

# CFDA U.S. MARSHAL'S MUSTER- 2019

U.S. MARSHAL'S ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 2019

Alias	Club you are representing	Alias	Club you are representing
Cool Hand Suz	Sawtooth Shootist Society	Mongo	San Juan Shootists
Dag Nabit	Bar T Gunfighters	Saddle Horn	3:10 to Yuma Gunslingers
Rossow	Treasure Valley Gunslingers	Colt McCoy	California Rangers
Crosswired	Crooked River Rangers	Noah Chance	The Rented Mules
Honcho	Gunfighters Lake Valley	Buffalo Bill	N. Florida Gunfighters
Shady Lady	Deer Creek Regulators	Spanky	VA Peacemakers
Gentleman George	Big Thicket Bushwackers	Black Eagle Montana	Golden Mount Gunfighters (France)
Miss Betty	West Texas Rangers	Olden Fast	Great Basin Gunhawks
Fowl Shot	Sundowners & Powder Horn Ranch Regulators	Wa-Hoo	Yellow River Bandits
Von Zipper	Single Action Savants & .45 Sidekicks	Outlaw Ike	Sunshine State Shootists
No Name	AZ Gunslingers	QC Carver	Rio Salado Vaqueros
Cody	Idaho Shootists	Dangerous Dave	Snakeriver Gunfighters & Eagle Rock Outlaws
Stanislaus	The Cowboys	Deadeye Daisy	Black River Bandits
Wench	Randolph County Rangers	Muletrain	Regulator
Chisum	Great Basin Gunhawks	Rooster Cogburn	Gold Country Out Riders

The Shootist	Lone Star Gunslingers	Slow Poke	Promontory Point Posse
The Rossiman	Prairie State Posse	Gunsmoke	Cracker Cowboys
Sassy Pants	North TX Society Gunfighters	Jesse James	Colorado Pistoleros
Cowboy Up	The Deputies	Gunsmoke	Cracker Cowboys
Brasada Spur	Old Pueblo Gunfighters		
<b>NON-VOTING ATTENDEES:</b>			
<b>Alias</b>	<b>Club you are representing</b>	<b>Alias</b>	<b>Club you are representing</b>
Easy Money	Sunshine State Shootists	Slow	Single Action Savants
Little Money	Sunshine State Shootists	Pony	Sunshine State Shootists
Curley Calhoun	Sawtooth Shootist Society	Witlock	Deputies
Thirsty	Rented Mule & Regulator	Texas Rose	Big Thicket Bushwackers
Six Iron Butterfly	The Cowboys	The Gunslinger	California Rangers
Kansas Belle	Deer Creek Regulators	Quigley	San Juan Shootists
Tank	California Rangers	Marshal's Daughter	Lonestar Gunslingers
Wild Shot	Sundowners	Ricochet Rose	Gold Country Out Riders
BA	Promontory Point Posse	Shady Mike	AZ Gunslingers
Quick Cal	CFDA	Alotta Lead	CFDA
Muletrain	Regulator	Granny Oakley	Old Pueblo Gunfighters
Billie Sioux	VA Peacemakers		

## **Marshal's Muster Meeting Minutes October 2, 2019**

Call to order 5:32; meeting reconvened at 6:00 after dinner

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** 39 Voting members
2. **OPENING STATEMENTS BY QUICK CAL AND ALOTTA LEAD:**
  - a. Recognized our 2019 Marshal's Cup Winner, Tank - Representing Idaho Shootists!
  - b. This was the 14<sup>th</sup> Marshal's Muster held
  - c. Cal read from Brad Hemmah's Founder's Letter, and then warned that politics in your club can end the club. Be careful of politics.
  - d. Cal reminded the Marshal's that we are representing the CFDA to our club, as well as the club to the CFDA. If we can't positively do both, then we shouldn't be a Marshal.
  - e. Cal commented on the "CFDA is in the Reorganization Process" section on pg. 6 of the 10<sup>th</sup> Edition Gunslinger's Rules, Guidelines, & Handbook. He wanted to make sure we understand the intent and that this is the future vision of the CFDA.
3. **Recruiting Club Members Discussion & What is Working and What is not!**
  - a. Recruiting at county and state fairs works.
  - b. It's very inexpensive to have ribbon awards available to give to winners.
  - c. Reach outside of your own area.
  - d. Continue with "Try Cowboy Fast Draw", formerly known as Town Folk Alley. This works if you work it. Be sure you collect contact details to follow-up. The follow-up process is key.
  - e. Find events in your area that you can be a part of or piggyback with them.
  - f. For example, shotgun ranges and some churches have been welcoming.
  - g. Use network "people" marketing. Sell the fun!
  - h. Maintain the "fun of the spirit of the Old West" when recruiting. Create a feeling of excitement through the look and feel, i.e., clothing, being friendly, etc.
4. **Clothing – Page 7, Not Allowed Are: Bullet #6**

