

CFDA U.S. MARSHAL'S MUSTER ATTENDANCE

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Alias	Club you are representing	Alias	Club you are representing
Cool Hand Suz	Sawtooth Shootist Society	Skagway Sam	North Texas Society of Gunslingers
The Shootist	Lonestar Gunslinger	Gabe Garrett	DFW Gunslingers
Cody	Idaho Shootists	Moon	Crossbranded Peacemakers
Chisum	Great Basin Gunhawks	Lead Poison	Route 66 Smokin Guns
Honcho	Gunfighters Lake Valley	Stanislaus	The Cowboys
Shady Lady	Deer Creek Regulators	Missouri Jim	Green Country Gunslingers
Gentleman George	Big Thicket Bushwackers	Crosswired	Crooked River Rangers
Miss Betty	Comanche Moon Renegades	Real McCoy	Nebraska Sparks Spurs
Windmill Kid	West Texas Rangers	Spanky	Virginia Peacemakers
PG Taylor	Snake River Gunslingers	Rossow	Treasure Valley Gunslingers
Shenandoah	Grandview Gunslingers	Wahoo	YellowRiver Bandits
Colt McCoy	California Rangers	Brasada Spur	Old Pueblo Gunfighters
Dag Nabit	Bar T Gunfighters	Shady Mike	Arizona Gunslingers
Shane	Blue Grass Fast Draw	Muletrain	Rio Salado Vaqueros
No Name	Rented Mules	Rooster Cogburn	Gold Country Outriders
Hyde Hunter	Powderhorn Ranch Regulators	Mongo	San Juan Shootists
Smokin Gun	Cracker Cowboys	Cowboy Up	The Deputies

Buffalo Bill	North Florida Gunfighters		
NON-VOTING ATTENDEES:			
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Wench	San Juan Shootists	Ricochet Rose	Gold Country Outriders
Marshal's Daughter	Lonestar Gunslingers	Six Iron Butterfly	The Cowboys
Curley Calhoun	Sawtooth Shootist Society	W LeFors	Gold Country Outriders
Otto Matic	Old Pueblo Gunfighters	Witlock	The Deputies
Granny Oakley	Old Pueblo Gunfighters	Rodeo Romeo	Arizona Gunslingers
Kansas Belle	Deer Creek Regulators	Possum	San Juan Shootists
Dry Gulcher	Asso of Arizona Gunslingers	Texas Rose	Big Thicket Bushwackers
Whiplash	Big Thicket Bushwackers	Wildshot	Treasure Valley Gunslingers
Oregon Ranger	California Rangers		
Quick Cal	CFDA	Alotta Lead	CFDA

Marshal's Muster Meeting Minutes October 3, 2018

Call to order 5:31 p.m.; meeting reconvened at 6:00 after dinner

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** 35 Voting members
2. **OPENING STATEMENTS BY QUICK CAL AND ALOTTA LEAD:**
 - a. Recognized our 2018 Marshal's Cup Winner Oregon Ranger!
 - b. This was the 13th Marshal's Muster held

3. **Recruiting Club Members Discussion & What is Working and What is not!**

- a. Alotta Lead recognized the following states that are growing their membership: Congratulations to Arizona, Kentucky, Arkansas, Texas, Florida and California. She also noted the two states that are declining in membership, both of which are our premier clubs: Idaho and South Dakota.
- b. Quick Cal commented that even though clubs and organizations are started with the best intentions, politics can eventually grow and destroy these organizations. We all need to cultivate our clubs and agree on common goals. We need to groom leaders, who can encourage volunteerism.
- c. Quick Cal described how to utilize the drawings at "Come Try Cowboy Fast Draw", or any event or show, with the Invitation to be a Gunslinger Program, which can be found on the CFDA Website. Safety should always be the #1 Message! CFDA and its system clubs are really public service organizations. Not only do we provide a positive atmosphere, where good friends are made, but we also provide a sporting activity that entire families can enjoy together. Plus, one of our most important goals is, "To educate as many people as possible in the safe and proper use of firearms." We are much more than just a shooting sport, we are the CFDA Family!

d. **What Recruiting Activity Works:**

- i. Come Try Cowboy Fast Draw, or even at a local show with just a table, have a large banner "Win FREE 3-hour lesson from a Veteran Gunslinger" Remember everyone is a winner. Make sure you can read the card they are submitting for the drawing. There is also an agenda posted on the CFDA Website for running an "Invitation to be a Gunslinger" event. Canvass the cards entered into the drawing and call them with invitations for the FREE 3 Hour Lesson that they "Won". You can accommodate up to 2 "Greenhorns" per lane, as long as you have club members helping as coaches for each lane. After the session, you can invite everyone to lunch and practice afterward. Friendliness, helpfulness, and a smile. They seem to like it when we call the new people "Greenhorns" while they are learning from the seasoned gunslingers. But, after the session give them a Gunslinger's Certificate, and invite them to join your club.
- ii. You can also go to a local gun show or any local show really, and run a video and have some example bullets, holster, gun (possibly if zip-tied) to show. But, the main thing is to get new prospects to enter the drawing for the FREE Lesson.
- iii. Clubs need money to survive, even non-profits. Find ways for your club to raise money.

