

# CSMLA STATE SHOOT 2024

## WHAT AND WHEN

### **PAPER and PRIMITIVE RANGE:**

**Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>** 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Open to 7:00 pm for 4H shooters

**Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Open to 7:00 pm for 4H shooters

**Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>** Open at 8:00 am and closes at 4:00 pm.

**Pot Luck Dinner at 5:00pm**

**Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** Open at 8:00 am and closes at noon. Awards to follow.

Practice targets are allowed on a space-available basis. Make sure they are clearly marked corner to corner with an X.

**All ranges are closed on Sunday at noon. All matches must be completed at this time. All self-scored targets must be turned in by 12:15 pm. Targets turned in after this time without the expressed permission of the shoot director will not be counted.**

**The AWARDS CEREMONY will begin between 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM SUNDAY. Keep in touch.**

## **RULES, REGS & GENERAL IMPORTANT STUFF THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW**

Please bring any concerns or discrepancies to the Range Officer (RO) or one of the event coordinators.

1. Seniors (65 and older) can use any metallic sight and shoot the Seniors Championship in an offhand position.

2. The 5-shot target does not include the practice bull in the upper left-hand corner on the 6-bull target.
3. Women may use a one-hand or two-handhold for pistol/revolver targets.
4. Make sure practice targets are marked with a large X from corner to corner. Practice targets are available at the registration table. Only approved targets provided at the shoot may be used. Practice targets can only be shot if there is space available on the range. Be sure to ask the RO before posting a practice target.
5. Make sure your targets are marked with your shooter number in the lower-left corner. **You are responsible to score your own targets and place them into the provided bins.**
6. We highly recommend keeping track of your target scores as you shoot and score them. Medal-winning aggregates will be double-checked.
7. All aggregates are shot with a traditional offhand hunting or target rifle using a patched round ball. Allowable sights are listed in the shoot schedule. Locks shall be exposed side hammer, mule ear, or under-hammer design. Radical target rifle-type stocks, in-line actions, thumbholes, adjustable rubber, or adjustable butt plates are not allowed at the State Shoot. See #9 below for special Legacy shooter rules.
8. **Relays are 30 minutes long.** You may shoot your targets in any order. Once there is a scoring shot on a target, it must be completed in that relay unless caused by a weapon malfunction. A weapon malfunction must be acknowledged by the RO.
9. The Legacy Aggregate shooters (75 and older) can use any metallic sight and may shoot from a table or a tripod.

## CSMLA Range Rules [rev: 07-10-2024]

1. **ALWAYS** keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, **ALWAYS** keep the finger out of the trigger guard until ready to shoot, and **ALWAYS** keep the muzzleloader unloaded until ready to use.
  - **When the range is cold (closed to shooting) you may not handle your gun for any reason. This includes cleaning and/or taking it to a vehicle.**
  - The range is hot (open for shooting) when the red flag is in an upright position in the cone on the firing line. When hot, a shooter may fire at their targets, load & clean, or transfer a muzzle loader to a vehicle.
2. Muzzle UP at all times when in the loading/firing line area. Carry the muzzle above the head from the loading position to the shooting position and back.
3. The muzzle of your rifle or pistol must be across the firing line when shooting.
4. Cap or prime only on the firing line. The muzzle must be pointed downrange into the backstop/berm. Capping or priming anywhere else is not permitted. When capped or primed, a weapon must NEVER be pointed above the berm.
5. Keep your trigger finger out of the trigger guard until sights are aligned on the target; the set trigger may be set in the low position, then remove the finger.
- 6. When aiming at the posted target, do not allow the muzzle of the firearm to point above the backstop/berm. It is the shooter's responsibility that the projectile always impacts the backstop.**
7. Flint shooters are to announce 'FLINT' (Right or Left) when ready to fire.
8. All misfires and malfunctions must be brought to the Range Officer's attention. The muzzle of the gun must remain pointed down range into the berm. The RO will escort the shooter to the "Pit." All malfunctions must be cleared in this area, which is designed for safety.
9. All shooters under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, with no exceptions.