- a. Discussion concerning logos: Straw vote taken and it was a majority vote that an acceptable shirt (western, period, Henley), with small club logo is acceptable. This would be limited to one logo and should be on the front only, located over the heart. Recommend size is no larger than the size of the CFDA badge. CFDA will make the final decision on the acceptable measurements and announce.  
**CFDA Decision: 4" Circular Area on either side of chest, since some may wear a Club Logo on the right chest and a CFDA Badge on the left chest. Does not apply to jackets or vests.**
- b. Discussion concerning Alias': Straw vote taken and it was majority vote to allow an Alias on shirts. Only one Alias would be allowed on the front of the shirt. CFDA will determine and announce the size (height of letters) that will be allowed. Due to the different Alias lengths, there will not be a length limit.  
**CFDA Decision: 3/4" (h) Lettering**
- c. Modern boots are an issue. People wearing them in photos have been called out to the CFDA.
  - i. Can have exemptions for medical reasons: temporary exemption can be given at local level; permanent exemption can only be given at CFDA level.
  - ii. Shooters with disabilities: follow the guidelines in rule book.
- d. No one wants to have to tell someone else that they are not wearing proper attire, and no one wants to learn that they aren't wearing proper attire when they have traveled to a titled match. Education begins at the club level. Take the time to educate your club members.
- e. Could do a quick scan of clothing, including footwear, during equipment checks.
- f. It is our responsibility to talk with our new members regarding clothing and equipment. This is done at the club level. If it is not acceptable clothing, it shouldn't be acceptable at your club events. This can cause confusion and embarrassment for your club members if they attend an event are informed for the first time that what they are wearing is not appropriate clothing.
- g. Per the clothing requirements, have members attend all meetings and events, whether day or evening, in acceptable attire.

- h. Don't get stuck on "period correct", as western, including B western and western-themed Victorian Steampunk are acceptable. There are many interpretations of the western theme. Pay the most attention to what is NOT allowed.

Director's Comment (Regarding Western-Style Boots):

Lately, the subject of what are "western-style boots" and what are not has come up. This is a subject that has been brewing for several years in CFDA.

I began with research that covered both historical aspects and what is actually available in current markets, at an affordable price.

There are strong opinions on both sides of this issue, but our rules are the rules and cover not only competition, but also the spirit of the game we play. This issue is all about the "Spirit of the Game" and not about competition, because we do not run while shooting. We must also understand that there is a strong desire to obtain comfortable footwear, since most of us are in fact on our feet for most of the day.

There are a number of manufacturers of "western-style boots" a.k.a. "cowboy boots". In research of various websites of manufacturers, they draw a clear line between western-style boots and modern hiking shoes or boots, and it is largely based on very visible "vibram soles".

"Packer Boots" that are laced up did exist in the 1800s, and were common among working cowboys, especially those who spent a lot of time around pack animals in rough terrain, hence the name. Packer Boots were most likely the pre-cursor for laced up "modern hiking boots" and lower profile "hiking shoes", on which "vibram soles" became popularized especially during the late 20th Century. But, the one apparent thing that all marketers use to distinguish "western-style boots" from "modern hiking boots or shoes" is visible "vibram soles". Many western-style boots have treaded soles, but the treads do not extend above the bottom of the sole and cannot be seen from the side while in a standing position.

"Chukka Boots" have also become popular, they are a little higher than a standard shoe and is usually laced. Chukkas can also be bought with treads on the sole, but not to the point that can be seen from the side, or can also be purchased with "vibram soles" fully visible.

**CFDA Decision:** CFDA agrees with the line that most manufacturers have established between "western-style boots" and "modern hiking boots or shoes", which is that the treads of a "vibram sole" cannot be seen from the side.

Beginning in 2020 we will educate our members that "vibram soles" that are notable from the side do not meet our guidelines for "western-style boots". Quick Cal will write an article that will be published in the 2020 Spring Gazette, and will also be permanently published on our CFDA website. It is advisable that during 2020 Equipment Checks all all CFDA events, that our Range Officers also perform a courtesy inspection for footwear.

