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WILD BUNCH ACTION SHOOTING™

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PURPOSE

The Single Action Shooting Society® (SASS®) is an international membership organization that was formed in 1987 with the mission to preserve and promote the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting™. Wild Bunch Action Shooting™ evolved from a fun and popular side match held at Cowboy Action Shooting matches- growing into its own shooting discipline under the SASS umbrella by 2010. SASS serves as the governing and sanctioning body for the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting and Wild Bunch Action Shooting worldwide, ensuring safety and consistency in the sports. SASS members share a common interest in preserving the history of the Old West and competitive shooting in a safe, fun, family-friendly environment.

The purpose of this document and its content is to present data resulting from a thorough analysis of the state of the sport of Wild Bunch Action Shooting, its mission and purpose, its role within SASS, and outlines action items resulting from the analysis to ensure its growth and viability as a standalone shooting discipline.

MEMBERSHIP

The Single Action Shooting Society® (SASS®) is an international membership organization. The lifeblood of SASS lies in its membership. SASS works diligently to evaluate and identify trends in the membership organization, identify opportunities for membership growth and improved member retention strategies, and outline clear objectives and action plans that will directly lead to the continued growth, development, and sustainability of the SASS membership program.

ANALYSIS

This analysis represents a systematic process of collecting, analyzing, and interpreting information about the trajectory of the sport of Wild Bunch Action Shooting (WBAS), its history, its competitors, and the industry. A thorough analysis is the foundation of a successful plan to assist in the identification and development of potential new markets, to keep tabs on marketing trends and develop strategies to stay ahead of changing market conditions, to ensure optimal program development, and to improve and the overall experience and enhance value for our members.

Philosophical Analysis

The dynamics of the Shooting Sports industry market are diverse. As a subset of the firearms industry, the shooting sports market is impacted by many of the same factors. A volatile and evolving political environment has historically created an impact on the firearms market, driving up firearm sales. Transitioning simple firearm ownership to the safe enjoyment of firearms by encouraging participation in the shooting sports industry is the key. SASS 'philosophy is as a membership organization tasked with defining the rules to ensure safety for skilled fantasy games. It is entertainment. Just as in Cowboy Action Shooting, Wild Bunch Action Shooting is a fantasy sport – a costumed shooting activity providing competitive exploits that pay homage to the turn of the century soldiers and cowboys who now have the “new and improved” single action- the 1911. WBAS tends to stress the shooter with more difficult targets and placement. SASS has never been postured to only accommodate the true competitors. It is first and foremost

a family sport where the family can participate using a consistent set of “overly safe” rules that keep everyone out of trouble.

SASS has understood for a long time we’re not in the competition business- we are in the entertainment business. SASS is first and foremost a membership organization and recruiting and retaining happy members is the name of the game. People having a good time tend to renew their memberships. This isn’t to say SASS doesn’t honor and appreciate the excellence in competition and our champions, but the bulk of our members are monthly/weekend shooters.

Historic Analysis

SASS had many early converts from Action Shooting disciplines (IPSC, IDPA, etc.) to Cowboy Action Shooting. Some expressed the idea that the other shooting disciplines look down upon SASS competitions. Some viewed SASS competitions as too easy, the costuming as ridiculous, the targets as too close, the loads as too light- SASS competitions as not “real” competitions. This viewpoint, and the resulting desire to gain the respect of other shooting disciplines is what drove the original organizers of the sport of WBAS as a standalone discipline to make choices regarding its philosophy and rules to bring it in line with the other action shooting disciplines- where the competition is the only focus and is taken to a very different level. Under this philosophy, the intent was to create an environment within SASS that would be appealing to competitors in other disciplines – resulting in those competitors joining SASS to play the game. Under this philosophy, the spirit that has always set a SASS match apart is no longer possible and the attempt to adopt this philosophy within SASS via the sport of WBAS has proven unsuccessful as indicated by the participation and performance during the 10-year period analyzed in this document.

