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## **Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association World Championships** **Return to Amarillo This Week**

From chasing outlaws out of town to the legendary Showdown at the OK Corral, cowboy shoot-outs get our adrenalin pumping. The modern version, the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (CMSA) Wrangler World Championships are in Amarillo October 18-21, 2017.

Competition is at the Amarillo National Center and early days start at 8 a.m. Friday night's Showcase (October 20) at 7 p.m. brings the world's top cowboys and cowgirls together to determine the CMSA's best horseback competitors.

"This is an equine event, because you'll see handsome horses. It is a Western event, because it celebrates the heritage of the American cowboy. Mainly, it is a spectator event because it is fast-paced and exciting," Phil Spangenberg, CMSA Director and co-founder, explains.



Mounted shooting is timed with each competitor firing at balloon targets arranged in a specific pattern. Based on a competitor's experience and the pattern, a single run will vary between 10-25 seconds. Special CMSA-certified black powder blank ammunition is used by all CMSA competitors for safety. As the competition advances through the higher-level riders, leading to the finals, the runs get faster and the action heats up.

The Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association is the governing organization of the sport and has more than 17,000 members in over 100 affiliated clubs worldwide.

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