

2019 CFDA MARSHAL'S MUSTER AGENDA

The Fastest Gun Alive – World Championship (Fallon, NV)

Wednesday – October 2nd – 5:30 p.m. – Multi-Purpose Bldg. (Fairgrounds)

1. Introduction - All Club Representatives & CFDA Management
2. Opening Statements by Quick Cal & Alotta Lead
3. Recruiting Club Members Discussion & What is Working and What is not!
How to keep the excitement and fun alive in your club.
4. Clothing - Page 7, Not Allowed Are: Bullet #6 -Possible Action (Submitted by CFDA)
*** Clubs shirts that contain too much lettering, names, and massive pictures of mascots. (These items tend to look like bowling league shirts and that is not the appropriate appearance for Cowboy Fast Draw.)**
Reason for Submittal - We keep getting calls regarding what is allowed on “club shirts”. We understand and want to support club loyalty. Some clubs and independent shooters have already made shirts with their aliases on them, and more clubs are asking to do the same.
Discussion For Clarification: CFDA Management would like to hear the opinions of our U.S. Marshals on this topic to help determine a course of action that can be proposed here.
Action to be Taken
Option 1. Keep the rule as it is, clarify it for enforcement.
Option 2. Vote to modify the rule.
Option 3. Vote to remove this “bullet Point”.
5. CFDA Range Officer (RO) Program & Range Master (RM) Program - Page 10, Discussion for Clarification (Submitted by CFDA)
Reason for Submittal - We need to discuss and clarify how both programs are now conducted & integrated.
6. CFDA/NRA Insurance Program - Page 42 - Discussion for Clarification (Submitted by CFDA)
Reason for Submittal - It is vital that club leaders understand what our “Liability Insurance” covers and what it does not, why CFDA clubs are required to have “Liability Insurance” in place that not only protects it members, property owners, and CFDA.
7. CFDA YOUTH SAFETY PROGRAM, YOUTH DIVISION
Discussion Pages 8 & 40 (Submitted by CFDA)
Reason for Submittal - We need to discuss these topics both how Youth Cards work and to clarify how Youth Division and Level 4 Youths & Juniors fit into our divisions as Sub-Categories.
8. CFDA CLUB AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS
Discussion & Clarification (Submitted by CFDA)
Reason for Submittal - This document is important to understand, it is a binding agreement between clubs and CFDA that contains requirements on both parties that are not found in the Rulebook.

9. NEVADA 8 FORMAT - Page 24. (Submitted by Sawtooth Shootists & CFDA)

Discussion & Possible Action

Part 1. Reason for Submittal - (Sawtooth Shootists) Nevada 8 is usually used as a “Last Man Standing” Format and the rule currently states “#7. The 3 shot tie-breaker limit is suspended during shoot-offs for recognized places, and reverts to the first winning hit as the tie-breaker shot, no matter how many shots it takes.” As Last Man Standing formats are winding down to the recognized places, should they be considered shootoffs for recognized places where the 3 shot tie-breaker is suspended or not?

Part 2. Reason for Submittal - (CFDA) After 4 years of shooting Nevada 8, this recently became an issue at a major match. We found that there were differing opinions even among Regulators. So, it is apparent we need to clarify this issue. The reason that #7 was added was to solve the issue of a Double X determine final placing for recognized places. It should not matter if it is for trophies, cash, or guns, because all of our championships are more for the honor of competitions. What if is a 2-X contest both of the final shooters each had an X, or 1 shooter had and X and one didn't? Ending a championship event with two misses (is a double negative) not a great way to end a contest, which is the spirit of why we have shootoffs for ties in main matches.

Part 3. Reason for Submittal - (Sawtooth Shootists) Should Bye Rounds in Nevada 8 be limited to ___ Shots?

Part 4. Reason for Submittal - (CFDA) Should there be 3 shot tie-breaker in Nevada 8, when after the first 5 shots have been fired and the count is 0 to 0?

10. ADD to Rulebook - ARIZONA FIVE FORMAT (Submitted by Association of Arizona Gunslingers)

Discussion & Possible Action

For this format all of the above rules for “five shot” format apply except subparagraph 3. There are no ties in Arizona Five, only winners and losers. If the score is 0-0 or 1-1 after five shots both competitors get an X. If the score is 2-2 after five shots, both competitors get a win. If the match would resolve a recognized place, a first winning it tie breaker will be shot until the matter is resolved.

Comments for Discussion:

1. The big advantage of Arizona Five for competitions is that it saves range time. Since all competitors complete their rounds after five shots, an event can expect about a 25% savings in range time.

2. The sort with Arizona Five is a little better than the other 5 Shot options or for that matter than three winning shots because fewer matches will be determined by a one-shot sudden death. For illustration, two evenly matched competitors hitting 80% who are 2-2 after five shots, both get a win and are sort up rather than the sort being determined by a one-shot shoot off. Likewise, two shooters hitting 0% that are 0-0 after five shots are sorted downward both getting an X. Competitors that are 1-1 are hitting 40% or less, are unable to muster more than 20% winning hits and are sorted downward, both getting an X.

3. The format has been extensively tested in Arizona and double X's are rare. It is more likely to have double wins. This, of course, depends on the hit percentage of your shooters. The more accurate the shooters the more likely you will have double wins. the CFDA scoring programs will handle double wins or losses correctly.

4. Arizona Five is a great training technique because it duplicates the stress of competition. A shooter needs to hit and to hit quickly, right now. If it takes a competitor a few shots to get on target, it may be too late with Arizona Five, just like what occurs on the line when the match is over in three shots. Using the gunfighter rating system to evaluate, Arizona Five is slightly tougher than the three wining shot format, hence it is a very good training tool. This also makes it a great format for a warm-up side match before the main match. Because of the range time savings, the elimination factor can be increased.

