

**W.A. STATE OPEN, CLASSIC CALIBRE LEVER ACTION
RIFLE AND REVOLVER CHAMPIONSHIPS
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INTRODUCTION

1. The Western Australian State Open Lever Action Rifle Championships, State Open Classic Calibre Lever Action Rifle Championships and the State Open Lever Action Revolver Championships shall be conducted on a long weekend, being on an annual basis, inclusive and between the 1st of March to the 31st of October. The Championships will be held a minimum of three weeks prior to, or three weeks after the National Lever Action Championships.
2. The State Competition will be conducted independently of the National Lever Action Rifle Championships and provision shall be made for the shoot to last three days if necessary.
3. The State Open Championships shall consist of an Open Class, Traditional Class, Ladies Class, Junior Class, Junior Under 15, Senior Class and a Club Teams event. Competitors may only enter (nominate) for one class. All classes shall be run in conjunction with the State Open Lever Action Championship Rules.
4. The State Classic Calibre Lever Action Rifle Championships shall consist of an Open Class, Ladies Class, Junior & Junior Under 15 Class, Senior Class and a Club Teams event.
5. The State Lever Action Revolver Championships shall consist of an Open Class and Junior & Junior Under 15 Class.
6. Club Open Teams shall be composed of five shooters from each club, Ladies, Junior and Traditional teams shall consist of three shooters for each club. Classic Calibre Club Teams shall consist of 3 men, 1 lady and 1 Junior.
7. Shooters competing in the Junior & Junior Under 15 class will only be required to pay half the entry fee. Shooters competing in the Senior Class must be aged 60 years or over.

8. The Competitor is responsible for nominating to the Host Club for all events they wish to compete in, four (4) weeks prior to the State Championships. In accordance with SSAA WA Rules no nominations will be accepted on the day.

Payment should be made prior to the Championships.

In the event that payment has been paid and you are unable to attend the competition a refund of 90% is available from the host Club on your written request.

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2. DUTIES OF THE HOST CLUB

1. After being selected at a committee meeting of Western Australian State Lever Action Clubs, the host club shall advertise the State Title events and date 3 months in advance of the competition.
2. Obtain the Gold, Silver & Bronze Medallions from the State Executive S.S.A.A.
3. Conduct an open ballot for positions on the firing line.
4. Also check that S.S.A.A. membership is current.
5. Inspect all firearms to be used in the competition to ensure that they are in compliance with State Rules.
6. Provide a scoreboard which details name, Club, class, calibre, score and team selection for information of the competitors, during the competition.
7. With the participation of the competing Lever Action Clubs elect a Disputes Committee and Range Officers. The Disputes committee shall consist of three senior personal, no more than one member from each club. Range Officers must have a sound knowledge of Lever Action competitions.
8. Arrange for target changers and scorers who should be non-competing personal if possible.
9. Provide canteen facilities, adequate toilets and secure gun racks for each competitor, with protection from weather conditions.
10. The host club to provide presentation and social event after completion of the competition.
11. All effort should be made to provide a room with excellent lighting for the scorers and the Disputes Committee.

12. Targets are to be available for inspection after scoring, but are not to be removed by the competitor until after the competition ends.

3. RANGE REQUIREMENTS

1. Clubs nominating to host the State championships must have a fully operational range, including Running Boar and Turning targets, before being accepted to the State championships.
2. The host club must have a 100 metre range, a 50 metre range with turning targets (mechanical or electrical) and a 50 metre running boar range, the visible opening to be 7.1m to 7.5m wide.
3. The range shall have secure post rests and be clear of rubbish and all obstructions. Posts should be a minimum of 1.8m exposed and each post shall be a uniform size and shape. Spacing for each post shall be a minimum of 1.2m.
4. All targets must be properly numbered. Top and bottom of frame minimum spacing is one metre between centres, parallel to firing line and be clearly sighted from any field position. If a target frame carries two targets, they must be vertically positioned 700mm from centre to centre.
5. Where possible, targets shall be directly in line and at right angles to each competitor on the firing line.
6. Any new Lever Action Range should have a firing line pad 2.2 metres in depth measured from the post rest, and shall be a level area. Any existing clubs carrying out range modifications will adhere to the above.

