Anonymous Survey Results Summary **Number of responses:** 25 of 43: **67.5%** (There were 59 shooters with 43 individual email addresses.

Purpose: This summary highlights overall survey results, recurring themes, and recommended next steps. Individual responses have been combined and anonymized. No identifying information is included. Executive Summary Respondents generally enjoyed the match and appreciated the welcoming atmosphere, food, awards, facilities, and challenging stages. Most participants were satisfied with the overall schedule, category structure, and online information. The clearest improvement opportunities were:

- Ensuring online and printed schedules match exactly.
- Improving communication before and during the match.
- Honoring posse requests, especially for families and groups traveling together.
- Clarifying category definitions and ensuring all categories are available during registration.
- Improving stage writing, proofreading, instructions, and variety in starting positions.
- Providing clearer camping, power, parking, facility, and range information.
- Reviewing meal logistics, raffle-ticket access, awards, and stage-reset procedures.

Question-by-Question Results

1. Preferred Match Schedule **Question:** Which match schedule do you prefer for a three-day annual match?

- **Friday side matches, Saturday and Sunday main match:** 10 respondents — **40%**
- **Thursday/Friday/Saturday schedule, with Sunday for teardown or travel:** 9 respondents — **36%**
- **No preference:** 6 respondents — **24%**

Summary There was no single overwhelming preference. The most popular option was the current Friday-through-Sunday format, but a substantial number of respondents preferred moving the match earlier in the week and reserving Sunday for teardown or travel.

2. Satisfaction With Match Schedule and Posted Updates

Overall result

- **Satisfied or very satisfied: 68%**
- **Neutral: 24%**
- **Dissatisfied or very dissatisfied: 8%**

Positive themes

- Many respondents felt the schedule worked well overall.
- The awards timing and Sunday ceremony were viewed positively.
- The overall match experience was enjoyable for most participants.

Negative themes

- Several respondents noticed conflicts between online schedules and printed match books.
- Some side matches did not begin at their posted times.
- A few participants were uncertain about where events started or whether certain events were still taking place.

3. Category and Posse Setup

- **Yes, worked well:** 16 respondents — **64%**
- **Somewhat:** 3 respondents — **12%**
- **No:** 3 respondents — **12%**
- **No response:** 3 respondents — **12%**

Summary Most respondents were satisfied with the category and posse setup, but the written feedback identifies this as one of the most important operational improvement areas.

Positive themes

- Many participants found the setup acceptable or effective.
- Some respondents specifically praised the overall friendliness and organization of the people involved.

Negative themes Recurring concerns included:

- Posse requests not being honored.
- Families and groups traveling together being separated.
- Requests being submitted early but not reflected in assignments.
- Category definitions not being clear enough on the registration form.
- Some categories having very few participants.
- Age-based categories not being available during registration.
- Too many categories for the number of participants.

Recommendation Create a documented posse-assignment process with:

- A clearly labeled place for posse requests on the registration form.
- A deadline for requests.
- A method for confirming whether requests can be honored.
- A final review before assignments are published.
- A clear policy for handling families and groups traveling together.

4. Helpfulness of Online Information

- **Very helpful:** 9 respondents — **36%**
- **Helpful:** 9 respondents — **36%**
- **Neutral:** 4 respondents — **16%**
- **Not helpful:** 1 respondent — **4%**
- **No response:** 2 respondents — **8%**

Overall result

- **Helpful or very helpful: 72%**
- **Neutral: 16%**
- **Not helpful: 4%**

Positive themes

- Most respondents found the online information useful.
- Online information helped participants prepare for the match.
- Camping and facility information was especially valuable when available.

Negative themes The most significant concern was accuracy and consistency:

- Online schedule times did not always match the printed match book.
- Some respondents missed or nearly missed events because of conflicting information.
- Some information was not sufficiently detailed for out-of-town participants.
- Respondents requested range maps and clearer event details.

Recommendation Use one master schedule and publish it consistently across:

- The website.
- Registration materials.
- The match book.
- Email communications.
- On-site postings.

Assign one person to review all public information before publication.