The goal of the founding WBAS committee to separate WBAS from CAS as much as possible resulted in instead a separation of WBAS from SASS itself. Wild Bunch Action Shooting is a SASS product. The theories and ideas behind the original construct of the game of WBAS have proven ineffective in growing the sport or increasing SASS membership during the 10-year period analyzed in this document.

Membership Analysis

The purpose of WBAS should be to introduce and attract as many shooters as possible to the game- and into SASS. The question was (and is) “From where will SASS draw its WBAS competitors?” The two obvious choices are from within the current ranks of SASS members and Cowboy Action Shooting competitors. The vast majority of our present WBAS members originated from the current ranks as Wild Bunch Action Shooting evolved from a fun and popular side match held at Cowboy Action Shooting matches- growing into its own shooting discipline under the SASS umbrella. Or, from the “outside world” of present day “action shooting” competitors (e.g., IPSC, IDPA, etc.). For over a decade, the latter have been courted to join by way of modeling the sports framework and philosophy in a way that was thought to be appealing to the non-SASS shooters. This focus, however, has not been successful.

Business Scope Performance Analysis*

Wild Bunch Action Shooting is a SASS product. As with any product in any business, it is imperative to conduct periodic evaluations of your products to gauge the level of their popularity, growth, and sustainability. Just as you wouldn’t keep a product that no one wanted to buy stocked on your shelves in a retail store just because you love it just the way it is, SASS is tasked with a similar situation concerning WBAS. If a product doesn’t sell well– and you believe in the

product- you must attempt to alter the product to make it more attractive to customers. The only alternative is to stop carrying the product completely. SASS believes that WBAS adds value to its family, its members- and ultimately, to the whole of the shooting sports industry.

BUSINESS SCOPE - THE NUMBERS

Clubs: SASS currently has 422 active, SASS affiliated clubs. Of those 422 clubs, 27 are CAS clubs that offer a WBAS shooting program in some form. There are currently 4 stand-alone WBAS that offer WBAS only (no CAS). They are in California, Illinois, Oklahoma, and Texas.

SASS Membership and Shooting Engagement: 0.14% of SASS members shoot WBAS only, 23.08% of SASS members shoot both CAS and WBAS, and 73.62% of SASS members shoot CAS only. (3.16% of SASS members do not shoot)

Sanctioning: SASS has collected a total of \$8448.00 in sanctioning fees in the period analyzed. This is an average of \$704 annually. In turn, SASS has spent \$39,560 in award costs to WBAS sanctioned matches in the period, with an additional estimated \$2500 in shipping and material costs- \$42,060 total- an average of \$4206.00 annually. (Net loss of \$31,112 or \$2,801 a year)

WBAS RO Training: There have been a total of 83 WBRO Courses held during the 10-year period analyzed. SASS has collected \$5860.32 in WBRO Course fees. SASS' materials and fulfillment costs for WBRO courses for the same period were \$7,956.20. (Net loss of \$2095.88)

Administrative & Maintenance: SASS has spent an estimated \$192,241.00 in overhead costs (administrative and maintenance expenses) exclusively for WBAS in the 10-year period analyzed (\$19,224.10 annual loss)

Summary: SASS has experienced a loss (total) of \$225,448.88 on WBAS in the period analyzed.

**Data included in this analysis is as of 3/17/2023.*

**The performance period analyzed for this document is a 10-year period. (1/1/2013-3/15/2023)*

Source: SASS Membership management database, SASS Club database, itemized transaction records, member satisfaction survey 2021-2022.