11. Holster & Gun Belt Specifications, Page 17. (Submitted by CFDA)

Discussion & Possible Action

1. The gun must fit the holster, no oversized or skeletonized holster boots or pouches allowed.

Reason for Submittal: We have been seeing a trend for a few years of various manufacturers widened boots, creating spacers in trigger guard resting points, and other modifications that allow quite a lot of side to side movement of the grip frame of the gun when it is fully seated into the holster pouch. While there may always be some side to side movement in holsters that do not have to provide retention, it may be time to come up with a method for equipment inspectors to enforce one of CFDA's original rules.

12. **Should There be a Shot Limit to Regular Rounds in Main Matches? (CFDA)**

Discussion and Possible Action

Reason for Submittal - At major championship matches almost every round a long bout occurs, we have had them go on for 20 - 30 shots. Frankly, almost all of us have experiences being in one of these bouts, I don't believe any of us enjoyed the experience, we actually start rooting for our opponent to hit a shot. It not only becomes embarrassing, but it also uses up valuable clearing time for rounds to be completed, while all other shooters are just waiting.

We've had discussions with a number of shooters, and general opinions usually agree that there should be a limit. When asked what that limit should be, it has been as low as 8 Shots and as high as 12 Shots, but 10 or 12 is the most common.

Question. Should there be a limit of shots in Main match regular rounds?

If So:

Choice 1. Should it be similar to Nevada 8, with perhaps 8 or 9 shots with a 3 shot tie-breaker?

Choice 2. Should it just be a set number, with 10, 11, or 12 shots?

Additional Question: If approved, how should it be handled in shootoffs for recognized places?

13. **Discussion Regarding Page 14. II Competition Rules & Spirit of the Game, Bullet #4 (Quick Cal)**

“No photograph or video will be recognized at any time to overrule any call or non-call made by any official.”

Statement & Reason for Submittal - I am from time to time presented with photographs by members who wish to accuse another member of cheating various rules most commonly wearing holsters too-far forward, or discharging the gun with the muzzle behind the front of the holster.

There is a very good reason for Bullet #4. Still photographs and even videos can provide misleading angles and momentary information that can lead to untrue conclusions. It can also lead to harassment and politics that is very unhealthy to the spirit of the game that we play.

Are our officials going to make perfect calls at all times, NO! We are a sport where we the competitors volunteer to judge our peers. There are various levels of commitment and training to carry out this shared responsibility. Even professional referees and umpires in professional sports are not perfect either. We all just do our best to do the best job we can, we also owe it to our fellow competitors to follow the rules the best we can, so we don't put them into a position to have to make a tough call either. The is also covered on the lower half of Page 14. first with “Spirit of the Game”, which we hope all members read and do their best to observe. But, we also have the means within our rules that we can apply when a member refuses to compete under “Spirit of the Game” and that is the “Conduct Violation” section. None of us want to implement that section, and it is thankfully rarely used.

In the case of Holsters Too Far Forward - That is a call that can and should be made by line officials, but please make sure that you read Technical Rule #5. Page 34. This rule now emphasizes center of leg, rather than seam of the pants like the original rule said. Over the past decade or so pants have changed somewhat and it depends greatly on what manufacturer and what size of pants you wear, what determines whether the seam will end up on the center of the leg or not. So the days of relying strictly in the seam are over.

In the case of Technical Rule #17 - Discharging the gun with muzzle behind the front of the holster pouch cut. You must read the entire Enforcement Policy, in short it states that it must be “clearly behind” the holster at the point of discharge.

I have reviewed many photos and associated videos. I can tell you for a fact that while a still shot may look like a shot has been discharged behind the front cut of the holster, I have seen videos that clearly showed that at the point of discharge the muzzle was even or in front of the front cut of the holster, and not behind. But, as the full follow-through of the draw continued while the hips kept moving forward, it actually moved the holster in front of the muzzle of the gun, with some shooters actually pulling the gun slightly back after the shot was fired. From a still photograph view, which still showed smoke and gases coming from the barrel, it can appear that the shot was initially discharged behind the front of the holster, but it was not.

The consequences of making false accusations of cheating against fellow competitors can have such a negative affect on a competitor's pride it will taint a major achievement in their life, and one that they may never recover from, because they will have no way to defend themselves.

Page 14. Bullet #3 is there for a reason too:

All technical and procedural rule violations must be dealt with immediately after each shot has been fired. Once the next shot is fired it is a moot point unless the violation is repeated or a new violation is committed.

This means what it says, penalties in these areas will not be carried out after bouts have concluded. If you don't believe that calls are correct, then perhaps you should train and volunteer to be a Range Master. Presenting photographs to prove your point are taken with a grain of salt for two reasons. First, is how I have already described it. Second, is that if photographs and videos are not taken for all shooters equally, then they shouldn't be allowed for selected shooters.

Will some shooters bend the rules and get away with it? If they do, they in fact may be able to get away with such actions in preliminary rounds, especially at large matches with multiple ranges, since we may not be able to have top officials on every range. But, when there are final rounds or championship shootoffs occurring, that allows us to bring our most competent officials to the range, and it is very unlikely that anyone can win a major titled under a fully manned range with our best officials.

As it says in the last sentence in "Spirit of the Game". **"Winning a competition while winning the respect of one's peers defines a great champion and sportsman; that is the ultimate prize we shoot for."**

14. OPEN DISCUSSION

Parting Thoughts & Ideas

15. Closing Statement by Quick Cal

16. Adjournment