5. Communication About the Match Schedule and Updates

- **Very satisfied:** 9 respondents — **36%**
- **Satisfied:** 8 respondents — **32%**
- **Neutral:** 3 respondents — **12%**
- **Dissatisfied:** 4 respondents — **16%**
- **Very dissatisfied:** 1 respondent — **4%**

Overall result

- **Satisfied or very satisfied: 68%**
- **Neutral: 12%**
- **Dissatisfied or very dissatisfied: 20%**

Summary Communication received a generally positive rating, but the negative responses were consistent and specific. The primary issue was not necessarily the amount of communication, but its accuracy and consistency. Main concerns

- Conflicting online and printed schedules.
- Uncertainty about event start times.
- Uncertainty about event locations and changes.
- Difficulty getting clear answers after arriving.
- A need for more timely reminders about items such as cash requirements for raffles.

6. Interest in Online Registration and Card Payment

- **Yes:** 14 respondents — **56%**
- **Maybe:** 7 respondents — **28%**
- **No:** 4 respondents — **16%**

Overall result

- **Definitely or possibly interested: 84%**
- **Prefer paper registration and checks: 16%**

Summary There is strong support for adding online registration and card payment. Even respondents who selected “Maybe” may use the option if it is convenient, secure, and easy to understand. Recommendation Consider implementing online registration and payment while continuing to offer paper registration and check payment for participants who prefer traditional methods.

7. Category Structure

- **Very well:** 10 respondents — **40%**
- **Well:** 9 respondents — **36%**
- **Neutral:** 2 respondents — **8%**
- **Poorly:** 1 respondent — **4%**
- **No response:** 3 respondents — **12%**

Overall result

- **Well or very well: 76%**
- **Neutral: 8%**
- **Poorly: 4%**

Positive themes

- Most respondents felt the category structure worked well.
- The existing structure was generally understandable and acceptable.

Negative themes

- Some categories were viewed as too numerous.
- Some categories had very few competitors.
- Category definitions should be clearer during registration.
- Side-match categories, including separate categories for women where appropriate, may need review.
- Participants want the categories used in the match to align with the categories offered on the registration form.

Recommendation Review participation counts by category and consider:

- Consolidating very small categories.
- Clarifying category descriptions.
- Ensuring the registration form includes every category offered.
- Reviewing awards and recognition for side matches.

8. Camping and Power Hookup Information Among respondents who rated this area:

- **Excellent:** 5 respondents — **20%**
- **Good:** 4 respondents — **16%**
- **Fair:** 3 respondents — **12%**
- **Did not camp:** 10 respondents — **40%**
- **No response:** 3 respondents — **12%**

Considering only respondents who provided a camping-related rating:

- **Excellent:** approximately **42%**
- **Good:** approximately **33%**
- **Fair:** approximately **25%**

Positive themes

- Paved parking with power was appreciated.
- The availability of camping and hookups was viewed as a significant benefit.
- Indoor facilities were considered better than those at many similar events.
- Some participants felt that most people who wanted power received it.

Negative themes

- Some power locations may not have been working.
- Drainage and low-lying areas were concerns.
- Respondents requested clearer information about parking, power, and facilities.
- More detailed information would help visitors plan ahead.

Recommendation Publish a simple camping and facilities guide showing:

- Parking areas.
- Power locations.
- Water access.
- Restrooms and indoor facilities.
- Low spots or areas vulnerable to drainage problems.
- Contact information for reporting power or facility issues.

9. Suggested Improvements for Next Year Written responses identified several major themes. A. Improve information accuracy This was one of the most repeated concerns. Respondents requested:

- Accurate online schedules.
- Consistency between online information and printed materials.
- Clearer event times and locations.
- Range maps for out-of-town participants.
- More reliable announcements when plans change.

B. Improve stage writing and instructions Several respondents requested:

- More thorough proofreading.
- Clearer scenario descriptions.
- Better alignment between written instructions and physical stage setup.
- More varied starting positions.
- Fewer overly complicated stages.
- More imaginative scenarios.
- A posse marshal walkthrough before shooting begins.
- Review of stage layouts for confusing or repetitive elements.

C. Improve posse assignment and category management Respondents emphasized:

- Honoring requests for families and traveling groups.
- Better attention to requests submitted during registration.
- Clearer category choices on the application.
- Reviewing whether there are too many categories for the available participation.
- Ensuring all offered categories are supported consistently.

D. Improve event operations Suggestions included:

- Better organization during arrival and setup.
- Clearer answers to participant questions.
- More reliable side-match start times.
- Reducing the need for shooters to reset targets repeatedly.
- Reviewing target placement and stage flow.
- Offering practical solutions for difficult targets or makeup procedures.

E. Improve food, raffle, and awards logistics Specific concerns included:

- Running out of plates during meals.