ACTION ITEMS

Governance

WBAS will move under the purview of SASS and be managed within the existing governing structure- just as CAS has been for decades. The initial structure of WBAS – at its inception- was established outside of the existing SASS governance protocol. There is no clear organizational structure including RO training, SASS appointed/led committees, oversight, and the Territorial Governor program. This has led to a perceived separation from SASS and its members. SASS remains the governing and sanctioning body of the sport of WBAS, and, as such, must take control of the governance of the sport. It is time for SASS to establish the structure and guidelines that have proven successful in Cowboy Action Shooting for over 40 years. It is imperative that Wild Bunch Action Shooting become a “game of the people”. The shooters’ voices need to be heard through their clubs by using the Territorial Governor program to represent their interests with SASS and the sport.

WBAS Range Operations Management

All roles and responsibilities are included in the WBAS Range Operations Document and online at www.sassnet.com – to include the WB ROC, the Instructor Role, Territorial Governor program, and the WB CRO (Chief RO). Individuals may not fulfill more than one role within the governance structure at the same time, except for being a SASS Certified RO Instructor.

WBAS Range Operations Committee (WBROC)

The SASS Wild Bunch Range Operations Committee exists to strengthen the lines of communication and to aid in the dissemination of information between the SASS Board of Directors and SASS members worldwide. The WBROC's primary mission is to support SASS as an organization, its members and affiliated clubs through education and clarifications of the SASS WBAS Shooters Handbook, simultaneously maintaining and preserving the integrity and spirit of the game of Wild Bunch Action Shooting™, while encouraging and guiding its growth and evolution to ensure the success and viability of SASS and the sport of Wild Bunch Action Shooting™ for the future. The Wild Bunch RO Committee is not charged with the construct of more rules, but rather to support the evolution of the game and foster better enforcement of the rules and safety covenants as evenly as possible throughout the organization.

The Wild Bunch RO Committee is a volunteer consultant board within SASS. WBROC members are selected and appointed by SASS to work with and under the direct supervision and authorization of the board. The Wild Bunch RO Committee shall be comprised of a diverse makeup of knowledgeable and driven SASS members active in the sport of Wild Bunch Action Shooting™ who have demonstrated an unparalleled commitment and dedication to SASS and to the viability of the sport. Individual members of the Committee may be designated to respond to individual or general questions of the TG's and the membership. The committee shall always be allotted a minimum of 3 members, with a maximum of 7 members- to include a designated committee chairperson, who shall be selected by SASS annually. A designated SASS liaison shall be present and included in all WBROC business and will serve as the line of communication between the WBROC and SASS.

Committee members are appointed with no term limit; however, SASS reserves the right to remove any member of the committee at any time due to failure to adhere to the guidelines, inadequacy, inactivity, poor attitude, or any conduct not conducive to the mission or in the best interest of SASS.

Committee members make a commitment to actively engage and interact with the Territorial Governors, affiliated clubs, and membership to assist the organization in identifying opportunities for improving processes, overall growth, and increased safety education. Committee members maintain an active role in the organization and in the sport, participating in competitions, attending meetings, helping as match officials, and serving as a liaison between the membership and the Territorial Governors on matters pertaining to the rules, standards, and safety covenants of the sport.

WBRO Committee members:

- Be available to communicate with SASS members for the receipt and discussion of ideas, concerns, proposed improvements, and various changes or clarifications of the SASS safety rules contained in the Shooters Handbook. Such communications can include the SASS Wire Forums, various social media outlets, direct contact (phone/email), and at matches or events.
- Clarify existing rules and equipment questions.
- Complete an annual review of the rules and suggest edits as needed.
- Actively participate in the SASS Sanctioned match program- attend matches/events, volunteer as a match official, be present to represent SASS and the Wild Bunch RO Committee and to be a resource for members and match coordinators.
- Review and provide timely feedback on Equipment modification applications received and distributed to the committee by SASS HQ.
- Serve as the ultimate resource for all Regional Chief WBROs and all WBRO Instructors in the program
- Oversee and/or assist in Instructor candidates' applications, supervise required courses when possible, and provide feedback on the candidate's performance and application for SASS' consideration.
- Serve as the first line of defense for SASS regarding new or changing rules, equipment, external modifications, and procedures in the conduct of SASS sanctioned matches.

