

# CFDA U.S. MARSHAL'S MUSTER- 2021

U.S. MARSHAL'S ATTENDANCE - SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

Voting Roundtable:			
Alias	Club being represented	Alias	Club being represented
Cool Hand Suz	Sawtooth Shootist Society	Windmill Kid	West Texas Rangers
Dag Nabit	Bar T Gunfighters	Saddle Horn	3:10 to Yuma Gunslingers
Red Lead Slinger	Treasure Valley Gunfighters	Chisum	Great Basin Gunhawks
Crosswired	Crooked River Rangers	Rooster Cogburn	Gold Country Out Riders
No Name	The Rented Mules	Sassy Pants	Tin Star Regulators
Stanislaus	The Cowboys	Desert Dingo	Promotory Point Posse
Gentleman George	Big Thicket Bushwackers	Powder Keg	Sundowners
QC Carver	Rio Salado Vaqueros	Ringo Kid	Lone Star Gunslingers
Deadeye Daisy	Great Lakes Gunslingers	Shady Mike	Arizona Gunslingers
Brasada Spur	Old Pueblo Gunfighters	Tin Bender	California Rangers
Dangerous Dave	Eagle Rock Outlaws	Quick Strike	Commanche Moon Renegades
PG Taylor	Snake River Gunslingers	Cowboy Up	The Deputies
T Bone	Powderhorn Ranch Regulators		

<b>NON-VOTING ATTENDEES:</b>			
<b>Alias</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Alias</b>	<b>Club</b>
Kansas Belle	Regulator	Thirsty	The Rented Mules
Fowl Shot	Regulator	Mule Train	Regulator
Curley Calhoun	Regulator	Southwest KC	Regulator
Miss Betty	Regulator	Texas Rose	Regulator
Still Shot	Old Pueblo Gunfighters	The Bucknay Kid	Eagle Rock Outlaws
Arizona Cactus Kid	Old Pueblo Gunfighters	Shady Lady	(no club)
Bandana Kid	Old Pueblo Gunfighters	Corkey	Commanche Moon Renegades
Jesse James	Regulator	Boss	Regulator
Richochet Rose	Gold Country Out Riders	Flying Cowgirl	Great Lakes Gunslingers
Quick Cal	CFDA	Alotta Lead	CFDA
BA	Promotory Point Posse	Granny Oakley	Old Pueblo Gunfighters
No Daisy	Regulator	KK Kid	West Texas Rangers
Wild Shot	Regulator		

**Marshal's Muster #15 Meeting Minutes September 29th, 2021**

Call to order 5:31pm PT

- 1. INTRODUCTIONS:** 25 Voting Members

*Pizza & Soft Drinks were served*

## 2. **OPENING STATEMENTS BY QUICK CAL AND ALOTTA LEAD:**

- a. Recognized our 2021 Marshal's Cup Top 3 – Champion: Tin Bender, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Crosswired, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Bucknay Kid. Congratulations!
- b. Cal reminded the Marshal's that we are representing the CFDA to our club, as well as the club to the CFDA. We need to be on the same page even if you don't personally agree with a decision. You are asked to come with an open mind. Listen to the Marshal's discussions and vote when applicable based on your fresh understanding after the discussion.

## 3. **Recruiting & How to keep the fun and excitement alive in your club.**

- a. Continue with Come Try Cowboy Fast Draw. This works if you work it. Be sure you collect contact details for follow-up.
- b. Offer a drawing for a free 101 class in Cowboy Fast Draw (of course, everyone wins the drawing)
- c. It's very inexpensive to have ribbon awards or something similar available to give to winners at Come Try Cowboy Fast Draw events.
- d. Create a comfortable, friendly, family-oriented environment
- e. Remember you are recruiting for CFDA first, then help connect them to the club that works best for them
- f. Try to shoot more than once per month – Members like to shoot and it helps keep them connected and engaged with the sport
- g. Hold novelty matches and challenges – Just provide something fun and challenging

## 4. **CFDA Range Officer (RO) Program & Range Master (RM) Program** - Green River has been appointed our Range Master General, with the help of Wild Fire. They will explain their new role and what they expect of us.

