

## **2020 Fastest Gun Alive – World Championship of Cowboy Fast Draw**

***Announcement - It is with the deepest regrets of CFDA Management that after careful consideration we have come to the decision to cancel the 2020 FGA, due to COVID-19.***

### **Here are just some of our reasons:**

1. Along with most CFDA members, we had hoped this past spring that once the summer months began that this terrible virus would diminish as so many have before. Unfortunately, it has not. In fact, it seems many states in our nation are experiencing a second wave, and there are forecasts of a third wave this fall. While we understand completely that many of our members believe that this virus is as much political as it is real, there can be no doubt that this virus does indeed exist, and that it is easily transmitted especially in crowds or large groups of people.
2. This virus is especially harmful to folks over 60, which is exactly opposite of the 1918 Spanish Flu Virus. Therefore, COVID-19 specifically targets the majority of our CFDA Family.
3. We have learned that “social distancing” is extremely difficult to implement at our CFDA events, since when our CFDA Family assembles, we are as much a social gathering as we are a competition.
4. State and Territorial Championships this year have been primarily attended by our members within driving distance from the general region surrounding the event. Some of our members will drive great distances and some will also fly to attend our State & Territorial events. However, FGA draws more shooters who drive or fly even greater distances across not only our nation, but from other countries as well. Because of this, many will choose not to attend the 2020 FGA we predict our attendance will be less than 50% of our historical attendance. We may also end up excluding members who may not be able to travel or attend due to health concerns or travel regulations being imposed by various state and federal governments.
5. FGA is conducted at Churchill County Fairgrounds, which is managed by a county government. The State of Nevada has seen a rise in COVID-19 cases, mainly in Las Vegas. Our Governor has applied numerous statewide restrictions that include no group assemblies over 50, while maintaining social distancing and wearing facemasks in public places. The FGA has become a major event in Northern Nevada, which has attracted coverage from all 3 TV Network Affiliates, we would undoubtedly attract even more attention this year, since all other major events have been canceled. We cannot hide FGA from the media, nor should we want to. One of the last things we would want is to have a government official suddenly appear with no regard for our members who traveled great distances and spent hundreds and even thousands of dollars, and simply order us to shut it down.
6. CFDA is a State of Nevada licensed business, and therefore is subject to 10s of thousands of dollars in fines, as they have already done to brick and mortar stores in Nevada.
7. Since attendance of shooters, vendors, spectators and guests will no doubt be heavily affected, CFDA's “Signature Event of CFDA”, would not be up to the standards of what our members have come to expect.
8. And Finally, on behalf of our family at CFDA Headquarters the absolute last thing we would ever want to be responsible for, is conducting an event of this magnitude and perhaps exposing hundreds of our members and guests to COVID-19 who felt compelled to attend our "Signature Event", and risk traveling from and back home to all corners of our sport worldwide.

Because of the decision to cancel the 2020 FGA, we must also address some other extremely important functions of our sport that revolve around our annual season ending event. Such as, CFDA Top Gun of the Year Awards, Top Hand Awards, Annual Awards, Shoot for the Stars Scholarship Foundation Annual Auction, and how to handle 2020 FGA Invitations that have been earned by Resident Champions at our 2020 Titled Championships. So, let's address these issues one at a time.

### **CFDA Top Gun of the Year Awards**

Due to various State, Territorial, and even FGA being canceled during the 2020 Season. The best "6" point totals is being reduced to "5". Since finishes at FGA are the stated tie-breakers, there will be no tie-breakers in point totals, except if needed to determine 1st Place Men's or Ladies. In the remote chance that there is a tie for 1st Place Overall, then the 6th event will be used as the tie-breaker. If neither shooter received points from a

6th event, then they shall be declared Co-Champions. i.e., if there is a tie for two shooters for 3rd Place, there will be two 3rd Place Buckles awarded, no 4th Place Buckle, buckle order will then resume at 5th Place.

With the cancelation of FGA, the last tournaments of the 2020 Season will be those held in Valentine, NE from September 17th - 20th. The Arizona State will remain as the 1st CFDA Titled Championship of the 2021 Season.

Because of this unique situation, CFDA has delayed the order of our Top Gun of the Year Buckles, which offers a unique benefit. We will have the names of our 2020 Top Guns engraved on the buckles, which has not been done before since in the past we have immediately presented them to the winners at the conclusion of the FGA. Since we will not be able to do a group photo of the winners, we will ask each Top Gun to submit a close-up face shot photo for publication in our Fall Gunslinger's Gazette, along with a short CFDA biography.

### **Top Hand Awards**

We are extending Top Hand Nominations to September 15th. We will mail Top Hand Awards to the Nominating Club, so that they may present them at their local events.

### **Annual Awards**

Our Annual Sundowner, True Grit, and Sportsmanship Awards will be continued at the 2021 FGA, these awards deserve the standing ovation received each year at our Annual Awards Ceremony.

### **Shoot for the Stars - Annual Auction**

This is our #1 Fundraising Event for our Annual Scholarship Awards. I will reach out to Miss Betty and our fellow Shoot for the Stars Foundation - Board of Directors to investigate the possibility of hosting an Online Special Event of some kind over a weekend when there are no other CFDA events planned.

### **2020 Invitations won by 2020 CFDA Resident Champions**

This program is essential to those who have earned an opportunity to represent their state or territory at our annual World Championship. We will acknowledge and honor all 2020 winners at our 2021 FGA, plus we will honor all 2021 winners there too. We will take separate groups photos at our Annual Awards Ceremony.

All 2020 Resident Champions must still submit their Invitations to CFDA by October 1st, 2020, which cannot be traded or re-assigned. If a 2020 Resident Champion wins a 2021 Resident Championship, and plans to attend the 2021 FGA, they will be acknowledged for both at the 2021 FGA in the separate group photos. However, they will not be able to "pass" a 2021 Invitation onto someone else, unless they cannot attend the 2021 FGA, and if this occurs, standard transfer policies on the Invitation will apply.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all of our Host Clubs who have tried to do their best in this difficult year. Our clubs have had to make tough decisions based upon their own challenges. Some events have been canceled which, I can now attest, is a painful thing to do. While some have managed to salvage their events at great financial and emotional risk. We have all supported our sport and organization the best we could to keep the Spirit of CFDA Alive, and we have succeeded!

Respectfully,

