

# Sod Buster

The sod buster class is loosely based on the original Cowboy Action Shooter (CAS) class. The original equipment consisted of a single action revolver, a shotgun and a pistol caliber rifle.

The purpose of this new class is to give people who don't have the equipment and can't afford to buy it right now, the chance to try CAS and discover the challenges and fun of shooting with the cowboys.

Because this is not a recognized class and the mission is to allow non-CAS shooters to try the sport, the equipment allowed is more diverse than a Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) CAS match would allow. Sod Buster is a two gun class either a revolver and shot gun or a revolver and rifle. If a person has two of the three firearms used in SASS Cowboy Action Shooting then the missing firearm can be borrowed and the person can then shoot as a CAS.

The basic concept of Sod Buster is to shoot the course with whatever firearms you own, with exceptions of course.

1. Revolvers both single action and double action are allowed in SASS accepted calibers.
2. All Revolvers will be shot using iron sights: Optical or laser sighting not allowed.
  - A. Double action revolvers must be fired single action, that is by manually cocking the hammer for each shot.
  - B. Revolver calibers must be center fire of at least .32 and no larger than .45 or percussion calibers must be at least .36 and no larger than .45
  - C. Must be a caliber commonly available in revolvers. (Examples include but are not limited to , .32-20, .32 Magnum, .357 Magnum,. .38 Special, .44 Magnum, .44-40, and .45 Colt.)
3. Pistol and rifle ammunition must be all lead, it may not be jacked, semi jacketed, gas checked or copper washed. Molybdenum Disulfide coated bullets or an equivalent is acceptable.

4. No velocity may be less than 400 fps or higher than 1000 fps for pistol ammunition.
  - A. .22 caliber revolvers may be used by adults if that is the only revolver owned and standard velocity ammunition must be used.
  - B. .22 caliber revolvers required for little nippers under age 14
5. Shotguns are restricted to single shot, double side by side, over/ under, lever action, and slide or pump action. Calibers of no less than 20 gauge and no more than 10 gauge are allowed, with exceptions.
6. All guns will be shot with iron sights: Optical and laser sights are not allowed.
  - A. Shotgun ammunition shall be number four birdshot or smaller, (no steel or plated shot)
  - B. Magnum or high velocity shot shell loads are not allowed.
  - C. Pump, lever action and double barrel shot guns shall not load more than two live rounds at a time.
  - D. 410 shot guns required for little nippers under age 14.
7. Rifles are restricted to single shot, slide and lever action shooting pistol caliber ammunition.
  - A. lever action, and slide action rifles may be loaded with no more than the prescribed number of rounds for the scenario.
8. All rifles must be shot with iron sights: optical and laser sights not allowed.
  - A. Pistol and rifle ammunition must be all lead, it may not be jacketed, semi jacketed, gas checked or copper washed. Molydisulfide coated bullets or and equivalent is acceptable.
  - B. Velocity for rifle ammunition shall be no less than 400 fps and no higher than 1400 fps.

## 9. Holsters, belts, bandoleers.

- A. Any holster that can safely retain the revolver through a normal range of motion is acceptable.
- B. Holsters may not depart from 30 degrees from the vertical when worn.

## 10. Ammunition must be staged as per stage instructions or carried on the body for reloads.

- A. Ammunition may be carried in , a bandoleer, cartridge/shot shell belt loop, pouch, holster or pocket.
- B. No ammunition may be carried in the mouth, ears, nose, cleavage or any other bodily orifice.
- C. Cartridge or shot gun loops may not be mounted on the firearms stock or forearm, or worn on the forearm or wrist are not allowed. Modern drop pouches are not allowed.
- D. Shot shell and pistol belt slides are acceptable, as are pouches as long as they have a flap and carry the contents loose, with no special provisions for fast retrieval of contents. Shot shell loops shall be in a single row.

## 11. Clothing

A. Part of the fun of cowboy action shooting is getting to dress up like a cowboy, and there are specific categories with the type of clothing worn to meet the criteria for that category. Sod busters, revered by the cowboys for their use of barbed wire and plowing up the prairie, were not that much different in their choice of clothing.

### B. Men's clothing.

1. Hats: cowboy hats, straw hats, any period (1860 to 1900) style head gear would be appropriate.
2. Train engineer hats, or all wool scotch caps, scarves as a head cover.
3. Baseball caps, fatigue caps, boony hats are not appropriate.
4. Shirts, vests, jackets:
5. Shirts of the time were collarless, long sleeve, with button fronts, Henley style shirts acceptable.

6. No short sleeve, sweat shirt, polo shirt or any shirt having a logo.

7. Vests and jackets reflecting western styling. Should be non insulated, cotton or natural fiber. The Levi denim jacket as an example.

8. Trousers: cowboy trousers are high waist without belt loops, using buttons instead of zippers and are usually worn with suspenders. Sod busters could wear these as well as farmer bibs, Levi button fly jeans, or pants of that design. Belt loops should be removed and suspenders used.

9. Footwear. Pull on boots of cowboy, Wellington, harness or any boot that all leather, with leather or rubber non grip enhancing sole.

a. Lace up packer boots.

b. Leather shoes of any design such as low quarters, penny loafers. C.

### C. Ladies clothing

1. Hats: any hat style from the 1850 to 1900 period, bonnets, scarves , straw or cowboy hats.

2. Shirts, vests, jackets:

3. Blouses are long sleeved and high necked as are dresses, jackets and period shawls or capes.

4. Dress, skirts: Cloths are natural fibers, cotton, linen or wool,

5. Feminine fashions in coats, blouses, skirts, dresses, aprons, and shawls that look like period dress are acceptable.

6. Ladies dressed as working cow girls, must follow the same guide lines as the men in relation to construction and style of dress.