Wild Bunch Ambassadors

For consistency within SASS programs, the term "Ambassador" as an organized committee within the sport of Wild Bunch Action Shooting will be abandoned. Current Wild Bunch Ambassadors will be given the choice to become a WBCRO or fulfill the role of the WB TG (outlined below) if elected by their club.

WB Regional Chief RO (WBCRO)

A Wild Bunch Chief RO will be designated for each Region.

The Role of The Wild Bunch Regional Chief RO:

- Be an active Certified WBRO Instructor and meet all expectations of the WBRO Instructor program.
- Serve as a mentor and resource for all WBRO Instructors in their designated region.
- Be available to assist in the WBRO Instructor application process by allowing candidates to assist in teaching and by supervising candidates' courses.
- Actively engage existing WBRO Instructors in their designate region, assist in the scheduling of courses, actively seek out, encourage, and guide potential Instructor candidates.
- Assist in identifying trends and opportunities for improvement within the program.
- Maintain open lines of communication with the Wild Bunch RO Committee and SASS Headquarters, providing updates and information relevant to the continued success of the program.
- Support and assist the WBRO Instructor program whenever possible.

- Be available to provide feedback, whenever possible, regarding an instructor candidate from their designate region
- Be knowledgeable on processes and procedures surrounding the program and the appropriate chain of command.
- Communicate openly with the Clubs, the WBRO Committee, and Territorial Governors within their designated region to ensure the program is fulfilling its purpose.

Term and appointment of the Wild Bunch Regional Chief RO:

Regional Chief ROs are appointed by SASS after consultation with the WBROC, with no term limit. There will be one appointed WB CRO for each Region. SASS reserves the right to revoke the Chief RO title at any time due to failure to adhere to the guidelines of the program, inadequacy, inactivity, poor attitude, or any conduct not conducive to the mission of the program.

SASS Territorial Governor program (WBTG)

A SASS Territorial Governor (TG) is an elected official representative of a SASS Affiliated Club.

The Role of a Territorial Governor

The primary role of the TG is communication. The TG serves as a direct line of communication between the club(s) he/she represents and SASS, being responsible for the dissemination of information regarding all clarifications and implementation of rule changes. The TG sets the gold standard within the clubs he/she represents, and aids in the education, implementation, and enforcement of all SASS rules at the club level. The TG must be active, engaged, and up to date on all rules and safety covenants within the SASS Shooters Handbook. The TG also serves as a direct line for SASS to keep a pulse on the satisfaction of affiliated clubs and the membership. The TG represents his/her club(s)' best interests to SASS and has voting privileges with SASS on his/her clubs' behalf.

Every SASS Affiliated club with an active WBAS program will elect a Wild Bunch Territorial Governor. The WBTG can be separate from or the same individual serving the role of the CAS TG for each club, and the WB TG elected must be active and engaged in the sport of Wild Bunch Action Shooting and must qualify for appointment by meeting the following criteria.

Territorial Governor Qualifications

- SASS member in good standing for a minimum of three years
- Belong to at least one SASS affiliated club.
- WBRO Certified (and current*) *refresher every 2 years
- Must have attended at least one SASS sanctioned match event.
- Must be committed to serving the interests of his/her club consistent with the promulgation and preservation of Wild Bunch Action Shooting.

Expectations of a Territorial Governor

SASS expects the following from all Territorial Governors:

- Represent and support SASS, its philosophy, and its purpose to club members.
- Gather comments, criticisms, needs, suggestions, and proposed rule changes to communicate directly to the WBROC and/or SASS.