4. **Timer Malfunction (When one start light on the firing line fails to illuminate):** Straw vote was taken; 17 voted for the rule to stand as an anticipation, which was as it was decided in October 2017 and added as an addendum in January 2018, and 16 voted for the rule to be changed so that it is handled as a timer malfunction, and 2 abstained from voting.

Director's Comment: I must admit that I have thought a lot about this situation, especially since this exact thing happened to me while competing in a championship event. I have also received communications from other members who have had similar experiences and do not feel that this rule is fair.

There are two main branches of thought...

1. To keep our rules as simple as possible and attempt to apply them across as wide of range as possible.
2. To understand, as our rulebooks have always stated, that there are too many scenarios to have a rule for all of them.

I have written three definitive statements over the years that I can apply to this situation.

The First, is a very long-standing statement, "If one person leaves a contest with a sincere feeling that they didn't get a fair chance, then our rules or enforcement of such have failed."

The, Second is the article I wrote a few years ago, "Interpreting Rules and the Spirit of the Game". This article appeared in the 8th Edition Rule Book, and was moved to our website, due to space limitations. It will appear again in the 10th Edition.

And Finally, in our Range Officer Courses from the very beginning we have had language that supports giving contestants a fair and equal chance to compete. In fact, the very last line of our current Range Officer Program says, "There can be thousands of scenarios that can occur, just apply the rules as written and always try to read the rulebook from the standpoint of the actual shooter".

The Main Question Is: Do numerous Start Lights that normally simultaneously illuminate on a firing line create a series of start signals, that would be very difficult to separate by one shooter on a lane that due to a timer malfunction does not illuminate?

The answer is YES, it would be difficult. The degree of difficulty could also be related to some other factors, such as how far the targets are separated, and whether it is outdoors or in a dimly lit indoor area. But, in any case, it was a problem created by faulty timing equipment.

CFDA Decision: Simply calling it an act of Anticipation, which is an immediate "Loss of Shot", whether the opponent hit or miss their target, is too severe of a penalty for a disturbance caused by defective timing equipment. Therefore, it should be handled under the Timer Malfunction Rules.

By applying the Four Tests of Safety, Necessity, Spirit of the Game, and Enforceability.

1. Safety: is not a factor in this case.
2. Necessity: Is in play, since a simple adjustment in rules can make our rules equally fairer to all.
3. Spirit of the Game: Also comes into play in this scenario. "Fair Play" is part of the Spirit of the Game. Does an adjustment in this rule unfairly provide any advantage to one shooter over another?
4. Enforceability: Our Timer Malfunction Rules are not arbitrary and very enforceable.

Timer Malfunction Procedure #6. (Change to Read:)

If start signals are clearly illuminated beyond the two to five second start sequence, or if one or more fail to start in an array of start signals, according to the Range Master's final decision, the following shall apply; Competitors who have not fired a shot, will be awarded a re-shoot. Competitors who have fired a shot will be given a choice to keep their hit or be awarded a re-shoot, according to the Re-Shoot Procedure.

5. **Review & Discussion of "List of CFDA Approved Six-Guns"**: Octagon barrel not made in late 1800's. Due to the number of new shooters in LA, Quick Cal granted a one-time approval for 1st LA State Championship only. The Irishman was introduced and described his gun history research.
Straw vote taken and the Marshal's voted not to allow Octagon Barrels. Need to maintain the integrity of the sport by not varying away from our current gun types/rules.
 - a. If a gun is not on the gun list it does not mean that it is not allowed. It just means those on the list have already been approved. If a new or potential member is interested in a gun not listed, then it is best to ask before purchasing as we don't want members to invest in a gun that they may be unable to use. Upon arrival at an event is not the time to have them find out that it is not legal in our sport.
CFDA Decision: Concours with Straw Pole. The "List of CFDA Approved Six-Guns" is a resource that may be added to with period correct editions.
6. **Add to Guns Section:** No Smooth-Bored Barrels. Will be added to Gun Section of CFDA Rules.
7. **More Recognition of Youth:**
CFDA Decision – CFDA won't force Youth Recognition Policies or Rules on the clubs, but does recommend more recognition for Youth whenever possible.

