

# The National Congress of Old West Shootists, Inc.

## NCOWS Rules for the Originals Class

**Men and Women's Originals:** Shooter uses two (2) guns, one rifle and one pistol to complete the course of fire. This class must be shot duelist/traditional style. Must have three(3) originals present to have the class. (Amended March 2011)

### Rules and Regulations for the Originals Class

The "Originals" class is a non-traditional shooting class combining the elements of a historically accurate and documented impression or persona, peer review, and shooting competition. Each entrant will submit a documented impression, be subject to peer review, and compete in shooting competition under specific limitations.

The guidelines for the "Originals" class are as follows:

1. Select an impression for a person that would have lived in the 1865-1899 time period.
2. Give this person a birth date that would allow them to be your age at the time period you select. Describe the life and character of the person. This should be short, 250 words is sufficient.
3. Provide a list of clothing, accouterments, and weapons that are used/worn by this person. The items are to fit within the time frame depicted. This listing would be complete; description of each item, with at least two reference sources if possible, that describe the item and its time frame.
4. This listing along with the biographical sketch (impression) shall be submitted along with a photograph "in Persona".
5. Firearms shall be one NCOWS approved rifle and one NCOWS approved pistol, either original or reproductions that were available for the period chosen. Any persona prior to the availability of smokeless loadings for their chosen firearm is required to use black powder or approved substitute. This class must be shot duelist/traditional style. (Amended March 2011)
6. Shotgun gauges are limited to 16, 12, and 10; Brass or paper shot shells. Subject to the same propellant requirements.
7. Firearms are not to be altered or modified in a manner that was not consistent with the period chosen.
8. Chosen firearms used in a match may only be replaced with another in case of failure or breakage. *For example: pistol for pistol rifle for rifle.* If one is not available, misses will be taken for that firearm for the remainder of the match.
9. Gun carts will not be used unless needed to accommodate physical handicaps.
10. If possible, "Originals" entrants will be squadded together. This class will not be offered unless at least three participants register for the class. A minimum of three entrants are required for the peer review.
11. Scoring. Scoring will consist of three parts: (A) Each participant will receive a base score of 50 points for the successful completion and submission of the required documentation of their impression, clothing, arms, and accessories. (B) The impression or persona will be reviewed by the other

participants of the class and the appearance of each participant will be checked against their impression. Participants will be given a score of 1-10 based on the average of the peer review scores. Participants will not score themselves. (C) The balance of the participant's score will be based on the shooting in the match. In this section participants will receive 40 points for first place, 35 points for 2nd place, 30 points for 3rd place, 25 points for 4th place, 20 points for 5th place, and all shooter below 5th place will each receive 15 points.

**Total score for each participant will be determined by adding the point total for each of the sections.**

12. Documentation may be submitted in advance of the event to three(3) previously approved "Originals" members or may be submitted at the event itself, provided at least three approved "Originals" are present at the event.

13. Course of fire will be the same during the match as other shooters using two firearms. Reloads may be and use of a shotgun or revolver to engage rifle targets, may be dictated by the participant's choice of firearms.

14. The participant does not have the option to change firearms during the match.

15. Design of the stages is left to the discretion of the local posse, who are encouraged to refrain from requiring the shot count of shooters that shoot more than two firearms