

*Why is there a \$5 Sanctioning fee per shooter to SASS beginning in 2013 for SASS Sanctioned State Championships and beginning in 2012 for SASS Sanctioned Regional Championships?*

This is a fair question, and one that SASS officials weighed heavily upon prior to making the decision to incorporate the fee. Although sanctioning fees are very common among governing bodies/sanctioning bodies payable to the parent organization, this is new territory for SASS.

SASS has engulfed all costs associated for club affiliation and support, as well as the sanctioning of matches held by those clubs worldwide since its inception. This is something that we have always been proud of. We have close to 700 highly successful clubs worldwide that receive unwavering support from SASS at all times, with absolutely no club affiliation fee, and no cost to the club.

On the club level, SASS provides complete and constant Website maintenance and advertising for all clubs, their monthly shoots and contact information, as well as all SASS sanctioned events, Unlimited promotional materials upon request, club promotion support, match director and match design support, all while promulgating the rules and regulations that ensure safety and consistency in SASS matches worldwide.

At the level of officially sanctioning a SASS match, costs are incurred in addition to the standard club support, to include additional website promotion and advertising maintenance, Trophy buckles, a \$200 prize package on the state level and a \$500 prize package on the regional level. SASS also provides unlimited coverage for article submissions, photos, and results for all SASS sanctioned matches in the Cowboy Chronicle post match.

The incorporation of a \$5 per shooter sanctioning fee helps to cover some of the administrative costs incurred by the sanctioning parent organization (SASS). Historically, there are 3 ways in which the parent organization imposes a sanctioning fee: 1. Per Event 2. Per Category 3. Per Entrant. The decision to incorporate a sanctioning fee on a "per shooter" basis was chosen with each club's best interest in mind and to accommodate all matches without a great cost hindrance to the individual host club, regardless of size. This way, the event is charged duly based on the size of the match, rather than a base sanctioning fee that would truly make the smaller matches tremble financially.

SASS takes great consideration of stewardship of these fees and we realize the impact these fees can have on everyone involved. Unfortunately, the escalation of associated costs has made it prohibitive for SASS to continue shouldering the costs on its own.

**\*This fee is assessed on PAYING shooters only. Any comped entries provided by the Host Club are not subject to the \$5 sanctioning fee. (Sponsors, Volunteers, Berm Marshals, etc.)**