

2026 SASS MONTANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Location: Great Falls Shooting Sports Complex, 58 Sportsman's Trail, Great Falls MT.
Take US 87 north out of Great Falls. Turn right on Morony Dam Road. You will see the cowboy range up at the base of the bluff. Turn left on Sportsman's Trail. The cowboy range is on the left.

Youth Fees: There are no match fees for contestants 17 and under.

RO Course: In 2025 the Range Officer Training offered by SASS were reorganized to make it easier for people to complete. Crisco, who is an excellent instructor, will offer all three courses on Tuesday.

ROBS: Range Operations Basic Safety Course

Pre-requisite for either/both of the following sessions. Takes about 4 hours depending on questions and level of experience in the group.

Covers basic rules and range operations common to both shooting disciplines. Addresses match positions and roles, basic safety rules and conventions, timer operator responsibilities and practices, and penalty assessments.

Recommended for anyone that has not previously received RO I/II training or anyone previously trained that is interested in making sure they are up to speed on current rules and accepted practices.

Cowboy Action Shooting Range Operations Course: Rules and range operations specific to Cowboy Action. Takes about an hour and a half.

Wild Bunch Action Shooting Range Operations Course: Rules and range operations specific to Wild Bunch. Takes about an hour and a half.

Teddy Roosevelt and Doughboy Side Match: SASS_Wild Bunch legal pistol and shotgun with appropriate rifle. See SASS rules.

Camping: There is plenty of dry camping at the range.

- There isn't water available.
- Limited electrical is available and spaces are assigned based on the date you enter and medical need. You will be notified by July 1 if approved. **\$20 fee for electrical if approved and paid at shooter check in.**
- Quiet time is after 10 pm and generators should be shut down.

Ammo:

- Cowboy Main Match: 120+ pistol, 120+ rifle and 50+ shotgun
- Wild Bunch Main Match: 280+ pistol, 100+ rifle, and 50+ shotgun
- Warm-up: 40+ pistol, 40+ rifle, and 16+ shotgun
- Teddy Roosevelt and Doughboy: 15+ Rifle, 36+ shotgun, 84+ pistol
- If you plan to shoot side matches and long range, you'll need a lot more.

Lodging:

The closest motel to the range is the Days Inn at 101 14th Avenue NW phone 406-727-6565. The range is only 7 miles from town so there are lots of options. Airbnb and VRBO have other options particularly if you are traveling with a group. Why have a hotel room when you could have an apartment or home with all the amenities.

Late Registrations: Okay we are nice people and will probably let you shoot in a category that has filled. However, we cannot guarantee an electric campsite, shooter packet, name tag, or posse requests.

Cancelations: You can cancel with a full refund *if we are notified* by June 20. After June 20 we can only offer a partial refund, ***if you notify us in a timely manner***, because of the cost of awards, name tags, and meals that the match has already invested in.

Schuetzen: SASS Scholarship Fundraiser - A really cool decorated shooting target is placed at an unknown distance. Everyone who hits the target with their match rifle/pistol gets to sign it. The closest to the star wins the target and bragging rights!!!

Costume Contest: Sunday-go-to-meeting Costume Contest. Back when Montana was a territory, the big event in a small settlement was church on Sunday or a town meeting. So put on your best Sunday-Go-To-Meeting costume and come to the potluck. We will have men's, women's and junior levels. The categories will be Townie, Rancher, Military and Miner. More details to follow.