

## What is Venturing - Cowboy Action Shooting ?

For the past several years, Venturing Scouting has been having some fun with a fast growing sport called Cowboy Action Shooting. Basically, it involves the use of single action revolvers ("six shooters"), lever action rifles, 12 gauge shotguns (or period style exposed hammer pumps). The revolver and lever action are generally chambered in the same caliber and of a revolver cartridge available in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Various target setups are made to resemble some possible gun fighting circumstances and scores are made according to elapsed time and accuracy in hitting the targets. There is a penalty of five seconds added to your elapsed time for each missed shot. The winning shooter will have a combination of the lower elapsed time and the most hits to the targets. It is to your advantage to hit most or all of the targets and do it fast. There is no advantage to missing fast!

For example, you may be standing behind a makeshift table in an imaginary western store. When the buzzer on the shot timer goes off you pick up a pistol that is laying on the table in front of you. You cock the hammer and fire two shots into a mechanical target located directly opposite the table from you. Then you take a few quick steps, pick up your 12 gauge shotgun and shoot two fall-down type steel popper targets about 10 to 15 yards away. Quickly, you pickup your six-gun from the table and shoot at five metal plate targets located anywhere from a few feet up to about 25 yards away. Then you grab your lever action rifle and shoot seven to ten more targets which are located perhaps 30 to 50 yards away. The shot timer automatically records your total time after your last shot. Targets are scored for hits or misses. REMEMBER! Missed shots and failure to shoot and move through the stage in the specified order will add to your total time as a penalty.

Period costuming is required (optional) in order to give the event a feel for the Cowboy Era. This is much the same as the rendezvous and the muzzleloader events, except with some different clothing. In fact, if you have a drop shoulder style shirt you have been using for rendezvousing, it will also work for Cowboy Action Shooting. A different hat, boots, and a bandana is all you may need to look the part of a cowboy. Many companies have sprung up to supply the cowboy action shooter with everything he or she may want in the way of guns, clothing, and accessories. Awards are given for best Cowboy Outfit and Alias Story.

Participants will be shooting large and small caliber firearms and 12 gauge shotguns in the competition.



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