

# 2015 CFDA Marshal's Muster Agenda

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

Wednesday - September 30th – 5:30 p.m. – Multi-Purpose Bldg. (Fairgrounds)

- A. Food, Soft Drinks, and Refreshments will be provided for Marshal Muster participants by CFDA during this meeting.
- B. Only U.S. Marshals, OR their appointed Deputies (Only One Seat per Club); and CFDA Executives, and/or their appointees are allowed a seat at the Marshal Muster Round Table, others may observe this meeting, subject to space limitations.
- C. Quick Cal, Director of CFDA, is the Moderator of this meeting, and will conduct this meeting in a Round Table Discussion Format.
- D. For the sake of conducting a productive and time effective meeting, the Moderator will recognize individual speakers, each speaker will have the floor and have sufficient time to make their point. Please keep comments to the point and upon the specific agenda item being discussed. Sometimes topics will be directed to go "Around the Table" by the Moderator to form a consensus of the group. If you have a valid point to add to the topic that hasn't been made previously, please feel free to comment. If you would just like to show support for a previously stated point, then pledge your support one way or another. Please avoid repetitious remarks.
- E. The Moderator may from time to time call for a Straw Pole Vote, to determine if a general consensus has been established. Any votes taken at the Marshal's Muster are advisory in nature to the Executives of CFDA, except where indicated by the words "Action or Possible Action" on the agenda, all other decisions and all interpretations are reserved by CFDA Management.

### 1. Introduction - All Club Representatives & CFDA Management

### 2. Opening Statements by Quick Cal & Alotta Lead

### 3. Should There Be a Time Limit For a Recorded Hit? - Discussion (CFDA)

Director's Comment: The original rules of CFDA stated, "There is no time limit for a recorded hit." This is still a CFDA rule. This rule has remained the subject of a continuous and controversial discussion since the inception of CFDA. There have been various degrees of three basic viewpoints that at times have developed into inter-personal conflicts, as follows.

Viewpoint A: Shooters have one shot per draw PERIOD! The amount of time it takes to complete your shot is irrelevant, which could even occur after the timer has timed out at 10 seconds.

Viewpoint B: Shooters should always strive to shoot their absolute fastest shot. To shoot slower than their optimum speed in favor of making more sure of a hit should not be allowed. In case of a half-cock the shooter should not be allowed to perform a recovery shot.

Viewpoint C: Shooters should be able to shoot whatever speed they choose, or make a recovery shot, but should not be allowed to extend their arm to the point of aiming the gun at the target.

#### **Should CFDA establish a time limit for a recorded shot for the following reasons?**

Reason #1: Taking an unlimited amount of time to fire a shot by any of our competitors simply does not adhere to the principles of a sport in which time is suppose to be of the essence.

Reason #2: Under our existing rules, it does already state, "Under no scenario will a shooter ever fire a shot without an opponent or a time to compete against." Therefore, if one competitor misses the target and their opponent half-cocks, that sets up such a scenario as described in the previous sentence, since there is no time that exists that must be competed against by the shooter firing a recovery shot.

Reason #3: In the history of Fast Draw there have always been time limits since the 1950s and 60s. Circa 1965, Western Fast Draw Association had a 1-second time limit, whereas, the Ohio Fast Draw Association was set at 2-seconds. Mid-Western Fast Draw Association had negotiated a 1.5-second with Ohio FDA, but then decided to go to the 1-second to align themselves with Western FDA, now World FDA. Ohio FDA remained at 1.5-second for decades until somewhat recently. A successful fast draw with a six-gun has been historically defined as reacting to a start signal, drawing, firing and hitting a target at a competitive speed. CFDA has been the only exception, in certain scenarios.

For Consideration: A 1-second time limit is too restrictive for CFDA, due to the distance and targets that are used, which are generally more difficult than previous forms of the sport that preceded it. Many of our competitors shoot just under or even over 1-second. If we do establish a time limit for a recorded shot, it should be at a time in which shooters can, as Wyatt Earp was quoted, "Take your time, in a hurry." But, not have enough time to half-cock and then still have time to re-cock and aim an uncontested shot in no particular hurry. CFDA Management recommends either a 1.5-second or even a 1.25-second time limit. Comments from U.S. Marshals will be crucial in reaching a decision to take action or not on this topic.

4. **CFDA Bracket Matches - Discussion (CFDA)**

Discuss concepts of CFDA Bracket Matches, what are the principles and goals behind them, and how to best conduct various versions of them. Some versions have been adapted to both club shoots and championship match applications. Also a discussion about the difference between Bracket Matches and Classified Matches.

5. **Buckles For Youth at National & World Championships -Discussion(Nitro Kid - Colorado Pistoleros)**

Discussion on whether hosts should be required to provide buckles at CFDA Class A Titled Championships. They work very hard and should be recognized, this should help them stay interested.

6. **Are We a Spectator Sport? - Discussion (CFDA)**

Are there venues which we should not be concerned with spectators and are there venues where we should find ways to make our sport even more appealing to spectators and possible TV coverage?

7. **Balloon-Disc or 18" Targets, 15' Distance at 47" Height - Discussion (Marshal Cooper - Sierra Gun Hawks, Nitro Kid - Colorado Pistoleros, and CFDA)**

Is it time to look at other targets for spectator appeal? Presentation on Balloon-Disc Target and a video screen test. Note: There will be two Balloon-Disc Targets operating on Range E on Thursday.

Notes:

#1. A target approximately 18" at 15', is of similar proportion to a 24" target at 21'.

#2. From the average point of elevation from where the average shooter fires a drawn six-gun to hit the center of a target at 21', set at an elevation of 50"; equals approximately 47" in elevation at 15'.

8. **Open Tops & Colt Walkers - Discussion (PG Taylor - Snake River Gunslingers)**

9. **Prize Package Requirements - Discussion (Gentleman George - Big Thicket Bushwackers)**

Accountability by all Hosts at all Levels. It's obvious that the requirements are not being met at some matches. Should and how can prize structures be monitored by CFDA?

10. **Youth Program - Discussion (Gentleman George - Big Thicket Bushwackers)**

Competency evaluation for Youth Level Advancement. There seems to be more kids staying active longer in Youth Division with more advanced skills. Is there a point where a Youth Shooter should be required to move to Level 4 Youth and be required to shoot with the Juniors, which are part of the Men's and Ladies' Divisions?

CFDA Comment: It's very difficult to establish a "one rule fits all situations" for Youth Division since some contests have a many Youth Shooters and others have very few, if any.

11. **Side Matches - Discussion (Gentleman George - Big Thicket Bushwackers)**

Share Ideas for Side Matches at Sanctioned Events. As well as at the club level to increase ongoing interest.

12. **How To Build a New or Already Established CFDA Affiliated Club.**

13. **How To Promote CFDA to the Public and Grow the Organization.**

14. **Open Discussion**

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