**Discussion:** Green River and Wild Fire were unable to attend. Cal informed us that the Range Master list will be refreshed in February. If you are renewing or new to becoming an RM, get your paperwork submitted to remain active on the list.

5. **Follow Up Discussion - Holster Rule #1**

Discussion Only (Submitted by CFDA) - Cal provided history of holsters and showed some example holsters to explain what can happen if we don't stay true to our holster requirements. The onus is on the shooter to ensure their holster is legal and remains legal over time. For example, raw hide can continue to shrink and change the proportions of the holster or an older holster can begin to lose its shape over time.

6. **Add to Rulebook - NEVADA 8 FORMAT - Page 24.**

Discussion & Possible Action (Submitted by CFDA) At the 2019 Marshal's Muster a few minor changes were approved that will be in the upcoming 11th Edition of the CFDA Rulebook, due out in January of 2022. Add: #8. Host Option - The Host may declare, in advance of a competition, that bouts that will have an immediate affect on recognized places, that those bouts shall be determined by the 3 out of 5 Format (3 Winning Hits). Reason: We have been testing this at local matches and it has become preferred by all members of our club to end championship rounds with a format with more substance.

**Majority vote:** Yes, change to 3 out of 5 format for recognized places only

**Majority vote:** Yes, make this mandatory versus host option when used in matches held in conjunction with a titled match.

**CFDA Decision: Agrees and will make the changes in the 11th Edition.**

7. **Regarding Newer Generations of Factory Installed Safeties** Discussion & Possible Action (Submitted by Eagle Rock Outlaws & Snake River Gunslingers)

Reason for Submittal - There are new and various types of safeties being imported that need to be understood and one in particular on Uberti's that has a safety notch that is almost to the half-cock position.

**Discussion:** In the example of the Uberti brought to the Marshal's Muster to evaluate, it has a safety, but does not have a safety notch. It only has a loading notch. This means that the hammer must remain resting against the frame. As a hand judge, you'd notice that the hammer is almost in a full-cock position, if the shooter is wrongly attempting to use the loading notch as the start position.

Cal is going to call Uberti and have a discussion on the topic.

**CFDA Decision: A half-cock notch is not to be used as a safety notch, it is a loading and unloading position. A clarification will be posted in the 11th Edition.**

#### **8. U.S. Marshal Representation Discussion & Clarification (Submitted by CFDA)**

Reason for Submittal - It is time for the U.S. Marshals to determine who is authorized to represent clubs at the Annual Marshal's Muster. According to Page 10, a U.S. Marshal's job is three-fold. #1. To represent their club to CFDA. #2. To represent CFDA to their club. #3. Be a member of an Advisory Committee to the Executives of CFDA. It is important to understand that our Annual Marshal's Muster is the key point when #3 is achieved. Page 1 of 3 #1 is achieved also by attending the important meeting and "round table" discussion. #2. Is achieved when returning to your club to explain what actions CFDA took, whether you personally agree with them or not. In this past we have allowed U.S. Marshals from one club represent another club who does not have appointed U.S. Marshal for some reason or another. Some agreed to be instructed how to vote on agenda items. This means that they were simply being used as "proxy votes" and obligated to vote one way or another before the discussions on these items actually took place. When this is the case, then it defeats the very reason to have actual discussions. Lately, certain clubs have been allowing the appointment of several Deputies for the apparent reason of competing in the Marshal's Cup. The Marshal's Cup was sponsored by CFDA for the reasons of building bonds between U.S. Marshals & Regulators and giving them back a fun opportunity to compete for honor among those who contribute their time and talent to their respective clubs and CFDA. The reason why CFDA has limited the 2021 Marshal's Cup to only actual U.S. Marshals or Deputies Appointed that will be the "voting" representative of their club, and CFDA Regulators is so those who do the work get to join in the fun, and to build a network of working relationships. How this will be handled in the future will be decided by YOU, our U.S. Marshals...