4. RIFLE SPECIFICATIONS

Open State Lever Action Rifle Championships

1. For all classes except Traditional Class.

Shall be any Lever Action Repeating Rifle with metallic sights only, and can be of any calibre.

1. ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT WHICH ARE PROHIBITED

- (a) Slings
- (b) Hooked or adjustable butt plates
- (c) Adjustable cheek pieces
- (d) Release triggers
- (e) Gloves
- (f) Palm rests
- (g) Spotting scopes
- (h) Rubber sight boot
- (I) Plastic or optical inserts
- (j) Any supportive clothing to aid the shooter

2. Disabled shooters should be allowed to compete, using any medical aids pertaining to their disability, at the discretion of the disputes committee.

3. TRADITIONAL CLASS

The rifle must be a standard Lever Action repeating rifle with an exposed hammer and an under barrel tubular magazine. The fitting

of a recoil pad and trigger adjustment is acceptable. The sights shall be open metal sights, ie no aperture sights, no peep sights.

State Classic Calibre Lever Action Rifle Championships

The specification below for Classic Calibre is a copy of the current National specifications and may alter as National Rules change.

For confirmation or disputes refer to the current National Rules.

1.4 "Classic Calibre" Rifles.

In the sprit of classic calibre, the intent of this category is for the use of production rifles and reproductions of same, using cartridges factory chambered in lever action rifles prior to the end of 1938.

1.4.1 Any Lever Action Rifle with a two-piece wooden stock.

1.4.2 Those rifles having a detachable box magazine and/or a rotating bolt head are excluded.

1.4.3 Sights shall be of the traditional open type. Peep sights and micrometer, vernier or screw adjustable sights are not allowed. Hoods are not allowed.

1.4.4 Any mass produced factory centrefire lever action cartridge introduced prior to the end of 1938 are eligible for this class. The authority for determining eligibility shall be: BARNES, "CARTRIDGES OF THE WORLD".

1.4.5 All repairs and replacement parts shall be kept as close as is reasonably practicable to the original design of the rifle.

State Lever Action Revolver Championships

1. Revolvers to be used shall be Single or Double Action with exposed hammer, and shall be limited to those that are chambered for standard Lever Action Rifles from 38 Calibre and under.
2. Open Sights only, with barrel length 102mm Minimum to 212.7mm Maximum, with no orthopaedic grips.
3. Black Powder Revolvers and Semi-Automatic Pistols shall not be permitted.
4. Disabled Shooters should be permitted to compete using Medical Aids pertaining to their disability at the discretion of fellow shooters.
5. Grips; Left and Right hand use, no palm shelf, combat style grips.
6. Sights; Open steel sights. Removable sight parts may be replaced with similar types (millet sights).
7. Triggers; Hammers spur must be retained. Double Action revolvers must retain single action capabilities. Spring kits may be used.
8. Barrels; Must retain original specifications (no added weight) and or adjustable weights. No Compensator or Ported barrels. Barrels drilled & tapped for scope mounts may retain mounts for competition conditions, subject to decision of Disputes Committee.

5. **RESPONSIBILITY OF COMPETITORS**

1. Be a financial member of the S.S.A.A.
2. Show proof of membership when signing the attendance register and have their rifle inspected prior to the competition.
3. As per S.S.A.A. By-Laws.
4. Swearing or offensive behaviour will not be tolerated at any time.
5. Children must at all times be under direct supervision.
6. It is the responsibility of each member to comply with these W.A. State Open Lever Action Rules.
Failure to do so; a member may, upon a decision of the disputes committee be either suspended, penalised or disqualified from the competition.

6. TARGETS

1. All targets will be of new issue and regulation type and the paper shall be no less than 140 GSM.
2. A competition shall consist of a composite of the following Lever Action SSAA Approved Targets:

LA 1	Buffalo Head Target		TBF1
LA2	Bear Target (Small)	100m medal Target for Classic Calibre	TBR1
LA3	Fox Head Target	50m medal Target for Classic Calibre	TFX2
LA4	Goat Target	Official Running Target	TGT1
LA5	Sitting Rabbit (small)		TRB3
LA6	Qld Pig		
LA7	Feral Cat (small)		TCT1
LA8	Crow (small)		TCW1
LA9	Elephant		
LA10	Running Rabbit (small)		TRB1
LA11	Running Fox (small)		TFX3
LA12	Sitting Rabbit (Large)		TRB4
LA13	Duck		TDK1
LA14	WA Running Boar	Official Running Target	TBO1
13M	Official 50M Slow fire Pistol	100m State & National Medals	TA4
14N	Centre only of 13M	50m National Medal Target	TA5
LA15	SA Cats Head		
LA16	SA Turkey		

