CCA Convention Rules

ARTICLE VIII -- Rules of Exhibits

Section 1. Only Colt manufactured firearms; those manufactured by others under Colt patents or firearms bearing Colt's address may be displayed, with the following exceptions:

Directly related items such as knives, swords, badges, or other makes of guns historically associated.

Holster, belts, cases, and other items of accessory.

Any other item manufactured by Colt and considered collectible.

Books, catalogues, advertising and pamphlets about Colt firearms or products.

Section 2. Other collectible firearms may be brought into the show, but must not be displayed openly. This practice must be limited and may be controlled by the Show Chairman.

Section 3. Guns of current manufacture must fall in a collectible category. Collectability will be determined by the Show Chairman with the concurrence of one Officer or Director.

Section 4. Fully automatic guns are allowed only by prior approval of the Show Chairman. Only those considered collectible can be approved.

Section 5. Guidelines for selection of Display Judges: (a) May not have display in competition and (b) Must have knowledge and experience in Colt collecting.

Section 6. The policy of the Colt Collectors Association is to promote and encourage ethical behavior on behalf of the members of the Association. To that end, compliance with the following STATEMENT OF CONDUCT is expected.

That any CCA member will never knowingly sell or display a Colt firearm that has had any or all of the following modifications without full disclosure as to same:

Wholly or partially refinished.

Wholly or partially remarked.

Having major parts replaced, embellished or altered.

This is to say that the authenticity of any Colt firearm will not be misrepresented either through alteration without disclosure, or through false representation of rarity or historical significance.

CCA show table rental will be based on acceptance of the above conditions; non-compliance will cancel rental agreement and may result in removal from the show.

ARTICLE IX -- Safety and Security Rules

Section 1. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for his / her firearms and must have checked each one to insure that it is unloaded.

Section 2. Semi-automatic pistols that are displayed in the open must have a spacer between bolt and chamber. The spacer can be cardboard, plastic, wood, or any suitable material. Magazine need not be removed. This does not apply to new cased commemoratives or other boxed or cased guns.

Section 3. No gun powder, loose ammunition, explosives, flammable material, primers, or gas shells may be brought into the show. Ammunition considered in the discretion of the Show Chairman to be collectors' ammunition is permitted, provided it is exhibited in a manner to avoid handling by the public.

Section 4. No pet animals may be brought into the show without prior approval of the hotel management and Show Chairman.

Section 5. No cartridge or charge may be placed in a firearm inside the display room.

Section 6. All exhibitors must have their firearms checked by a security guard and comply with all other safety rules.

Section 7. The Show Chairman or any other Club Officer may, at his / her discretion, enforce the removal of any item that he deems hazardous to safety or security.

Section 8. No exhibitor may be expelled from the show unless:

He refuses to comply with the rules after being reminded.

A loaded firearm is found in his / her area.

He is loud, disorderly, or otherwise disruptive to the show.

Section 9. An expelled exhibitor, member, or guest may appeal to the President for a review by the Board of Directors. The decision of the Board shall be final. The person expelled may reapply to enter the show after one year following the incident.

Section 10. Each exhibitor is responsible for the security of his / her valuables and shall take reasonable care to prevent theft or damage of them.

ADDITIONAL MANDATORY SHOW RULES

The CCA will require a signed contract from each and every exhibitor which includes requiring compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

The CCA will make available to all exhibitors any information provided by ATF or state or local law enforcement agencies relating to applicable laws, including ATF "Notice to Dealers" and ATF guidelines.

No loaded firearms or loaded magazines or clips will be permitted in the show at any time by anyone other than law enforcement personnel.

All cartridge firearms brought into the Show by members, guests or the public shall be checked, cleared and tied in an inoperable position prior to being brought into the show.

No loose ammunition will be allowed in the Show. All ammunition must be in an original box, sealed container, or under cover (i.e. lidded showcase). Collector cartridges may be exempted by show safety personnel.

All cartridge firearms, other than those which are disassembled or those in a glass display case, must be checked, cleared and secured with a cable tie by the dealer before placing them on display at the show.

NEW SHOW RULES ADOPTED 2008

Knives and cutlery will be allowed if manufactured by Colt or under contract with Colt.

Books that are for sale must be about Colt guns or the history of Colt.

John Wayne items will only be allowed if they are Colt manufactured items or promotional materials originally done by Colt.

Ammunition will be allowed for sale only if it is discontinued ammunition in older boxes and must be of a caliber that would fit a Colt firearm. Commemorative ammunition will also be allowed if it is in a caliber that fits a Colt firearm. No loose ammunition.

All 1911 and 1911A1 .45's built under contract or with the permission of Colt will be allowed, including the following: North American 1911, Remington-UMC 1911, Springfield Armory 1911, A. J. Savage 1911, Norwegian 1911, Norwegian 1912, Norwegian 1914, Argentine 1916, Ithaca 1911A1, US&S 1911A1, Remington Rand 1911A1, Singer 1911A1, Mexican contract 1911A1, Brazilian contract 1911A1, Argentine contract 1927 1911A1, Argentine mfg. 1911A1.

Holsters and belts that fit Colt firearms will be allowed, regardless of when they were manufactured.

Display cases will be allowed even if they are not built by Colt or under Colt contract. This will include French-fitted cases, drape-fitted cases or cases that have only a foam insert. NO safes or gun cabinets will be allowed for sale.

Extra magazines for semi-automatic pistols will be allowed for sale but they must be of Colt manufacture. No after-market magazines are allowed.

Manufactured items such as Rampant Colt statues, pictures of Sam Colt, J. B. Colt gas lamps and other items of this nature will be allowed, even if not manufactured by Colt. If you are not sure, ask the show chairmen.

Miniature reproductions of Colt guns will be allowed regardless of who manufactured the item.

Note: This is an ongoing list and will be modified by the Board of Directors as needed.

The CCA Board also established the following new policies regarding the strapping of guns:

Trade tables - All cartridge guns that are on a trade table will be strapped. It does not matter if the cartridge gun is "not for sale," or for "display only" or "locked in a case." If it is a cartridge gun, on a trade table, it will be strapped. No exceptions.

Display tables - All cartridge guns that are accessible on a display table will be strapped. Accessible means that someone can actually pick up the gun from the table or take it down from the display. If the display is behind glass, or if the guns are mounted in such a fashion that they cannot be easily removed from the display, then they need not be strapped. If in doubt, displayers can check with the show chairmen.