

Northeast Six Shooters Club Guidelines

Introduction

The Northeast Six Shooters (N6S) is a Cowboy Mounted Shooting club, affiliated with the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (CMSA). Our objective is to advance the sport in the Northeast and give our members opportunities to compete locally. We do not operate under specific bylaws; however, we have the following policies:

Organization

N6S has paid members and an elected executive board. Members set individual and family membership fees for a calendar year. The executive board consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Head Rangemaster, 1 Alternate Board Member and 1 NH Representative Board Member (who represents NH Cowboy Mounted Shooter interests in 2015 and 2016).

N6S holds an annual meeting in January, where members elect the executive board and discuss an agenda. Members empower the executive board to act in the club's best interest and commit club funds. The executive board meets several times a year to manage club business. The executive board may schedule additional membership meetings for major club business.

Events

N6S holds numerous events throughout the year including competitions, clinics, practices, and demonstrations.

- CMSA sanctions our competitions. All competitors must be CMSA members, but not necessarily N6S members. Entry fees include payment to CMSA to track World Qualifying Points at Club, State, Regional, and National levels.
- N6S holds clinics to introduce new riders and/or new horses to the sport of Mounted Shooting. Clinicians do not need N6S and CMSA membership to attend. We also host professional trainers to teach advanced skills to our experienced riders.
- N6S hosts practices to improve member riding and shooting skills. This requires basic mounted shooting experience of horse and rider (such as one of our clinics). Participants must purchase club-supplied ammunition and pay arena fees through the N6S practice coordinators.
- At some competitions, N6S offers exhibition runs without points or prizes, to enable riders to introduce their horse to the competition environment.
- N6S occasionally produces demonstrations to introduce mounted shooting to a wider audience. The demo coordinator selects the riders and courses for these events to meet specific goals, and recruits additional volunteers for ground support to ensure a successful demo.

Event Guidelines

N6S follows CMSA rules in competitions. We stress safety and no-cruelty-to-animals at all events. N6S enforces the following for added safety:

- No one shall consume alcohol until the last competitor completes the last stage of the day. CMSA prohibits alcohol during events.
- Competitors must:
 - a) load their own firearms or arrange for loading help
 - b) keep firearms on their person or lock them up
 - c) remain in the competition area with loaded firearms
 - d) keep horses clear of ammo table
 - e) keep non-competitors away from the ammo table
 - f) be ready to ride when called in the Go Order
- The Match Director holds a rider safety meeting before match start to review key rules and make announcements specific to that competition. (Per CMSA rule A.viii.)
- The Balloon Runner Coordinator holds a safety meeting with runners.
- The Rangemaster may ask any rider/horse to perform a qualifying run, before the main match, to demonstrate riding and shooting control. (Per CMSA rule A.viii.) Riders competing for the first time should expect to ride a qualifying run.
- The Scorekeeper assigns the Go Order. Riders must be ready to ride when called. If you want time between riders (because you are volunteering or sharing equipment, guns, horses, etc.) you must notify the scorekeeper in your pre-registration.
- The Announcer works with the scorekeepers to keep the event flowing. These jobs require a lot of focus in order to fairly score all competitors. Do not unnecessarily disturb the volunteers in the announcing/scoring area.
- N6S often plays music during competitions. If you prefer not to have music play during your runs, please notify the registrar when signing in.
- All horses brought to an event must have proof of a negative Coggins test within 1 year. N6S will note the details and keep them on file, once shown. N6S online registrations include an option to upload an electronic copy of a Coggins test.

Event Registration

- Pre-register for Competitions using the *both* the online form link on the N6S web site and the CMSA web site. Registration on the CMSA site is very helpful, but only covers the main match and any WPQ side matches. The N6S form covers all information needed by the registrar, and these selections take precedence over the CMSA site with respect to jackpots or side match entries. Competitors may pay their entry fees through the N6S form (when available), by mail, or at the event. Competitors shall sign in and pay any balance upon arrival the day of a competition. The sign-in deadline is typically 1 hour prior to the safety meeting. N6S will credit pre-paid cancellations to a future event provided the cancellation is *by a phone call* to the Match Director prior to the sign-in deadline. N6S does allow day-of-event registration prior to the sign-in deadline for an additional \$10.
- Clinics require pre-registration and payment at least a week in advance to support staff and equipment planning. N6S posts registration forms on their web site at least a month in advance. Clinics tend to fill up and may have a waiting list. N6S may refund a cancelled clinic registration if another participant fills the spot. Otherwise, the registrant may apply the fee to a future clinic.
- Notify the practice coordinator of any practice you plan to attend. The coordinator may cancel a practice due to under-attendance, weather, or extenuating circumstances.

Notification allows the coordinator to communicate changes to those planning to attend a specific practice date.

Volunteer Opportunities

It takes a lot of people to plan and produce successful mounted shooting events. Member help is welcome on a variety of committees, volunteer pools, and event tasks.

- N6S maintains the following committees
 - Northeast Regional Competition
 - Budget
 - Prizes
 - Banquet
- N6S trains and maintains the following volunteer pools
 - Match Director
 - Rangemaster
 - Scoring and Registration
 - Announcing
 - Set-Up
 - Equipment Transport

Contact Information

Contact information is current as of April 1, 2015.

- N6S Website www.masixshooters.com
- CMSA Website www.cmsaevents.com
- N6S Executive Board
 - President Dina Baratta, 781-696-0039, redlila@icloud.com
 - Dina is usually, but not always, the Match Director
 - Vice President Stephen Armato, 781-710-6584, sarmato@cetllp.com
 - Steve is usually, but not always, the Balloon Runner Coordinator
 - Secretary Jennifer Roy, 603-881-8095, vaquero@myfairpoint.net
 - Jennifer is usually, but not always, the Registrar
 - Treasurer Debbie O'Donnell, 203-671-7323, reggyro@yahoo.com
 - Debbie also heads our prize committee
 - Head Rangemaster Steven Roy, 603-459-9723, vaquero@myfairpoint.net
 - Steve also serves as our webmaster
 - Alternate Board Member Beth Higgins, 401-935-5408, bethchiggins@gmail.com
 - NH Representative Shad Smith, 603-801-1415, shadsmith70@gmail.com