LA17	WA Cat		TCT2
LA18	WA Running Fox		TFX5
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Official Centre Fire (8 Black Ring)	WA 50m State Medal Target		TA2
WA Crow			TCW2
WA Two Fox-Head	Two Positional Event		TFX4
WA Five Fox-Head	LA Revolver target		TFX7

Small Rabbit, Bear, National Feral Cat, Fox Head, Small Crow, SA Cats Head shall not be used for Rapid or Timed Fire events, except 25 metre events. The SA Turkey may only be shot in the Any Field Position at a maximum distance of 50 metres.

3. The Host club shall provide extra targets for all competitors if required.

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7. RANGE PROCEDURE

1. Ensure all red danger flags are in place.
2. No person shall load a firearm until given the command “Load” by the Range Officer.
3. Any person failing to comply with an instruction given by a Range Officer may, upon a decision by the Disputes Committee, be disqualified from the competition.
4. No person is permitted to “Dry Fire” beside or behind any competitor.
5. Shooters must display all rounds on the Firing Line to the Range Officer.
6. Competitors shall fire only the prescribe number of rounds for each event.
7. If a Firearm malfunctions during an event the Range Officer will supervise the correction of that malfunction. If the fault can be rectified before the end of the detail the competitor will be allowed extra time to fire the remaining rounds. If it cannot be rectified by the end of the detail they will be allowed to complete the event with a replacement rifle at the convenience of the Disputes committee.
8. If a malfunction occurs in a Firearm during the competition and cannot be rectified. The Firearm can only be changed for another upon a decision of the Disputes Committee.
9. Authorised Firearm changes will be Rimfire to Rimfire, Centrefire to Centrefire.
10. Any shooter not completing the competition must inform the host club officials of his/her withdrawal from the competition.
11. Should a target tear or shift during a detail the competitor will attract the attention of the Range Officer who will, after completion of the detail, nominate a person to correct the target involved. The competitor will then complete the detail.
12. In the event of a misfire due to faulty ignition of the cartridge, the competitor shall notify the Range Officer who will inspect the round and, if it shows a firing pin indentation, another shall be allowed.

8. COMPETITIONS

State Open Lever Action Rifle Championships

1. The competition shall consist of six events. The first five events as listed below from (a) to (e) mandatory. The host club shall decide on the sixth event. The sixth event shall consist of ten shots on any State approved target and shall be any course of fire approved by the Lever Action Discipline Delegate. The list of events may be conducted in any order, but must be included in any advertisement.
 - (a) Two consecutive brackets of five shots on two International Slow Fire targets at 100m, any field position, total time limit 10 minutes (State Medal Awards).
 - (b) Two consecutive brackets of five shots on two Official State Centre targets (black 8 ring) at 50m standing unsupported. Total time limit 10 minutes (State Medal Award).
 - (c) Two consecutive brackets of five shots on any approved target, Timed Fire, one shot for each three second exposure with seven seconds break between exposures at 50m. Standing unsupported. More than one shot per exposure may be fired if for some reason a shot was not fired during a previous exposure. All events start with one round in the breach, hammer cocked and ready to fire, with rifle butt on the hip below the elbow.

A distance of 25metres is optional if selected for the sixth event.
 - (d) Two consecutive brackets of five shots on any approved target, Rapid Fire, at 50m Standing Unsupported, five shots per fifteen seconds exposure. More than five shots per exposure may be fired if for some reason some shots were not fired during the previous exposure. All events to start with one round in the breach, hammer cocked and ready to fire, with rifle butt on the hip below the elbow. A distance of 25 metres is optional if selected for sixth event.
 - (e) Ten shots at 50m Standing Unsupported , Running Boar or Running goat, one shot for each exposure of three and one half seconds duration. Exposure time will be calculated from centre of target at beginning to the centre of target at the end of run. More than one shot per exposure may be fired if for some reason a shot was not fired during a previous exposure. All events to start with one round in the breach, hammer cocked and ready to fire, with the rifle butt on the hip below the elbow.

