Single Action

SSAA Single Action is a multi-faceted discipline that employs original or replica firearms that were commonly used in the American Old West period of 1800 to 1899. Shooters preserve and promote the skills, traditions and pioneering spirit. This includes adopting an alias and dressing in clothing representative of the era. Having evolved in the US in the early 1980s, Single Action has become one of the world's fastest growing shooting disciplines.

Firearms

The firearms include originals or replicas of lever-action or pump-action rifles manufactured from about 1860 to 1899 and incorporating a tubular magazine and exposed hammer. Rifles must be centrefire pistol calibres of at least .32 and no larger than .45.

Original or replica side-by-side or single-shot shotguns with or without external hammers, single- or double-triggered and without automatic ejectors are permitted. Lever-action, pump-actions and tubular-feed exposed hammer shotguns are also allowed. Shotguns must be centrefire of at least 20-gauge and no larger than 10-gauge, with the exception of pump-actions that must be between 16- and 12-gauge.

Original single-action revolvers made prior to 1899 or approved replicas are the only revolvers allowed. The Revolver calibres are consistent with those used in Rifle competition.

Categories

Each shooter only competes against others within their chosen category. The main groupings are Age Based, Duellist, Gunfighter, Black Powder, 'B' Western and Classic Cowboy/Cowgirl categories, all of which have specific clothing requirements, as well as firearm conditions.

Targets and scoring

Targets are generally specifically designed 'reactive' plates with multiple targets on each stage. They are varied, with most common being square, round or card-suit shapes often based on a 400x400mm size. Novelty targets, buffalo, ore cart and tombstone-shaped targets are also used. The targets must be engaged in the same sequence from static positions, regardless of which category a participant competes in.