- a. Each match host can decide however they would like to recognize their youth shooters, but they really should recognize them in some way. Recommended to have their pictures taken for Gunslinger Gazette, even if you are not providing awards.
 - b. Youth are great recruiters who help recruit other youth, just by talking about what they do and how much they enjoy it.
 - c. Need to be cautious because if they receive money and/or trophy it may disqualify them for future scholarships for college. It puts their amateur status at risk. In some cases, they have to declare the winnings, including award values, on scholarship applications.
 - d. Difficult for Match Director to plan for awards as they do not know if any youth will show up to the match. Recommended to please let Match Director know if you have a youth who will be attending. Some Marshal's in attendance indicated that their club has made up trophies with no date on them so if they didn't get used one year they could be used the next, but others cautioned that the date helps people remember where they were at points in time.
 - e. You can order youth buckles for your event from CFDA for around \$71.00. Buckles are nice because they are worn with pride and help to drive a conversation around how the buckle was earned.
8. **Require Titled Championships to Declare Target Sizes on Entry Form:** Straw vote – 28 for requiring advertising in advance. Recommended to have on entry form.
- CFDA Decision** - Contest hosts must now declare target size and distances on Match Informational Materials, such as Fliers, Schedules, or Entry Forms.
9. **Range Master Commands for call off a shot:** Discussion to NOT use Cease Fire as no firing has started. Straw vote majority was to use "Stop".
- CFDA Decision:** Range Masters may stop the Firing Line, at any time, with the command, "STOP, Firing Line". This can be for either safety issues, or the obvious end of the 5-Second Start Light limit. Shots fired that are obviously after this command is given will not be counted.
10. **Down Range Rule Amendment:** Shooter is responsible for looking down range to make sure no one is down range before pulling their gun out of holster. Vote is YES for the proposed penalty of 1st – Loss of Round, 2nd Match DQ. This applies whether the gun is loaded or not.

CFDA Decision: Change Standard Safety Violation #1 to Read: Holster or keep the gun holstered when anyone is in front of the firing line on that entire range, or immediately when a Judge gives the command, "Holster Your Gun, Down-Range" command. Penalty: Loss of Round, 2nd Match DQ

Note: If a firearm is pointed directly at anyone. Major Safety Rule #1 Applies

11. **Change and Restate "NRA Safety Rules":** Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction loaded or not.
 - a. While discussing this item, it was pointed out that when in the gun cleaning area, there are many times that the barrel of a gun is being pointed toward people while it is being cleaned. Discussion of how to clean gun if cylinder is not removed. The barrel needs to be pointed in a safe direction away from people. If cylinder is removed, it is no longer considered a gun. It is a chunk of metal. At the end of the discussion, Cal stated that if a shooter is cleaning their gun without removing the cylinder, and points the barrel in the direction of someone, it is an automatic Match DQ.
 - b. Side discussion – Need to add this to the range commands when down range has been occupied, and the last person down range steps back over the line, the RM should state, "Range is Hot"– You are free to handle your firearm".

CFDA Decision: Add to "Major Safety Violations"

#1. ALWAYS Keep Firearms Pointed in a Safe Direction, Loaded or Not.

A safe direction means that the firearm is pointed so that if it were to discharge, it would not cause injury or damage. "Never point a firearm at anything, unless you are willing to destroy it." This applies to anywhere at a CFDA event.

Exceptions: Guns that have cylinders removed for cleaning at a cleaning table, and entertainment or demonstrations that have been approved by the Match Director.

Note: Equipment Rules and Violations – Equipment Table location: All muzzles of firearms being check must be pointed in a safe direction by officials. Set up the gun check table is a safe location, next to a wall or backstop, and the shooters and official(s) conducting the gun check must keep all muzzles pointed in a safe direction at all times.

12. **General Rule Titled Championships (A&B):** Family members are not allowed to serve as Range Master, Line Judge or Hand Judge including for Youth Division. Required for Class A & B, and recommended for large Class C events. The CFDA has had some complaints about this, there was a perception of favoritism. Would like to believe it is not happening, but the perception of it happening can be just as bad as the act.

CFDA Decision: This will be added to Rule Book.

13. **Time Malfunctions:** Stands as written – The time appearing on the timer unit at the Announcer/Scorekeeper table is the official time. – Yes, should wait to clear the time, until the next “Line is Ready” command is given. Scorekeeper should write the times down that are displayed on the official timer. Do not write the times based off what the announcer reads as they can sometimes transpose numbers when announcing the time.
CFDA Decision: Will be added to appropriate sections of the Rule Book.
14. **Elimination Contest Procedures #6:** Leave Main Match as is. Do not “99” unless you know for sure the shooter is no longer going to be competing and have officially withdrawn. Remember if you “99”, you will only adjust that one score page. It is up to the Match Director if they will utilize the submitted process for their side matches.
CFDA Decision: Will be added to appropriate sections of the Rule Book.
15. **Elimination Contest Procedures #15 :** Match Director to be notified if have to redraw a round. Match Director should always know what is going on. If there is a problem, then they, not the scorekeepers, are accountable to the shooters.
CFDA Decision: Will be added to appropriate sections of the Rule Book.
16. **Discussion only Technical Rule #7:** Shooters must remain in their shooting lane. Although there is no rule for lane separation lines, they are helpful because shooters must remain in their shooting lane. If, as an RM, you have two shooters who are much too close, resulting in the closeness being unsafe or one shooter felling crowded, you need to ask them to move apart. Remember safety first. Keep in mind that you can’t have them swap lanes to accommodate how they want to stand.
17. **Open Discussion:**
- Request to consider changing the command “Stand Easy” to “Freeze”, since in military acumen stand easy means to relax, be at ease. It does not mean stand still. Straw Vote: 14 voted to change to “Freeze”. 14 voted against. 7 abstained from voting. CFDA will have final decision.
CFDA Decision: The "Stand Easy" command will be changed to "Freeze" in the 10 Edition Rule Book. It is a more direct command that means what it says.

CONCLUSION: 9:11 p.m.