

## **Manitoba Cowboys Match Rules & Safety Briefing**

Every shooter is a safety officer and is expected to remain alert for any unsafe action by any shooter and report the incident to an RO immediately.

Eye and ear protection are required by all persons on the range.

It is the responsibility of all posse members to ensure that loading and unloading tables are manned, that someone is picking up brass, and that there are two spotters to count misses.

All firearms to be empty and holstered or in a gun cart with action open at all times when not on the firing line.

Revolvers are to have an empty chamber under the hammer.

A shooter may not leave the loading table with any loaded firearm except to go to the firing line when called. After shooting, the shooter shall go directly to the unloading table. Do not “pick brass” or anything else until your guns have been “cleared” at the unloading table.

No extra rounds are to be loaded in rifles.

Any dropped ammo is considered “dead” and will NOT be picked up by the shooter.

Firearms are to be loaded only at the loading table when the shooter is called “on deck” or “in the hole” and cleared before leaving the unloading table.

Do not leave the loading table until told to do so by the RO.

If you wish to demonstrate or show any firearm to anyone (visitor or other shooter) make arrangements with the Range Officer.

SASS rules apply for all equipment and ammunition - lead bullets only.

No alcoholic beverages are allowed until the range is closed for the day.

No participant may ingest any substance that may interfere with their safe handling of firearms - this includes prescription drugs.

In the event of a safety problem on the range, a “**Cease fire**” command will be issued. All shooters will step away from their guns. A shooter involved in a course of fire will cease fire immediately and hold the gun with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction - the shooter will be given a reshoot.

When it is necessary to go down range (to reset targets, etc.) “**Down range**” will be called.

Shooters shall set their guns down and step away from them. If a shooter has loaded handguns in their holster, they shall cross their arms in front of them until the “**Clear**” is given. A shooter involved in a course of fire may continue until the stage is complete. He/she shall then keep his hands clear of all guns until the “Clear” is given. NO loading, unloading, or moving guns during a “Down range”.

All misses are five seconds.

All procedural penalties are ten seconds.

All “pre-beep” activities will be done with feeling. If the timer does not feel the competitor has satisfied the intent of the scenario, the timer will instruct the shooter to do it again.

During competition, an empty dropped gun will result in a stage disqualification; a LOADED dropped gun will result in a match disqualification. A dropped gun is “dead” and may only be retrieved by an RO.

When replacing all long guns during the stage, the guns will be empty and action open.

The “170 degree rule” will be enforced at all times during the stage as well as to/from loading and unloading tables - WATCH YOUR MUZZLE DIRECTION.

All firearms are to be transported muzzle up.

All Junior shooters must be under the direct and immediate supervision of a parent or guardian while handling firearms.