

## **PAT GARRETT MATCH RULES: 2010 Version 3.**

### **EVENT CONCEPTS**

A Pat Garrett event is one where the SASS rules relative to the Long Range Rifle and Plainsman events as prescribed in the SASS International Rules for Single Action Shooting events are applied in conjunction with Local Range and Mandatory Rules as prescribed by the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (SSAA). Additionally Local range rules are applied to allow clubs conducting club level events within the constraints of their range approvals for Single Action Shooting competitions.

A Pat Garrett event is conducted with competitors using two single action revolvers, shotgun and pistol caliber lever action rifle as for a Single Action main match competition, plus a rifle caliber lever action rifle or rifle calibre Single Shot Rifle as prescribed for the long range rifle events and Plainsman event.

Club level matches, where range limitations do not allow the use of “rifle calibers” two pistol caliber rifles may be used in order to conduct a match. Above club level Pat Garrett events adhere to the rules and calibers and firearm specifications within the scope of the SASS Rules.

Awards for a Pat Garrett event are made to the category winners. The emphasis is on shooters competing against others using the same types of rifles in the same category, regardless of the number of shots required by the stage direction. Overall winners should be acknowledged, but it is the diversification of categories with their various levels of difficulty which make up the sport of Single Action Shooting, that must be promoted.

The definition of “*rifle calibre cartridge*” is covered under the heading “Match Calibers”.

### **EVENT HISTORY**

The Pat Garrett event and its rules were conceived and originally designed by Cibolero, SASS 47522, SASA 2607 a number of years ago to encourage the use of SASS legal, rifle caliber lever action rifles, because participation in long range and Plainsman events at all levels was declining, due to range restrictions on many smaller ranges, resulting in fewer side event programs (the normal long range events) for these firearms.

### **FIREARMS**

The SASS rules for revolvers, pistol caliber lever action rifles and shotguns as listed in the current version of the SASS International Rules (Ver 15 January 2010) remain unchanged, except for calibers which are detailed under the heading Match Calibers.

#### **Rifle Caliber Lever Action Rifle and Rifle Caliber Single Shot Rifle**

As per the SASS International Rules with the exception of **calibers**, these are detailed under the specific heading of “Match Calibers”.

## MATCH CALIBERS

The minimum caliber/load for revolvers and lever action pistol caliber rifles used to compete in a Pat Garrett events is an 180gn 38-40 WCF at 650fps. In acknowledging that many competitors do not possess the required handgun/rifle combination, a 38/357mag round with a minimum load of 158gn projectile @ 750fps minimum velocity can be used. Except for Cap 'n' Ball revolver shooters, NO CALIBER LESS THAN .38 is allowed in either revolvers or pistol caliber lever action rifles

Revolvers & Pistol caliber lever action rifles greater than .40cal are restricted to projectiles of 200gn minimum weight and a minimum velocity of 650fps.

Cap'n'Ball revolvers of .36 cal as a minimum are allowed but, 44 caliber up are better suited because all loads must be capable of engaging pistol knock down targets set for a minimum load of a 158gn .38spl load at an actual minimum velocity of 750fps.

### **Rifle Caliber Lever Action Rifle & Single Shot Rifle – Caliber Rules**

Must be of a 'Period Rimmed Design' recognized as capable of, or used to hunt North American medium to big game such as Deer and Black Bear, or accepted as a Traditional frontier rifle caliber lever action or single shot cartridge, other than 44-40 or similar duel pistol/rifle cartridges, from the period 1866 to 1896. .

Acceptable cartridges are the 30-30 Winchester, which is the only .30 cal allowed, 32-40, 38-55, 38-56, 38-72, 38-84, 38-90Win. Express, 40-60WCF, 40-65WCF, 40-70WCF, 40-72WCF, 40-75WCF, 40-82WCF, 40-90WCF, 44-60's and larger, 45-60WCF, 45-70, 45-75 WCF, 45-82WCF, 45-86WCF, 45-90 to 120, 50-70, 50-95WCF, 50-100-450WCF, 50-110 Winchester express, 50, 52, 56 Spencer etc.

These calibers or similar derivatives from the same period can be in any of their brand name loadings i.e Winchester, Ballard/Marlin, Remington etc and all cartridge cases must meet factory dimensions.

The only post 1896 factory production cartridges which are allowed are the Winchester 32spl, Winchester 375Big bore and .444 Remington due to their ready and popular availability.

Cartridges which are not allowed include 25-35Winchester, 25-36Marlin, 348 Win, 300 Savage, 405 Win, 307Win etc. Other than the previously mentioned 30-30WFC no cartridge **under .32 caliber is allowed.**

Loads may be, either smokeless or black powder using a lead projectile of a medium factory weight as a minimum for the caliber. These minimums are; 30-30 150gn minimum, 32 cal 165gn minimum, 38cal 220gn minimum, 40 to 44cal 240gn min, 45cal 300gn minimum.

## VELOCITY

Loads for the rifle caliber cartridges must be kept within a range from 900fps to a max of 1,100fps.

**GAS CHECKS** are not to be used under any circumstance and projectiles should be of softer cast hardness.

## **TARGETS**

Target size and distance for handguns, shotguns and pistol caliber lever action rifles remain as per the current SASS International Rules.

Targets for rifle calibre lever action rifles are to be of a stronger construction and larger size to accommodate both the impact from larger projectiles, the increased distance at which they are placed and to assist rapid target engagement.

Recommended minimum target size is 60cm x 60cm or 60cm diameter. They should be a minimum 10mm thick bialloy or steel plate to assist longevity and minimize cratering and deformation.