Beginning in 2021, we will begin requiring this inspection along with all other equipment checks.

Note: Temporary and Permanent Exemptions will still be applied as already stated in our rules.

**5. CFDA Range Officer (RO) Program and Range Master (RM) Program (Page 10):**

- a. Range Officer courses should be conducted at the club level by the US Marshal and/or Club Officers, or appointed Range Master. All Instructors of the RO Course must also be Qualified Range Masters.
- b. Range Master courses can only be instructed by either a Regulator or an Approved Range Master Instructor. You must complete a Range Officer Course before you can attend a Range Master Course.
- c. The CFDA does not issue or sign course completion cards. RO Pins may be ordered by RO Instructors by calling CFDA Headquarters.
- d. RO and Youth courses are good refreshers to keep clubs on the same page.
- e. The CFDA Youth Shooters Program is also valuable to teach to adults who have not had previous or extensive experience with firearms. The more club members are educated, the stronger your club, and therefore, the CFDA will be.

**6. CFDA/NRA Liability Insurance Program (Page 42):**

- a. Liability Insurance means just that, it covers the Liability of Legal Expenses and possible Judgements or Settlements, in case a lawsuit is filed claiming negligence.
- b. Insurance company issues two types of Insurance Certificates
  1. Names the Property Owner, as "Additional Insured" for the location where CFDA events are held.
  2. Names the CFDA Club, as a "Named Insured", which provides legal protection for all members of the club against liability due to negligence lawsuits. This is just one of the reasons we require Member Lists.
- c. If a CFDA Affiliated has their own insurance, according to Section 6. of the Affiliation Agreement, they must provide an Insurance Certificate, naming CFDA as an "Additionally Insured".
- d. The CFDA/NRA insurance Program provide up to \$5,000 in medical coverage, before a lawsuit must be filed, and coverage of up to \$300,000 in property damage.
- e. If you have any questions about insurance, please contact the CFDA so you can avoid being without the appropriate required insurance.

**7. CFDA YOUTH SAFETY PROGRAM, YOUTH DIVISION, pages 8 and 40:**

- a. Youth Division is ages 8-15.
- b. (Level 1, is initial introduction and firearm safety training for kids under 8. They may not speed draw from a holster, but they can raise the gun and fire it from a "resting point", and also practice with lasers, ALL under adult supervision.
- c. (Level 2) 8 - 11 year olds must shoot with two-hands (Youth Two-Hand). Here they learn the basics of handling firearms and how they operate. They also learn basic Range Operations, and how to load and unload a six-gun. They also learn how the sport works and the basics of competition.
- d. (Level 3) At age 12, and after demonstrating proficiency and successfully completing all levels of previous training, the Youth can apply, with their local club, for a Level 3 card, which gives them the option to shoot with one hand. (Youth One-Hand)

- e. Level 2 "One-Handed" & Level 3 "Two-Handed" will shoot together unless the Host Club has provided separate sub-categories and awards for both Level 2 and Level 3 Youth.
- f. (Level 4) At age 12, once a Youth has established both shooting proficiency and demonstrates maturity with fellow competitors, they may apply to CFDA for a Level 4 card.
- g. With a Level 4 Card the Youth has the option to compete in Youth Division or Adult Divisions, as Junior Boys or Junior Girls. They need to declare their choice during registration.
- h. Level 4 Youth, will compete in Adult Divisions under adult rules, including the 1.250 Rule, and acting as Range Officers, when properly trained.
- i. At age 16 & 17, it is required to shoot as Junior Boys or Girls in the Adult Divisions.
- j. It is not required that a Youth shooter switch from two-handed shooting to one-handed shooting, even as they move through the Junior and Adult divisions.

#### **8. CFDA CLUB AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS:**

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 Rule book. The CFDA encourages you to pull it up and read it thoroughly.

**9. NEVADA 8 FORMAT – Page 24**

- a. Part 1 & 2: Needs to be clarified so the intent that you can't win with a loss is clear.
  - i. For #7 on page 24, change the word 'shoot-off' to 'bout'
- b. Part 3: Straw vote taken and majority voted for the Bye rounds to be limited to 8 shots. If there is no winner of the Bye after the 8<sup>th</sup> shot, then all 3 get an "X". Unless the bout would affect the recognized places.
- c. Part 4: Straw vote was taken and it was unanimous decided to not issue an "X" to both shooters if the bout is tied O to O after 5 shots, and stay with the 3 Shot Tie-Breaker.
- d. All of the above are only applicable when using the Nevada Eight format.

