

9 Single Action

Shooting - Australia



A brief description

Single Action Shooting (SAS) is sometimes referred to as a concept shooting discipline. Having evolved more than 25 years ago in the USA, SAS has grown into one of, if not the, fastest growing shooting competitions in the world today. SSAA Single Action Shooting - Australia is affiliated with the world governing body SASS - Single Action Shooting Society. Matches are conducted using the International Rules of Single Action Shooting as promulgated by SASS.

Participants

Participants from all walks of life, male and female, young and old, are attracted to this discipline and they all have one thing in common - an interest in the pioneering days of the Old West. This common interest manifests itself not only in the mastering of skills associated with the use of antique firearms or reproductions of these firearms, but in keen competition underpinned with a sportsmanship sometimes lost in today's sporting activities.



Firearms

The firearms used are single action revolvers, lever action rifles and side-by-side shotguns without automatic ejectors. Essentially, the firearms and calibres used in competition are those commonly in use in the 19th century up until 1896.



Targets

Targets used in SAS matches are generally reactive plates specifically designed for this type of competition. They can be square, round or card-suit shapes and are often based on a 400mm x 400mm size. Multiple targets are used on each match stage. Additionally, clay targets may be used in some matches.

Targets are set in accordance with stage description and must be engaged in exactly the same sequence from static positions, regardless of which category a participant competes in. Sequences are clearly described in the shooter's program.

Matches

Matches may be as few as four stages; however, most major matches above club level are ten to 12 stages or 'courses of fire', each being an individual match in itself.



Re-Enactment

Generally, as interpretive living historians, or re-enactors, competitors aim to preserve the 'spirit of the game' by fully participating in what the competition asks. They endeavor to dress the part, use the appropriate competition tools and respect the traditions of the Old West. Some 100 to 150 years later, 'the spirit of the game' is more commonly referred to as good sportsmanship.



Scoring

Competitors compete in various categories that dictate the type of firearm and style of shooting. The scoring system most commonly in use today is the 'rank scoring' system, where each competitor is ranked against others competing in the same category and for a place over the number of stages that comprise the match.

