

WBAS Territorial Governors Meeting - EOT 2025

February 24, 2025

Berger building, Ben Avery Shooting Facility, Phoenix, AZ

In attendance:

43 WBAS Territorial Governors (37 In person, 6 via Zoom)

6 Regional Chief RO's (2 In person, 4 via Zoom)

6 WBAS RO Instructors (all in person)

RO Committee Members: Cholula Mike, Ethan Callahan, Marshal Stone, Buffalo Belle (in person), Don Jorge (via Zoom)

SASS Advisory Board: CC Moonshine & Flat Top Okie

SASS Admin: Misty Moonshine & Ruby Ruthless

The meeting was called to order and begun by Cholula Mike at 4:09PM local time with a presentation of the 2025 Agenda Clarification & Discussion Items.

Clarification Items

1. Target distance, size, and round counts for WBAS: WBAS is not and should not be presented as CAS with a 1911. Target distance and size remains at the Match Directors discretion, with recommendations in the SHB. A minimum recommended round count average of 28 rounds per stage has been added to the 2025 WBAS SHB. Round count considerations should be fluid with the economy and environment, but not at the cost of the experience of the competitor.
2. Vertical staging of firearms: Vertical staging is not restricted by SASS. A clarifying edit has been made to the 2025 WBAS SHB to clear up the staging verbiage that states "laid flat".
3. Round left on the carrier: This penalty in the 2024 WBAS SHB was a carryover due to the allowance of "CAS Legal" firearms. Further evaluation of the penalty/rule was conducted, and the penalty has now been removed in WBAS, mirroring the parameters pre-2024.

Discussion Items

1. Power Factor: Lengthy discussion about (re)establishing a Power Factor for the rifle in WBAS, to include:
 - a. Rifle not last – some agree, some disagree- view points vary regarding timer operation advancements and stage design- as well as TO education and competency. *Suggestion to delete/remove the “Rifle not last” recommendation.
 - b. Creating a different/open category for .38s (Open category)
 - c. Creating the Classic category ties into the PF discussion
 - d. Factory loads/knockdown loads
 - e. Impact on Shooters and Match Design

- f. Compromise possible on finding a middle ground on a PF for the rifle that will ensure the timers consistently pick up the shots
2. Timer Operations
 - a. Opinion: if the timer is properly oriented, it should pick up rifle shots regardless of power factor.
 - b. Timers have picked up suppressed .22s and 9mm, but needs to be placed closer (operator error)
 - c. Tests have been conducted, showing timers picking up 100% of shots down to 60 PF when properly implemented.
 - d. Good Timer Operations is an experience, training, and knowledge issue.
 - i. Suggested that SASS formulates a Timer Operator Training course that can be downloaded/viewed online – giving people the information and training without having to sign up for a course, travel to a course, wait for an instructor, or pay a fee.
 3. Shooting Categories & growth: Discussion of the addition of a Classic category - i.e.; Classic Modern & Classic Traditional - with PF minimums as well as other criteria to pay homage to "Classic WBAS" for those enthusiasts within the organization.
 - a. Show of hands indicates support for establishing a classic category with a reinstated 150 PF.
 - b. Further conversations are needed to determine the parameters of a Classic Category.
 - c. Adding Categories- Category Evolution – WBAS started with 4 categories. As people age, they want higher age categories.
 - d. Discussion about categories and how that all works so that people understand the difference between a base category and a “protected” category.
 - e. Some are against adding any categories, period. Some argue that older WBAS have quit due to physical deterioration. MD perspective – adding categories gives people more opportunities to compete in a category that suits them- the category minimums still apply; if the category doesn’t meet the minimum, it isn’t honored; no burden on the MD.
 4. Discussion on examining the breakout age for the Senior category. It currently differs from WBAS' sister sport of CAS at 65 instead of 60. Do we consider reducing the Senior category to 60, but with the understanding that any future age breakouts in WBAS occur at the 10-year mark instead of the 5-year mark? No one in attendance seemed to be necessarily for or against this proposal.
 5. Allowing Shotgun makeups: Discuss adjusting the rules in WBAS to allow shotgun makeups - at the Match Directors discretion. By a show of hands, only one person was in favor of this proposal for consideration.
 6. Awards and recognition: SASS is open to feedback on the current awards provided for sanctioned matches. Thoughts on moving away from SASS providing conchos for category winners and moving to providing Overall Man/Lady - leaving the category awards to the Match/Event director?

- a. Lengthy discussion surrounding buckles v. conchos, SASS providing overall award recognition only and leaving category awards up to the match organizers, as well as varying costs associated with them.
- b. SASS spoke on its partnership with Molly's and the Club program in place, and also offered support for other award options as well.
- c. Discussion landed on SASS offering a choice to the host club/event organizers. When a club applies to host a sanctioned event, SASS will allow the event organizers to select the option of either overall buckles or category conchos. Awards are ordered in quarterly batches, so Ruby Ruthless will reach out to the remaining sanctioned matches (any scheduled after July 2025) for a preference.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded by about 25 people in the room.

Meeting adjourned.