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Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association Returns to Amarillo for Next Five Years

It has been a natural fit from the start; the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association and Amarillo.

A regular fixture of fall events in Amarillo since 2008, the CMSA board has approved a five-year contract extension with the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition and the City of Amarillo to keep the CMSA Wrangler World Championship in Amarillo through 2021.



CMSA is a fast-growing equine sport that features top shooters riding some of the fastest horses through a set course. The contestants use two .45 caliber single action

revolvers loaded with five rounds of blank ammunition. The most accurate shooter combined with the fastest horse wins.

For those who prefer, there are competition categories for rifle competition.

Contestants are required to dress western, either in a contemporary style or more frequently in the style of the late 1800s.

"It's like drag racing on horseback, only you slow down just a bit to shoot your targets and complete the course," Dan Plaster, president of the CMSA, says. "Our relationship with Amarillo has been outstanding and the board was very excited to nail down our event in Amarillo for the next five years."

"We knew this would be a good pairing. Each weekend the CMSA is in town for the World Championships, they attract hundreds of contestants and their impact is over \$500,000. So we welcome them back with open arms," Dan Quandt, Vice President of the Amarillo Convention & Visitor Council, says.

The 2017 CMSA Wrangler World Championships are Oct. 18-21 in the Amarillo National Center.

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