**CFDA Decision:**

**Nevada Eight Format, Page 24. (10th Edition)**

**Change #7. To Read:** The 3 Shot Tie-Breaker limit is suspended during "Championship Shootoff Formats" or "Last Man Standing Formats", wherein results of any bout may have an immediate affect on recognized places. In such cases, such bouts revert to the first winning hit as the tie-breaker shot, no matter how many shots it takes.

**Official's Note:** Table Scorers must bring this to the attention of the Timer Operator/Announcer in "Last Man Standing Formats" who then has a duty to announce to the Range Master and Shooters such bouts before they commence, where the 3 Shot Tie-Breaker is suspended.

**Add #8.** During a Bye-Round during Nevada Eight Format, if the bye-round is not determined after 8 shots then all 3 shooters shall receive an "X", the only exceptions will be as described in #7.

**10. Add to Rule Book: Arizona Five Format:**

Unanimous vote: DO NOT ADD.

**11. Holster & Gun Belt Specifications Page 17:**

Refer to Rule book Page 34; the rule stands and the CFDA will add an enforcement policy for a definitive spec of 1/2 inch or less on gun wiggle room in the holster. Non-compliance will result in an equipment check failure and the inability to use the holster in a match.

**CFDA Decision: The Following now appears in the 2020 Range Officer Training Program**

**Holster Rule #1.** "Gun must fit the holster, no oversized or skeletonized holster boots or pouches are allowed." This is an original CFDA Rule, which has never had an enforced policy. At the 2019 Marshal's Muster the U.S. Marshals overwhelmingly recognized that over the past few years holsters seemed to be not fitting guns as they should. Too much movement of the gun in the holster has been noticed. They decided that an enforcement policy needed to be written and that it should be introduced in the 2020 Season, but not enforced until 2012 to give shooters proper notice to adjust their equipment.

**Enforcement Policy (Takes Affect January 1st 2021) (Courtesy checks in 2020)**

A. Check to make sure that the holster fits the gun. Too much slop or movement of the gun when the gun is placed fully into it's resting position in the holster indicates that the gun does not fit the holster.

B. **Test** - While holding the holster firmly in place, move the gun back and forth and from side to side, while applying reasonable downward pressure on the gun while the gun is fully holstered on its resting point(s) in the holster.

The butt of the grip frame shall not move more than a total of 1/2" in a back or forth direction, OR more than a total of 1/2" from side to side. The can be checked efficiently with a measuring tape.

**Note:** The most common reasons for this problem is either the holster has been molded to a larger gun, the leather is old and worn out, the front sight has been removed and allows for too much back and forth movement without the holster being adjusted to "fit the gun".

**12. Should There be a Shot Limit to Regular Rounds in a Main Match:**

Majority vote that there will be NO shot limit to regular rounds in a Main match.

**CFDA Decision: CFDA Agrees**

**13. Discussion Regarding Page 14 II Competition Rules & Spirit of the Game, Bullet #4:**

There is no change. Everything we do is by honor. Officials are not perfect. In our sport, we judge each other, which is why honor is so important.

**14. OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- a. Do not grease lenses too heavy; there should only be a light coating. If you go down range to take grease off one light, check the others and take care of them all at the same time.
- b. Need to clarify a fractured shot. A fractured shot and a fingernail hit are two different things.
  - i. Fractured Bullet: If the bullet fractures before making contact with the target, but a piece of that fractured bullet hits the target and sets off the timer, then it is a good hit. If the fractured piece of the bullet hits the target, but without enough force to set off the timer, then it is not a hit. (See pg. 25, "Alibi For Host Supplied Ammunition" on the way to deal with this)
  - ii. Fingernail (or half-moon, quarter moon, edge nick) hit: If a bullet stays solid and hits the target along the outer edge of the face with enough force to set the timer off, then it is a good hit. If it does not set off the timer, but you can see the fingernail hit on the face of the target, then it is a good hit with no time.
  - iii. A "Clear Hit" is defined a mark that is clearly seen, and does not require extensive examination.

**CLOSING STATEMENT BY QUICK CAL Ajourment at 8:48**

- 15. Director's Note:** I wish to Thank ALL who attend this vital meeting each year. Comments here provides invaluable insight and information to CFDA Management from the Leaders of our sport from coast to coast and beyond. Also, THANK YOU to WENCH & COOL HAND SUZ!!!

Hit'em Fast!  
*Quick Cal*