- To act as ambassadors of SASS and the sport of Wild Bunch Action Shooting™, communicating the Wild Bunch Action Shooting™ story locally and regionally to further the growth of SASS and the sport.
- Attend TG meetings to represent his/her club and vote on proposed rule changes and other issues tabled by the Board of Directors
- Remain active within the sport.
- Support and participate in SASS Sanctioned matches, attend, and actively participate in the TG meetings held at Regional, National, International, and World Championship Events.
- Network, support, and actively communicate with Regional WB Chief ROs, fellow TGs, the WBROC, and SASS.
- Maintain and actively monitor an email address adequate for primary communication between SASS and the TG.
- Actively monitor and participate in the TG section of the SASS Wild Bunch Wire Forum.

TG Term of Service

TG's term of office is for 12 months. SASS does not impose a limit to the number of terms served. SASS reserves the right to deny and/or revoke any TG appointment at any time within the certification period due to failure to adhere to the guidelines of the program, inadequacy, inactivity, poor attitude, or any conduct not conducive to the mission of the program.

Hierarchy of leadership

See Addendum A

Philosophy

Wild Bunch Action Shooting matches are typified by using a 1911 semi-autoloading pistol along with pistol caliber lever action or pump rifle of that period, and a shotgun. WBAS should be a fun, fast paced sport designed to appeal to every skill level of shooter. Making the sport fun and varied will result in growth, while keeping it an exclusive game only few can play will result in the game continuing to stagnate. Because of the differences between Wild Bunch Action Shooting and its sister sport, Cowboy Action Shooting, it is not recommended to be intermixed in a match. A thriving and successful WBAS program should serve as a wonderful accompaniment to any existing CAS club- or as its own standalone club- as participation numbers allow.

Evolution of the Game of WBAS

A thorough review of current practices in the game has been conducted to address the lack of growth and dismal participation in WBAS in the period analyzed. The idea of standardizing and encouraging a high difficulty level through high caliber, limited firearm requirements, high power factor, more difficult targets/placement, and high round counts, or under the guise that the game to become a proving ground for SASS to legitimize itself in the eyes of the other action shooting sports has not only alienated our CAS market but has also made zero impact on making the sport- or joining SASS- appealing to new "outside" shooters/members. The information

following describes areas of the sport that must evolve as outlined below. Additional evolution of the sport of WBAS beyond this document will occur organically – from the shooters who play the game and the clubs who work to present the programs and matches- via their Territorial Governors rallying for change.

Firearms

1911 Handguns

There will be no changes to the firearm requirements or current restrictions in relation to the handgun. Power factor requirement *remains at 150 for the 1911 handgun*. The 1911 pistol is the most emphasized firearm in WBAS, and although the number of 1911 handgun owners are significant, many 1911 owners have never shot in any form of shooting competition before. It is recommended that each posse have at least one member who is very familiar with the 1911 pistol's operation. When a malfunction occurs, this will allow the shooter to be coached and assisted through the course of fire to complete the stage.

Rifles

The exclusion of the .38 caliber rifle during the construct of a formal, codified set of rules for Wild Bunch Action Shooting was another attempt to provide separation of WBAS from CAS and to “gain respect from the other shooting disciplines”. While it didn't earn respect or attract new members from the outside, it did work to eliminate and exclude the established, existing customer base of current CAS shooters and SASS members. Forcing many CAS shooters who had been shooting Wild Bunch for years to make a choice- buy another rifle or stop playing the game. While some did comply with the new firearm requirements, most walked away, and the overall participation numbers reflect that choice. The inclusion of any SASS legal rifle in .38 caliber will be added to the approved firearms list for Wild Bunch Action Shooting. As the least emphasized firearm in WBAS, there will be *no power factor for any rifle in WBAS* moving forward.

Shotguns

Just as in the rifle category, several already-utilized CAS-legal shotguns were eliminated from being approved for use in WBAS during the construct of the WBAS rules in an effort to separate the sport from CAS. While allowing the 97 (stoked) in WBAS, the 87 was banned- as was the double barrel shotgun. There is no competitive advantage to allowing the double barrel shotgun in WBAS, and it is doubtful that most will choose to shoot a double barrel long term if they have any notion of being competitive in WBAS. Allowing double barrel shotguns potentially gets more participation in the sport by allowing current SASS members the ability to utilize the long guns they already own. The inclusion of any SASS legal shotgun will be added to the approved firearms list for Wild Bunch Action Shooting.

