

All NCOWS Shooter's must be dress appropriately to the period 1865 to 1899, no zippers, snap clothing, modern cowboy hats, modern style cowboy boots, or modern blue jeans are to be worn. For more information se the NCOWS web site, by-laws.

All NCOWS shooting classes, as established by By-Law, must be made available to all shooters at each National, Regional or Charter Posse Shoot. These classes shall be:

Men's and Women's Smokeless Shootist: Shooters may shoot smokeless powder and may fire handguns using a two-handed grip.

Men's and Women's Blackpowder Shootist: Shooters must shoot blackpowder or approved blackpowder substitute powder in all firearms except those chambered for rimfire cartridges, and may fire handguns using a two-handed grip. Shotguns may NOT include any model of pump shotgun.

Men's and Women's Smokeless Duelist: Shooters may shoot smokeless powder and must fire handguns using a one-handed grip.

Men's and Women's Blackpowder Duelist: Shooters must shoot blackpowder or approved black powder substitute in all firearms except those chambered for rimfire cartridges, and must fire handguns using a one-handed grip. Shotguns may NOT include any model of pump shotgun.

Men's and Women's Pistoleer: Shooters are restricted to the use of percussion revolvers, pre-1873 percussion or original/authentic reproductions of rimfire cartridge pocket pistols, exposed-hammer double-barrel shotguns (percussion or cartridge), and reproduction or original pre-1873 pistol-caliber repeating rifles (e.g. 1860 Henry, Spencer, 1866 Winchester, etc: Shooters must shoot blackpowder or approved blackpowder substitute powder in all firearms except those chambered for rimfire cartridges. Pistols and revolvers must be shot one-handed. Pistoleer shooters will shoot the same course of fire as the other competitors except that in a stage requiring more than two shotgun rounds the Pistoleer shooter would not be required to shoot the extra rounds.

Men's and Women's seniors: Shall be open to those over age 60 only, may use any of the above shooting styles.

Men's and Women's Elder: Shall be open to those over the age of 70 only, may use any of the above shooting styles.

Boy's and Girl's juniors: Shall be open to those age 12 to 17 only, may use any of the above shooting styles.

Men's and Women's Working Cowboys: Shooter uses one pistol and one pistol caliber rifle. Smokeless or Black Powder cartridges may be used. No gun carts are to be used at any time. Pistol may be fired with one or two hands.

Men's and Women's Originals: Shooter uses two (2) guns; any combination of NCOWS approved firearms to complete the course of fire. Must have three (3) originals present to have the class. For complete rules and regulations see Appendix A at the back of the Tally Book.

In addition to these classes, Chartered Clubs and special events may offer additional classes so long as they adhere to the general outline of these By-Laws.