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Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association Convention

1. Speakers may be provided room and board and mileage. (1992)
2. The Convention Committee shall be responsible for procuring lodging accommodations, negotiating rates, arranging meeting rooms and arranging the banquet. The Convention Committee shall also be given the authority to make decisions of a general nature on behalf of the Board concerning any unforeseen issues that may arise concerning the Convention.
3. The Convention Committee shall develop and produce a program consistent with the scope of the WSMLA.

WSMLA Definitions

As defined during the May 24, 1992 meeting of the Board of Directors

1. **Traditional muzzle loading 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. **Traditional muzzle loading pistol**
Any single shot muzzle loading pistol equipped with a side 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.
3. **Traditional Revolver (pistol)**
Any cap and ball revolver loaded with a round ball only and a charge of black powder or approved black powder substitute.

NMLRA Definitions

1. **Open Sights**
 - a. **Front Sight**
Open un-shaded front sight of blade, bead or similar configuration
 - b. **Rear Sight**
Open un-shaded rear sight of any common type. Peep sights excluded.

Note: 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**

a. 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.
- **Cross Sticks Change approved general meeting 01/21/2017. In order to encourage more participation, groups hosting a state sanctioned shoot may permit, at their discretion, the use of a bench or stool for shooters to sit on at the cross sticks match. Such seat may not have a back or rest not can the seat be used as a rest or stabilizer for the rifle. In addition, in such case, longer cross stick may be used. All other rules apply.**
- Bench rest position – Sand bags will be used to support the fore end of the rifle only. The butt will be supported by the shooter.

b. Pistols

- Men (includes women and juniors in men’s matches) – Standing, pistol supported with one hand only at discharge.
- Women and juniors – 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 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 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**

Most Xs. If winner is unable to be determined by most Xs, the widest shot loses the 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

1. **Traveling Trophy**

- a. Traditional muzzle loading hunting rifle. (1992)
- b. Categories: Men, Women, Junior's, Sub-Juniors.
- c. Qualifying Period: State Shoot to State Shoot.
- d. 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.
 - Target: Double bull buffalo.
 - Range: Twenty-five (25) yards.
 - Shots: Five (5). Two (2) in one bull, three (3) in other bull.
- e. 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.
 - Target: Men and Women
 - Single bull target at each range.
 - Two (2) shots at 100 yd, two (2) shots at 50 yd, two (2) shots at 25 yd.
 - Target: Juniors and Sub-Juniors
 - Double bull buffalo
 - Five (5) shots at 25 yd
- f. Fee
 - One dollar (\$1.00) minimum per target (includes re-entries). One dollar (\$1.00) 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.
- g. Plaques
 - To be ordered by the Traveling Trophy/Awards chairperson.

WSMLA Sanctioned Shooting Events/Matches

1. Shooting jackets will not be allowed to be worn during competition at any State sanctioned shooting event. (2008)

2. Individuals must be registered State members to shoot any State sanctioned matches. (clarified 2005)
3. Glenrock Winter Challenge
 - a. The Winter Challenge may be held during the Presidents' Day weekend in Glenrock, Wyoming.
4. Bench Championships
 - a. Location of the Bench Championships shall be announced at the State convention.
5. WSMLA State Shoot
 - a. The host and location of the State Shoot will be decided at the State convention during the annual meeting of the members. (1978)
 - b. Hosting club shall be advanced a sum from one hundred dollars (\$100) minimum to five hundred dollar (\$500) maximum to assist with shooter prizes, etc. (1980)
 - c. 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 Junior's and Sub-Juniors; they shall receive first, second and third. The plaques shall be ordered by the Traveling Trophy/Awards Chairman.
 - d. Matches
 - Traditional muzzle loading hunting rifle. (1992)
 - Men's flint Target and Range:
 - Six bull 8 ring, 25 yd.
 - Six bull 7 ring, 50 yd.
 - Single buffalo 8 ring black, 50 yd.
 - Single bull 7 ring black, 100 yd.
 - Aggregate
 - Men's Percussion Target and range:
 - Six bull 8 ring black, 25 yd.
 - Six bull 7 ring black, 50 yd.
 - Single buffalo 8 ring black, 50 yd.
 - Single bull 7 ring black, 100 yd.
 - Aggregate
 - Women's Target and range:
 - Six bull 8 ring black, 25 yd.
 - Single bull 8 ring black, 25 yd.
 - Single buffalo 8 ring black, 50 yd.
 - Single bull 7 ring black, 100 yd.
 - Aggregate