Shooting Categories

There will be no changes to the existing categories of Modern & Traditional. They can, *at the Match Directors discretion*, be broken out into Ladies and Senior categories as well. Teddy

Roosevelt & Doughboy will be added to the SASS recognized main match categories for Wild Bunch Action Shooting at any SASS sanctioned match. The parameters for Teddy Roosevelt and Doughboy are already in place. Teddy Roosevelt and Doughboy may also be broken out into Ladies and Senior categories – *at the Match Director's discretion*. Junior categories may also be offered at the Match Director's discretion.

All SASS affiliated clubs will have the opportunity to offer a WBAS program with the inclusion (at the local level) of an Open Category. The parameters for the Open category will be outlined in the WBAS Shooters Handbook and RO guide for reference and will allow any single stack 1911 (No PF), any SASS legal rifle in .32 caliber or larger, and any SASS legal shotgun. The addition of a SASS-endorsed Open Class for WBAS at the local level will encourage clubs to begin offering a WBAS program in their area, and bring those clubs who already are into SASS compliance while offering them a tremendous resource of support and guidance for the Open class. The Open category will not be offered at any WBAS competition within the SASS Sanctioned Championship program.

All SASS sanctioned matches should consult their individual contract to ensure the categories being honored meet the minimum entry mandate associated with hosting a championship event.

Target Placement & Size

It is important to remember that Wild Bunch Action Shooting is an action shooting sport that promotes speed, action, and accuracy. It is not a bullseye competition. WBAS Match Directors have the discretion and should ensure that targets and sequences are appropriate for all competitors. Making target placement and shooting sequences too difficult will keep the shooters from coming back. Size, type, and quality of targets should affect target distance and placement. Recommended target size for the distances below is 12"-16" diameter. *Remember: "Clean" shooters are happy shooters. Happy shooters come back.*

Target distance recommendations:

Pistol targets: 7-12 yards

Rifle targets: 15-25 yards

Shotgun targets: 8-15 yards

Round Counts, Power Factor, & Chronographing

Round Counts

Higher round counts at WBAS matches than CAS matches are expected, but not to the point of deterring shooters from enjoying the sport. Given the current economic environment and availability of components for/ammunition, lowering the round counts to the lower end of the suggested counts is a service to the shooter/customer.

Round Count recommendations:

Shotgun: 6 rounds (in shotgun)

- When using a pump shotgun, it may be loaded into the magazine at the loading table. If using a double barrel or single shot shotgun, the shooter will wait until they are at the

firing line before inserting shotgun shells- under the supervision and direction of the TO.
Double barrel shotguns must be staged open.

Pistol: 14-28 rounds

- Stage writing should center on the shooting of the pistol. The use of the 1911 pistol is what attracts most potential WBAS shooters. It is imperative that shooting the pistol is FUN. *You cannot make up for poor stage/scenario writing by increasing the round count.*
- 7 in the magazine

Rifle: Up to 10 rounds

- Rifle is the least emphasized firearm in WBAS.

Power Factor & Chronographing Requirements

The Power factor minimum for the 1911 Handgun *only* will remain at 150. There will be no minimum Power factor requirement for the rifle.

The mandate for Chronographing will be eliminated, easing this burden on Match Directors and officials. Chronographing should only be used if someone is challenged for not meeting the Power Factor with their 1911 handgun.

WBAS Range Safety Courses

The WBAS Range Safety Courses will be completely restructured and updated by SASS, working in collaboration with the WB ROC and WB Chief ROs, to reflect the changes in the philosophy and the evolution of the sport of WBAS, but also to bring the course curriculum to an updated format more conducive to a productive and successful learning environment. Both Instructor and Student handbooks will be constructed, as well as a new PowerPoint presentation for instructors.