- Improving food service for Sunday activities.
- Providing a way to reheat Saturday leftovers.
- Giving participants more time or reminders to obtain cash for raffle tickets.
- Reviewing the appearance and value of championship buckles and awards.
- Considering whether awards and costs are balanced appropriately.

F. Review match size and sustainability One respondent questioned whether the organization has enough members to support the state championship every year. This suggests a need to review:

- Volunteer capacity.
- Staffing requirements.
- Setup and teardown workload.
- Financial sustainability.
- Whether rotating hosting responsibilities could be beneficial.

10. What Was Done Especially Well The positive comments were consistent and provide a strong foundation for future events. Welcoming people and fellowship Respondents praised:

- Friendly and welcoming participants.
- A strong sense of fellowship.
- Helpful volunteers.
- The overall atmosphere.

Food and awards Several respondents complimented:

- The quality of the food.
- The awards ceremony.
- The organization and efficiency of the Sunday awards.
- The prizes and raffle items.

Facilities Respondents appreciated:

- Indoor facilities.
- Camping availability.
- Paved parking with power.
- The meeting facility.
- Facilities that compare favorably with other matches.

Match content Positive comments highlighted:

- Challenging stages.
- Well-thought-out scenarios.
- Good target distances and setups.
- The team shoot-off.
- A successful overall match experience.

Volunteer effort The work of members who set up and tore down stages was specifically appreciated. This contribution appears to be an important part of the event’s success. Overall Positive Themes

- Friendly, welcoming atmosphere.
- Strong fellowship and volunteer support.
- Good food and desirable raffle items.
- Well-organized awards ceremony.
- Useful facilities and camping availability.
- Challenging and enjoyable stages.

- Strong interest in online registration and payment.
- Generally positive satisfaction with the schedule and category structure.

Overall Negative Themes

- Conflicting information between online and printed materials.
- Posse requests not consistently honored.
- Category definitions and availability need clarification.
- Stage instructions and scenarios need proofreading and refinement.
- Some stage designs were repetitive, complicated, or insufficiently imaginative.
- Side-match timing and event communication need improvement.
- Meal-service logistics need better planning.
- Camping, power, drainage, and range information could be clearer.
- Some participants felt the match setup and arrival process was disorganized.

Recommended Priorities Highest priority

- Establish a single, verified source for the match schedule.
- Reconcile all online, printed, and on-site information before the match.
- Improve posse-request tracking and assignment review.
- Proofread and test all stage instructions and scenarios.
- Provide clear arrival, event-location, and schedule information.

Medium priority

- Review category definitions and participation levels.
- Improve camping, power, parking, and range maps.
- Plan meal quantities and Sunday food service more carefully.
- Improve raffle-ticket communication and payment options.
- Review stage variety, starting positions, target difficulty, and reset procedures.

Longer-term priority

- Evaluate online registration and card payment.
- Review volunteer workload and match sustainability.
- Assess the value and presentation of championship awards.
- Consider future scheduling preferences through a focused vote.

Stop, Start, Continue Stop

- Stop publishing schedules that have not been cross-checked against printed materials.
- Stop leaving posse requests without a clear review or response.
- Stop using unclear, inconsistent, or insufficiently proofread stage descriptions.
- Stop relying primarily on default starting positions when more variety is practical.
- Stop assuming participants know where events begin or whether plans have changed.
- Stop underestimating meal-service supplies and Sunday food requirements.
- Stop offering categories in the match structure that are missing from registration materials.

Start

- Start using one master schedule for all online, printed, and on-site communications.
- Start assigning a communications coordinator to verify updates and announcements.
- Start tracking posse requests in a standardized system.
- Start publishing clear category definitions and reviewing category participation.
- Start conducting a formal stage review and proofreading process.
- Start providing range maps and a complete camping, parking, power, and facilities guide.

- Start sending reminders about raffle payment options and other participant needs.
- Start evaluating online registration and card payment.
- Start reviewing arrival procedures and providing a clear information point for questions.
- Start planning meal quantities, supplies, and Sunday service separately.

Continue

- Continue the welcoming and friendly atmosphere.
- Continue recognizing the substantial volunteer effort involved in setup and teardown.
- Continue offering good food, prizes, raffle items, and an organized awards ceremony.
- Continue providing camping, power, indoor facilities, and accessible event amenities.
- Continue creating challenging stages and enjoyable match experiences.
- Continue the team shoot-off and other activities that add variety and fellowship.
- Continue seeking participant feedback and using it to improve future matches.