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Wild Bunch update from Marlin Schofield

SASS® Wild Bunch Action Shooting™

Additions, Changes & Clarifications

Effective January 1, 2026

1. Minimum pistol weight for the 1911 will be changed to 43 ounces.
 2. SxS/Double shotguns must be staged open and empty. The provision to load under TO supervision will be removed, eliminating any contradiction to SASS' firearm handling and safety covenants.
 3. Teddy Roosevelt and Doughboy will no longer be official WBAS Main match categories. They will be moved back to WBAS Side match status.
 4. Lady & Junior WBAS categories will be protected. These categories will not be subject to minimum mandates and will be honored regardless of the number of entrants.
 5. The age determination for the WBAS Senior category will be changed to 60+.
 6. SASS will add Elder Statesman Wild Bunch and Grand Dame Wild Bunch as official categories- with the age determination of 70+.
 7. SASS will add Classic Wild Bunch Categories.
 - a. Classic Wild Bunch Modern
 - b. Classic Wild Bunch Traditional
- *These "Classic" categories will carry the reinstated parameters for Power Factor and Firearm requirements; 12-gauge SG (Model 12 or 97), 1911 and Rifle in 40 cal. or larger, 150 PF minimum. Classic WBAS and will also be broken out into Senior and Elder Statesman/Grande Dame (with minimum entry mandates in place).

2026 Clarifications/SHB Edits

1. 1887/1901 loading procedure: At the loading table, load as many rounds as the 87/01 will hold – up to 6 in the magazine and carrier. Close the action on empty chamber, hammer must fall unimpeded.
2. Tie down holsters are legal. Appropriate verbiage will be added communicating it.
3. Dotted sights – Appropriate verbiage stating darkening dotted sights as a 1911 pistol modification in the Traditional category, is legal.
4. Shotgun gauge clarifications: Aside from the new Classic category parameters of 12-gauge, new verbiages will be added to simplify and clarify the acceptable gauge range for shotguns in WBAS.
5. The average pistol rounds of a WBAS Stage is 28 rounds.