Additional Clarifications - 2024

The WBAS RO Committee has requested the following clarifications be made. The listing below constitutes the additional clarifications approved by SASS effective Jan. 1, 2024.

Clarifications:

- Sure hit sights are allowed on the 1911 in the Modern category, but not in the Traditional Category.
- Porting on the slide but not on the replacement barrel (making the porting ineffective) is not allowed as an external modification.
- A fibre optic sight may remain on a modern category 1911, if it is completely covered by a paint that is non-luminescent that is solid enough to eliminate any glow. The fibre optic may be replaced with a brass rod.
- VZ palm swell grips are prohibited.

Changes:

- Minimum bullet weight requirement will be reduced to 177 grains to account for manufacturing variances causing a potential disqualification at the 180 grain requirement.

MONITORING RESULTS

Testing and analyzing results will occur every quarter. Adjustments will be made accordingly. Adjustments in focus will be made as needed throughout the fiscal year.

Analytics and Evaluation Schedule

Nov 2023 – Dec 2023 (Jan 1, 2024): First quarter analytic evaluation- *the changes outlined in this document will be announced Nov. 1, 2023 but will not go into effect on January 1, 2024. This initial quarter will be used to effectively communicate and distribute the changes to every competitor and event organizer.*

Jan 2024 – Mar 2024 (Apr 1, 2024): Second quarter analytic evaluation

April 2024 – June 2024 (July 1, 2024): Third quarter analytic evaluation

July 2024 – Sept 2024 (Oct 1, 2024): Fourth quarter analytic evaluation

SUMMARY

Summary of changes to the sport of WBAS, its rules, requirements, and governance.

- **Governing:** Wild Bunch Action Shooting™ will come under the purview of SASS, as it's governing body. WBAS will become part of the existing governing structure currently used for CAS. This includes the election of a WB TG for/within every SASS affiliated club with an active WBAS program to ensure that the members/shooters voices are being heard. The governing structure includes the WB RO Committee (WBROC), the Wild Bunch Regional Chief RO (WBCRO), and WBAS Certified RO Instructor Program. *(Described on page 3 of this document)*
- **Approved Firearms:** Any SASS legal rifle in .38 caliber will be legal for use in WBAS, with no Power Factor. Any SASS legal shotgun will be allowed in WBAS. *(Described on page 8 of this document)*
- **Power Factor/Chronographing Procedures:** The Power Factor requirement remains the same for the 1911 handgun only (no PF for rifle), the mandated Chronographing procedures are eliminated, easing the burden on Match Directors and event organizers. A competitor will only be tested for PF if challenged. *(Described on page 9 of this document)*
- **Categories:** *(Described on page 8 of this document)*
 - o 2 categories will be added to the official category listing for use in WBAS main matches: Doughboy and Teddy Roosevelt. (at the match directors discretion and only if minimum mandates are met at sanctioned matches per the individual sanctioning contract)

- The structure and parameters for an open class in WBAS – for use by affiliated clubs at the local club level (not offered at sanctioned championship matches) will be composed, available and endorsed by SASS.
- **Target Distance, Placement & Size recommendations** the SASS recommended target size, distance and placement recommendations will be adjusted to allow Match directors the flexibility to present a more diverse experience for all skill levels. *(Described on page 9 of this document)*
- **Round Counts** the SASS recommended round counts scale will be reduced for WBAS to allow Match directors the flexibility to adjust their match production in relation to skill level, competitor preferences, and to ease the financial burden of ammunition costs in a changing economy. *(Described on page 9 of this document)*
- **WBAS RO Course** A full redesign and restructuring of the WBAS RO Safety course and supporting materials will be produced through a collaboration between the WBROC, WBCRO's, and SASS. *(Described on page 10 of this document)*

ADDENDUM A

Hierarchy Chart