Recommended distance, where practical, is between 40m to 50m with target size increasing in proportion to distance.

Target stands should be constructed to ensure no lateral swinging of the targets and have bases to ensure targets are at all times angled forward.

Were possible, the use of pistol and if practical pistol calibre lever action rifle knockdown targets, are to be incorporated into the match.

## **MATCH EXAMPLES**

A Pat Garrett event where possible should be run as a “stand alone” event, incorporating the use of the additional large calibre rifle in all of the scenarios of a match, by designing stages using either both rifles or, the big rifle only with the normal 2 revolvers and shotgun under normal scenario conditions. When using both rifles a second set of appropriate big rifle targets should be incorporated into the stage design, while stages using only the big calibre rifle must have the appropriate targets and distance as per the rules.

**Note:** Where a match has a large number of competitors shooting in a category that includes the use of a rifle caliber single shot rifle, the number of shots for target engagement on the “rifle caliber” targets can be reduced for the single shot rifle in comparison to those required for the rifle calibre lever action rifle shooter to help reduce delays in shooter through put per stage. But not reduced to the stage were it detracts from shooter enjoyment or the match concept. A 7rd or 9rd Nevada sweep on 3 targets with the big lever gun may be reduced to a 5rd Nevada sweep on the same targets for the single shot rifle shooter as an example.

### **Designing a match**

Where a match has competitors using lever action rifles with various magazine capacities, the number of rounds required per scenario should not disadvantage those with the larger capacity magazines by always reducing the number of shots to accommodate the small magazine capacity, nor should every scenario of the match favor them. As those with limited magazine capacity rifles have categories to shoot in, that specifically allow for their smaller magazine capacity, the requirement for them to “load extra rounds on the clock” to make up the required number of shots, applies to everyone else within that category, remembering that the emphasis in a Pat Garrett match is on category winners.

But stages must be designed to ensure as best as practical that both groups are competing on an equal footing as best as the stage design allows.

While it is desirable that those shooting in a rifle caliber single shot rifle category should engage the same number of targets as those using the large caliber lever guns, there may be a need to reduce this in a match with a large field of single shot category competitors in order to have a smooth flow of competitors through stages, as large numbers of single shot competitors in a posse can easily lead to a hold up due to the longer

times in completing scenarios. An example would be where a stage calls for a 9rd Nevada sweep on 3 targets for the rifle caliber lever gun to be reduced to a 5rd Nevada sweep for the single shot competitor as a means of getting reasonable shooter through put.

## **CATEGORIES**

While at a club level categories can, for ease of administration, be grouped into generic categories by grouping, as an example all the 2 handed shooting categories into a smokeless and or black powder category, or by making Duelist, Classic Cowboy & Frontiersman all shoot in another generic category, or simply competing in normal SASS categories, there are specific and unique categories under the guidelines that apply to the Pat Garrett event.

The following Pat Garrett categories and their rules are those that may be available to competitors, and enforced, in a "Pat Garrett, above club level side event competition such as at state or national level events.

It is acknowledged **that it is a match directors decision** how many of these categories will be made available for a competition, especially where the event is conducted as a supporting side event to a normal single action shooting event, as administration and cost restraints for awards etc, may dictate that only a select number of categories can be made available.

Consistent with the SASS shooting categories which are not gender specific but identify female divisions by the addition of a "Ladies" tag to a category, such as "Ladies" 49r or "Ladies" Duelist, the Pat Garrett categories have unique identifying names for the male and female divisions of each specific category. So "Billy the Kid" is for boys and "Annie Oakley is for the girls in what is the Jjunior Pat Garrett category.

### **THE PAT GARRETT CATEGORIES ARE:**

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| Billy the Kid - Annie Oakley | Juniors under the age of 17 years, using any shooting style or propellant using in addition to the normal firearm requirements, either a rifle caliber lever action or single shot rifle of 30-30 calibre or greater |
| Vaquero - Senorita           | Open category using any single action shooting style, propellant or rifle caliber rifle, pistols, shotgun and pistol caliber lever action rifle combination that complies with the Pat Garrett rules                 |
| Hickock - Calamity Jane      | Shot Duelist or Gunfighter style using either Smokeless, or black powder propellant and any combination of handguns, rifles & shotgun that comply with Pat Garrett rules.  |
| Jessie James - Zerelda James | Open to any competitor aged 35 years and above using any shooting style, either smokeless propellant or black powder and either a rifle calibre lever action rifle or single shot.                                   |
| Ma & Pa                      | Open to competitors 60 years and older using any SASS shooting style, pistol rifle, shotgun & rifle caliber rifle combination and either smokeless or black powder propellant.                                       |
| Tom Horn - Belle Starr       | Competitors using a rifle caliber lever action rifle, with a magazine capacity of 7 rounds or less using any SASS shooting style or propellant.  |

Johnny Reb - Southern Bell

All loads must be black powder. Shot using any SASS shooting style and combination of Pat Garrett legal firearms

Sundance Kid - Etta Pace

Any SASS legal shotgun, handguns, lever action rifle and a rifle caliber single shot rifle, using smokeless or black powder propellant and any SASS shooting style

Bandito - Spanish Rose

Pistols of 40 cal or greater. A rifle caliber lever action rifle of 38-55 or greater and a traditional single shot rifle such as Springfield Trapdoor, Sharps, Remington rolling block or high/low wall Winchester in 38/55 caliber or greater. Shotgun must be a side x side model with black powder encouraged in all loads, shot duelist or gunfighter style. Spencer rifles/carbines in an available caliber may be used.