**Discussion & Votes:** The U.S. Marshal's are named in the club's affiliation agreement each year, and they are the expected attendee at the Marshal's Muster.

**Majority vote:** Each qualifying representative at the Marshal's Muster can only represent and vote on behalf of one club, which is their home club. The one that named them as their U.S. Marshal when affiliating. Regulators also shoot in the Marshal's Cup, and are welcome and encouraged to attend the Marshal's Muster to help provide

input on discussion items, but unless they are also the one named voting representative for their club, they do not participate in voting activity.

**Majority vote:** U.S. Marshal's must be 18 years old. Exceptions to this must be recommended to the CFDA by the club president, club U.S. Marshal and two (2) Regulators. Deputy Marshal's can be under 18 years old.

**Majority Vote:** An application will be designed and made available for U.S. Marshal's to indicate to the CFDA that they are coming to the Marshal's Muster to represent their club. This application can be submitted with your early match registration. If the named U.S. Marshal will not be able to attend the Marshal's Muster, then they need to notify the CFDA via email with a minimum of one week's notice and name one club Deputy or an alternate club Deputy, who will be in attendance at the Marshal's Muster as the voting representative for the club. The club Deputy or an alternate club Deputy must claim that club as their home club. The named club Deputy or alternate club Deputy covering at the Marshals Muster for the U.S. Marshal can shoot in the Marshal's Muster if they choose to.

The registration staff will be given a list of qualifying named attendees and the club their representing.

**CFDA Decision:** CFDA supports all of the votes on this matter by the U.S. Marshals and has also added a place on the current Club Affiliation Agreement for more complete information for U.S. Marshals and a place the U.S. Marshal can pre-appoint up to 2 Deputies.

## 9. Resident Champions Policy

Discussion & Possible Action (Submitted by CFDA): CFDA Instituted a Resident Champion program over a decade ago, in the spirit of providing an incentive to have our CFDA Titled Championships represented at the World Championship each year by the best shooters in each state or region of the country. Plus, reserving a level of recognition that is only available to resident competitors in the state or territory covered by the CFDA Title. We allowed alternates in the case that an actual Resident Champion could not attend the World Championship due to work, health, finances, or other reasons, as long as they placed in the Top 3 of the residents that competed in that competition. Somewhere along the way, instead of the honor of representing a CFDA Titled Championship area, it became about getting or passing out a "free FGA entry fee", and it has gotten worse and even more confusing each

year. CFDA Management objects to this notion, and also believes that the stature of our titled championships that our Host Clubs work hard to put on are being denigrated.

We are changing this policy in the 2022 Season!

1. We believe if a Resident Champion competitor is going to attend the World Championship, then they shall be obligated to represent all Resident Titles that they hold and cannot pass any of them down to “Alternates”.
2. If a Resident Champion cannot attend the World Championship, then an alternate can go in their place as long as they are a resident and competed in the titled event, and placed in the Top 3 of the residents in that championship. They will receive the Free Entry, and may pose in the picture, but will be referred to as an alternate and not the actual Resident Champion.
3. CFDA also believes that a CFDA Titled Championship should award a Resident Champion’s Trophy to actual Resident Champions. We are looking for further advice and suggestions from our U.S. Marshals.

**Majority Vote:** Yes, in agreement with proposal #1 above. The Resident Champions will represent all titles they hold.

**Majority Vote:** No, against proposal # 2 above. No alternate champions will be named.

**Majority vote:** Yes, the CFDA will begin to include Men’s and Ladies Resident Champion Buckles as part of the sanction agreement for each state and territorial event. The CFDA will still provide a Men’s and Ladies free entry into the World Championship for National Champions and will provide free entry into the World Championship for the defending Men’s and Ladies World Champions.

