

Picacho Posse Cowboy Action Shooting COVID-19 Match Guidelines

General Safety Guidelines

- Do not attend the event/match if any symptoms of COVID-19 exist, if you are feeling unwell in any way, have been exposed yourself, or have had contact with anyone exposed to COVID-19.
- If you are 65 years or older and have serious medical conditions, please consider the increased risk prior to participation.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, should be priority and are the responsibility of the individual. **Adhere to all local regulations regarding masks.** Do not dispose of PPE items on the range. All PPE should be taken with the attendee to be disposed of at home.
- All competitors should bring their own water and snacks.
- Whenever possible, the host club/range will have handwashing stations/supplies readily available. Gloves are no substitute for handwashing!
- Maintain 6' distancing at all times.
- SASS members are friendly! Avoid the instinct to engage in hugs and handshakes and embraces. Introduce a new (fun) way to engage each other instead. (tap elbows, feet, fist bumps, etc.)
- Avoid indoor activities. Whenever possible, keep folks outside in the fresh air. Move any previously indoor interactions to an outdoor location.
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect all match supplies and registration/gathering areas prior to and after all activities.

Registration/Safety Briefings

- Set up and payment of registration should be limited to a one-on-one interaction outdoors whenever possible to limit contact. All match fee payments must be cash or check (no CC).
- Provide hand sanitizer for use after each interaction.
- Safety briefings should now include all COVID-19 restrictions, requirements, and guidance to all attendees.

Posse Guidelines

- Posse Marshals/Posse Leaders should be selected in advance to be prepared for the environment.
- Depending on your local restrictions, limit posse size in accordance. (5 people/10 people, etc.)
- Posse members must maintain 6' distancing at all times.
- Handling of firearms: avoid handling/touching another person's firearms or supplies whenever possible. In the event of a squib or firearm malfunction, modifications in behavior should be made to keep the firearm in the owner's hands only. If a match official needs to handle a competitor's firearm in an assist, all necessary precautions must be taken. (Gloves, handwashing, sanitizer, etc.)
- Do not utilize designated spotting sticks or spotting flags for spotters that are handed off. Use a disposable marker of some kind for spotters to be identified.
- Scorekeeping, when possible, should be handled by as few people as needed. Fresh gloves are recommended for each hand off scorekeeping equipment. If using electronic scoring tablets, place the tablet in a bag to avoid contamination. Designate pens for paper scorekeeping and eliminate any requirement for the shooter to initial his score at each stage to avoid passing off pens and paper as much as possible. Eliminate individual shooter score cards being completed by the scorekeeper. Shooters should maintain their own scorecards if desired.

- If targets need to be reset, designate as few posse members as possible. Gloves are recommended for each rotation of tasks that require handling any object by any posse member.

Time to Shoot!

- Maintain 6' distance at all times.
- The competitor may remove the mask when shooting.
- TO's and Spotters will be required to wear masks while at the firing line at all times.
- No more than 5 people on the firing line. (Shooter, TO, 3 Spotters)
- No more than 2 people at the loading/unloading tables- one on each end.
- The TO should wear gloves when handling the timer and the timer should be prepared by being freshly wrapped (plastic wrap or plastic bag) or disinfected between hand-offs to/from alternating TOs. Personal timers are recommended if possible to avoid the handing off situation altogether.
- Designated Brass pickers should use tools to retrieve brass and generally avoid handling another shooter's brass. Gloves worn by brass pickers is recommended.