- Small Bore – Ten (10) lb weight limit, maximum of .40 Caliber
Target and range:
 - Six bull 8 ring black, 25 yd.
 - Single bull 8 ring black, 50 yd.
 - Aggregate
- Big Bore – minimum of .58 caliber Target and range:
 - Single bull 8 ring black, 50 yd.
 - Single bull 7 ring black, 100 yd.
 - Aggregate
- X-Sticks – Fourteen (14) lb weight limit. Open iron sights only.
Target and range:
 - Double bull buffalo 50 yd.
 - Single bull buffalo 100 yd.
 - Aggregate
- Juniors -Target and range:
 - Six bull 8 ring black, 25 yd.
 - Single bull 8 ring black, 25 yd.
 - Single buffalo 8 ring black, 50 yd.
 - Aggregate
- Sub-Juniors Target and range:
 - Six bull 8 ring black, 25 yd.
 - Single bull 8 ring black, 25 yd.
 - Single buffalo 8 ring black, 50 yd.
 - Aggregate
- Men's Pistol ; Target and range Pistol: Ten (10) shots per Target
 - 25 yd pistol, 25 yd.
 - 50 yd pistol, 50 yd.
 - Aggregate
- Women's Pistol; Target and range : Ten (10) shots per Target
 - 25 yd pistol, 25 yd.
 - 50 yd pistol, 50 yd.
 - Aggregate
- Juniors; Target and range
 - 25 yd pistol, 25 yd.
 - 50 yd pistol, 50 yd.
 - Aggregate
 - Trade Gun Target and range:
 - Double bull buffalo, 25 yd.
 - 50 yd pistol, 50 yd.
 - Clay pigeons

- Tomahawk
 - Must be single edged and that edge must be no greater the four (4) inches in length. A minimum of one (1) full revolution of the tomahawk is required. Target and scoring up to hosting club. First place qualifier shall receive a plaque. (2003)
- 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)
- e. Tomahawk 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 WSMLA membership for one State sanctioned event. (2008)
- 6. Adding New Matches to the State Shoot Schedule
 - a. Any member wishing to propose a new match must come before the WSMLA Board of Directors at any regular board meeting, fully prepared to describe the match.
 - What targets will be shot at what range
 - Specific rules for the match (EX: how many shots at each target, must use a specific type/caliber of rifle, etc)
 - Level of interest in the match (EX: XX members have expressed interest)
 - b. If the WSMLA Board of Directors feel the member has proposed a viable match, a detailed summary of the match and its rules will be presented to the general membership at the Annual Meeting. Notice that a new match will be proposed must be posted in no less than one (1) WSMLA newsletter prior to the Annual Meeting. Therefore, if a new match is proposed at the Friday night "Convention" board meeting, the match would not come before the membership until the following convention.
 - c. After thorough explanation of the proposed match at the Annual Meeting, a vote of the general membership will be taken to determine if the match will be added on a trial basis.
 - d. Assuming a positive vote of the general membership, the match will be added to the State Shoot schedule for a trial period of two (2) years.
 - e. After the two (2) year trial period, the WSMLA Board of Directors will review the match's performance and make a determination whether or not the match will remain on the State Shoot schedule (this could be a permanent addition or for a longer trial period to further determine the match's performance).