**CFDA Decision:** While this ended up being a very long discussion, we believe that the result is a much better and manageable system. Resident Champions should receive the recognition they deserve by being awarded a Resident Champion Buckle at the event. We are ending Free FGA Entries for Resident Champions, except for reigning National and World Champions, plus we are looking into finding a place in our schedule for a special Tournament of Champions Event at FGA.

### **10. General Exemption #3 - Special Medical Conditions “Footwear”, Page 9.**

Discussion & Possible Action (Submitted by CFDA) Reason for Submittal: As shooters in our sport age, requests for footwear exemptions is increasing. We need a better policy and understanding of procedures.

**Group Discussion:** Everyone agreed we need to adjust. There were also comments that match attendees don't know who has an exemption and who doesn't. Cal will replace the word “embellish” with something else. The rest of the discussion was tabled for a later date.

### **11. 17-3/16” Targets Only in “Class A” Sanctioned Events.**

Discussion and Possible Action (Submitted by CFDA) Reason for Submittal - Over 70% of Clubs & Titled Championships across the country are now using 17-3/16” Targets. The only two Class A Championships are the World & National Championships. There are many benefits to using 17” targets, as stated in the 2017 article “Why 17-3/16” Targets” still posted on CowboyFastDraw. com, which includes Showmanship, Safety, Reduction of Space, and Cost. For these reasons and the fact that our National Championship will be televised and 24” targets do not screen test well, CFDA Management wishes to promote the use of 17- 3/16” Targets. Note: If passed, this will not affect the 2022 National Championship, since 24” Targets have been announced.

**Majority Vote:** Yes, all Class A Championships will be required to be held on 17 3/16” Targets at 15’

**CFDA Decision:** This passed by a 2/3rds Majority Vote, and will be implemented beginning in 2023.

### **12. An external audio or visual signal indicating that the Start Button has been activated.**

Discussion & Possible Action (Submitted by CFDA) Reason for Submittal: The CFDA Gunslinger Timer has an optional (Audible) Start Button Toner & Quick Draw Electronic Timer’s Audience Displays (Visual) go from showing a time to blank when the Start Button is activated. Due to shooters complaining about short or long Start Lights, CFDA Management believes that since we have the technology, it should be used at our championship level. It is a fact, that almost all short or long Start Lights are caused by Timer Operator error. Either pushing the Start Button early or late at the moment the Start Command is given. An external indicator that demonstrates when the Start

Button is activated would not only train Timer Operators better, but drastically reduce the amount of short or long Start Lights in all CFDA Titled Championships.

**Majority Vote:** No, this will not be required. We need to provide better training and practice, practice, practice the button operation in coordination with the commands. The button does not get pressed before or after the word “set.” The button is required to be pushed/released immediately upon the word “set” being spoken. (page 30) This means pushing/releasing the button at the same time you’re saying the word “set.”

**CFDA Decision:** While it will not be a requirement, CFDA still recommends that clubs invest in Start Button Toners, as they are great training tools for Timer Operators to learn how to push the Start Button correctly. We will also recommend, but not require that our Host Clubs to use them in CFDA Titled Championships. CFDA is currently developing a new optional Start Button that has a full-time toner built in, which will be available soon.

### 13. Future Agenda Items

- a. Item submitted by Great Lakes Gunslingers: Discuss what should happen when a shooter shoots another shooters target, either on purpose or on accident, in a titled match.

### 14. OPEN DISCUSSION Parting Thoughts & Ideas

15. **Closing Statement by Quick Cal** - Thanks to everyone who came early to attend and contribute to the discussions. Your role is important to and appreciated by the CFDA.

**Thank You! Cool Hand Suz for serving as our Secretary and preparing the 1st Draft of our Minutes!**

### 16. Adjournment at 10:24pm PT