10. When personnel are downrange or the range is closed, do not enter the loading area or the range with a muzzleloader.
11. Upon hearing “CEASE FIRE,” stop shooting immediately. Then remove your finger from the trigger guard, place the muzzleloader waist-high, muzzle pointed downrange, and wait for the RSO/RO's instructions. Anyone can call a “CEASE FIRE,” but only the RSO/RO can close the range.
12. Load only from a separate non-sparking powder measure. Pouring directly from the powder container is not permitted. The use of a container with a gate and spout is not permitted.
- 13 The loading area is determined by the Range SOPs and/or the RSO.
14. Loaded muzzle loaders are not to leave the range area.
15. The shooter is not allowed to blow down the barrel or use a flexible blow tube. At all times, your head **MUST** be clear of the muzzle.
16. Eye and ear protection is required.
17. No smoking in the loading/firing line area; remove your powder horn when smoking, extinguish smoking items and deposit them in a proper receptacle. Only smoke beyond the loading area in the parking lot.
18. All Range Safety Officer / Range Officer decisions are final, with no exceptions.
19. All targets must be posted in their natural position. No target may be posted upside down or sideways.
20. All shooters should be aware of their position relative to the roped shooting line. When preparing to fire, please have your toe touching the line.
21. All shooters are expected to respect the rights of others. Swearing, foul or obscene language, and inappropriate hand gestures are not acceptable at the CSMLA State Shoot. The first offense will result in the shooter/spectator receiving a warning. A second offense will result in the shooter/spectator being escorted off the shooting range and will not be allowed to return, with no refund to the shooter.

The CSMLA Shoot Committee will determine what is considered inappropriate. The decision of the Shoot Committee is final.

22. All dogs must be leashed and remain in the parking lot. Dogs are not allowed in the loading area.

**22. All shooters, coaches, parents, and guardians must read and agree to follow the above Range rules and Procedures by entering this Range.**

## **RANGE COMMANDS [rev: 08-27-2019]**

### **1. SHOOTERS MAY PROCEED DOWN RANGE TO POST AND PULL TARGETS.**

Allows shooters to post new targets and pull shot targets.

### **2. HAS EVERYONE POSTED WHO WISHES TO POST?**

### **3. NO MORE TARGETS MAY BE POSTED:**

When the range officer determines that the competitors have had sufficient time to "Post and Pull," this command can be given to prevent undue delay by someone going down range at the last minute. Once targets are posted and all personnel are clear of the firing line, continue with the next command.

### **4. READY ON THE RIGHT? / READY ON THE LEFT?**

This command is to ensure all personnel are behind the firing line in a safe position and are ready for the range to be opened.

### **5. THE FIRING LINE IS READY**

This command states the firing line is ready to begin the established course of fire.

### **6. THE RANGE IS OPEN; YOU MAY LOAD AND COMMENCE FIRING:**

This command lets the shooter know that the range is clear, and they may continue. Muzzle loaders shall not be touched/handled until this command is given.

### **7. CEASE FIRE - CEASE FIRE – CEASE FIRE:**

This command is generally the command given at the end of the relay. But **CEASE FIRE** can be called by anyone, for any perceived safety issue, where all firing ceases immediately, the finger is removed from the trigger guard, the muzzleloader is lowered to waist high, with the muzzle pointed into the backstop, and the shooter awaits further instructions from the Range Officer.

### **8. ARE THERE ANY HOT ONES?**

if any shooters in the loading area are loading or have a loaded muzzle loader. If there are loaded muzzle loaders on the firing line; whether or not the shot is to be 'dumped' into the backstop or fired at the target is up to the event rules.

**9. GROUND ALL RIFLE BUTTS, BENCH ALL PISTOLS, MAKE THE RANGE SAFE.**

This command is to ensure muzzle loaders are at the loading area and in a proper loading stand or rifle rack. **NO MUZZLE LOADER MAY BE HANDLED IN THE LOADING AREA WHEN THERE ARE PERSONNEL DOWNRANGE.**

**10. RANGE CLOSED.**

Can only be called by the RSO or RO. The best scenario is to wait until all muzzle loaders on the firing line have been fired and returned to the loading area. In the event of a situation [loose targets, broken supports, etc.], the request, 'Please do not load; the range needs to be closed,' can be announced to clear the firing line. If there are loaded muzzle loaders on the firing line, first De-Prime the weapon and call for muzzles to be pointed up and held above the head; all trigger fingers are to be out of the trigger guard. Clear the hazard as quickly as possible. The shooters in the loading area must stop at whatever loading step they may be on and wait for further instructions. If a shooter asks to leave the loading/firing line area with an UN-loaded muzzleloader, he may do so after notifying the RO. If it is not necessary to close the range, Don't! Take care of the situation at a more opportune time.

**11. AS YOU WERE**

This command means to disregard the command just given and revert to the previous command.

## PROTESTS:

### SCORING PROTESTS AND QUESTIONS

Competitors may protest their own score once per match by asking to review the target with the scoring personnel. **If not satisfied PLEASE ask to have the target reviewed by a three-person review committee**, with the majority prevailing. A competitor may also ask to review the score of another person's target. Please remember that the scoring personnel are volunteers giving their time to make your experience enjoyable. Mistakes are made but can be corrected pleasantly. We ask only that you are friendly and patient. The protest period shall begin at 4 pm. Friday and end fifteen (15) minutes after the last relay has ended on Sunday.