State Classic Calibre Lever Action Rifle Championships

- (2) The competition shall consist of thirty five shots, with seven events of five shots per event.
 - (a) Five shots at 100metres any field position, National Bear target with a time of five minutes. (National Classic Calibre Award).
 - (b) Five shots at 50 metres Standing unsupported, National Fox Head target with a time of five minutes. (National Classic Calibre Award).
 - (c) Five shots at 50 metres Standing unsupported, Running Boar, or Running Goat, one shot per three and one half seconds or five shots per one slow run. Refer to section (e) of the State Open Lever Action Rifle Championships for more detail.
 - (d) Four remaining events of five shots per event is up to the host club with approval from the Discipline Delegate.
 - One extra event must be shot at 100 metres.
 - One extra event must be shot at 50 metres.
 - One extra event must be shot at 25 metres.
 - The remaining event is the Host clubs choice.

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State Lever Action Revolver Championships

(3) Competition shall consist of:

<u>DISTANCE</u>	<u>DISCIPLINE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>NO.OF ROUNDS</u>
1. 50 M	I.S.F.	A.F.P.	4Mins	5
2. 25 M	I.S.F.	O.H.	4Mins	5
3. 25 M or less	Timed Fire	O.H.	3 Seconds per round	2 x 5
4. 25 M or less	Rapid Fire	O.H.	10 Seconds per 5 rounds	2 x 5
5. 12.5 M or less	5 Target or Cluster of 5	O.H.	12 Seconds per 5 rounds	2 x 5
6. 25 M	Running Boar (18m run)	O.H.	3.5 Seconds per round	2 x 5
7.	If no practise is available on the day of the State Championships, 5 sighting rounds will be allowed prior to the 50m event only.			

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9. SCORING

1. In the event of a bullet hole touching the dividing line, the higher score shall be awarded.
2. Any disputes with scoring shall be settled by the Disputes Committee.
3. In the event of more than the required number of holes of like calibre, due to a proven crossfire, the competitor shall be allotted the highest scoring number of rounds.
4. No protest may be lodged after thirty minutes from the time of targets being available.
5. In the event of there being a tied score in any of the competition events, the tie shall be resolved by a count back of targets concerned. If a result cannot be achieved, the event will be re-shot until a scoring advantage is achieved. In the event of a tie in the Class Aggregates the tie shall be resolved by a count back of all competition targets, X rings being counted.
6. If a competitor fires more than the allotted number of rounds at their target, they will be disqualified from any State Medal Awards and any Possible Awards.
7. Any bullet hole on a target exceeding twice the diameter of the calibre used shall be disregarded except bullet holes caused by a proven crossfire or proven bullet tumbling.

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All scoring rounds are to be added together then divided by the number of scored rounds, then multiplied by the correct number of rounds for that event or part of event.

10. AWARDS

State Open Lever Action Rifle Championships

1. There are four State Medal Awards, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond.
2. A member can qualify for an award once only, in the order as above.
3. Aggregate scores from 100m and 50m corresponding State targets of 75 and over qualifies for a Bronze, score of 85 and over qualifies for a Silver, and a score of 95 and over qualifies for a Gold. A possible score of 100 will qualify for Diamond award.
4. S.S.A.A. State Championship Medallions will be awarded to competitors in the first three places in each of the class aggregates.
5. Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates will be issued in the Teams Event.
6. For the six events, the winning competitor will receive a medallion for first (1st) place within their classification.
7. The competitor with the highest aggregate score will be awarded the **State Champion Title**. **The Two Gun Trophy** is awarded to the competitor with the highest score from their combined State LA Open Championships and their State LA Classic Calibre Championships results.
8. The Host Club has the option of supplementing existing awards with other trophies and prizes.
9. The competitor with the highest aggregate in each Class will be awarded the top shooter award for that class.
10. A possible score of 50/50 or 100/100 can qualify a competitor for a possible badge in each target.
11. Certificates shall be awarded to competitors placed in the top ten overall regardless of class.
12. The sum of the top two targets are to qualify first, followed by the sum of the bottom two targets for awards.

