8 ring black	50 yds
Aggregate		

5. Big bore - minimum of .58 caliber

Target:		Range:
Single bull	8 ring black	50 yds
Single bull	7 ring black	100 yds
Aggregate		

6. X-stick - fourteen pound weight limit. Open iron sights only

Target:		Range:
Double bull buffalo		50 yds
Single bull buffalo		100 yds
Aggregate		

7. Juniors

Target		Range
Six Bull	8 ring black	25 yds
Single bull	8 ring black	25 yds
Single buffalo	8 ring black	50 yds
Aggregate		

8. Sub-juniors

Target		Range:
Six Bull	8 ring black	25 yds
Single bull	8 ring black	25 yds
Single buffalo	8 ring black	50 yds
Aggregate		

9. Pistol: ten shots
- a. Men
- | | |
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| Target: | Range: |
| 25 yd pistol | 25 yds |
| 50 yd pistol | 50 yds |
| Aggregate | |
- b. Women
- | | |
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| Target: | Range: |
| 25 yd pistol | 25 yds |
| 50 yd pistol | 50 yds |
| Aggregate | |
- c. Jrs
- | | |
|--------------|--------|
| Target: | Range: |
| 25 yd pistol | 25 yds |
| 50 yd pistol | 50 yds |
| Aggregate | |
10. Tomahawk: Must be single edged and that edge must be no greater than four (4) inches in length (a minimum of one full revolution of the tomahawk is required). Target and scoring; up to hosting club. First place qualifier shall receive a plaque. (2003 –General membership meeting)
11. Knife. Must be a traditional usable style. The knife must be thrown from the handle. The knife handle must be thicker than the blade and made of or covered with a natural material (a minimum of one full revolution of the knife is required). Target and scoring; up to hosting club. First place qualifier shall receive a plaque. (2003-General membership meeting)
12. Hawk and Knife Sponsorship: First time participating minors, under the legal age of majority in Wyoming (age 19) would be allowed to participate under a current paid WSLMA membership for one state sanctioned event. (2008-June Board of Directors meeting)

Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association Sanctioned Matches

Glenrock winter challenge:

1. The winter challenge may be held during the Presidents weekend in February in in Glenrock Wyoming.

Casper bench championships:

1. Location of the bench championships shall be announced at the state convention.

Cannon Championships: No longer sanctioned as of January 14, 2005.

Amendments

1. Shooting jackets will not be allowed to be worn during completion at any State sanctioned matches. (Adopted 2008 State Convention)
2. Sponsorship of sub-adult new shooters to be finished by the secretary(2008)