State Classic Calibre Lever Action Championships

1. There are four National Medal Awards, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond.
2. A member can qualify for an award once only, in the order as above.
3. Aggregate scores from 100m and 50m corresponding National targets of 75 and over qualifies for a Bronze, score of 85 and over qualifies for a Silver, and a score of 95 and over qualifies for a Gold. A possible score of 100 will qualify for Diamond award.
4. S.S.A.A. State Championship Medallions will be awarded to competitors in first place in each Class only.
5. For the seven events, the winning competitor will receive a Medallion for 1st place overall. (Regardless of Class)
6. The competitor with the highest aggregate score will be awarded the State Champion Title. (Regardless of Class)
7. The Host Club has the option of supplementing existing awards with other trophies and prizes.
8. Certificates shall be awarded to competitors placed in the top ten regardless of class.

State Lever Action Revolver Championships

1. S.S.A.A. State Championship Medallions will be awarded to competitors in the first three positions, ie. Gold, Silver and Bronze. (Open and Juniors)
2. For each event the winning competitor will receive a Gold Medallion for first place. (Regardless of Class)
3. The Host Club has the option of supplementing the awards with other Trophies or Prizes.
4. Certificates shall be awarded to competitors placed in the top ten regardless of class.

Perpetual Trophies and Shields for all Competitions

Persons who are members of SSAA-affiliated WA firearms clubs who win a championship category at the annual State Lever Action Championships should be entitled to display the Perpetual Shield / Trophy at the premises of their Club until the next year's Championships on the proviso that:

- a) The Shield is covered by the insurance of the club at which it is displayed.
- b) The Shield is returned prior to the next State Championships.

In all other circumstances the Perpetual Shield shall be displayed at the premises of the Perth Lever Action Rifle Club.

11. **BY-LAWS**

1. The State Lever Action Championships Committee shall comprise of a Discipline Delegate (Chairperson), a minute secretary (who shall have no voting rights and be nominated by the host club and /or the Discipline Chairperson and two delegates from each West Australian State Lever Action Club. However, if a club has only one delegate he/she will carry two voting rights. No meeting will be legal unless two or more recognised Lever Action Clubs are represented.

2. Committee meetings shall be conducted at least once a year prior to the State Lever Action Titles to elect a Discipline Delegate (Chairperson) for the following year. (The term of the elected Discipline Delegate commences at the conclusion of the State Championships on the weekend of their election.)
At such meetings recommendations can be made on any matter pertaining to the Lever Action discipline. Delegates must have written authorisation from their club.

3. It is the responsibility of the State Lever Action Discipline Delegate to inspect the range and facilities of the host club a minimum of six months prior to the State Competition. If found unsatisfactory, the host club must rectify the faults or a new venue shall be selected.

4. These By-Laws and Rules may only be added to or altered at a W.A. State L/A Committee meeting. Any changes must be forwarded in writing to the Discipline Delegate prior to the meeting. Only agenda items shall be discussed at this meeting. Any alterations must have a two thirds majority vote to pass.

5. On acceptance of these West Australian State Lever Action Championship Rules by all West Australian Lever Action Rifle Clubs, each Club, where possible, will affix their common seal and the President and Secretary's signatures.

6. The original copy shall be forwarded to West Australian S.S.A.A. Executive for registration. The State Executive will be advised in writing by the State Discipline Delegate of any amendments to these Rules and By-Laws. These will not become effective until

acknowledgement of registration.

APPENDIX A.

Range Orders

The Range Orders for the running of the Western Australian State Lever Action Championships will be the modified Perth Lever Action Rifle Club Range Orders as discussed at State LA meeting in 2008 and used at the State Lever Action Championships held in 2009 at Albany, then approved at the State LA meeting in 2010.

(modification is the time for precision events increased from 8 minutes to 10 minutes).

Postal Shoots

There are three National Postal Shoots and one State Postal Shoot conducted each year. The National Postal Shoots are conducted as follows:

National Lever Action Classic Calibre Postal Shoot.

To be shot in the month of March.

Course of fire as per current National Championships Classic Calibre event.

International Lever Action Postal Shoot.

To be shot during the month of June.

Course of fire supplied by National Lever Action Chairman.

National Lever Action Open Postal Shoot.

To be shot during the month of August.

Course of fire as per National Rule Book.

WA Lever Action Postal Shoot.

Results to be submitted one month prior to the State Championships.

Course of fire as per the advertised Classic Calibre Targets for the current State Championships.

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