

# COWBOY FAST DRAW ASSOCIATION



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# Regulator Guidelines

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# Regulator Posse Guidelines

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## Overview

In October of 2008 at the Cowboy Fast Draw world Championships Quick Cal announced the formation of a new posse called the Regulators. The first Posse members were appointed by Quick Cal at the very first Regulator meeting held at those World Championships. Some of the original posse members are not CFDA life members. However, being a CFDA life member has now become a requirement.

## Purpose

The Regulator Posse was formed to help support the growing number of CFDA members and affiliated clubs and to help the sport grow. Regulators will provide training and support to both new and existing clubs. Regulators may also represent the CFDA at events and functions outside of CFDA. US Marshals will continue to be the CFDA's rule making body. The Regulators will insure that the rules are taught and applied properly. The Regulator Posse has no authority over how CFDA affiliated clubs are run. Members of the Regulator Posse will meet periodically, usually at CFDA sanctioned or titled matches to discuss issues and exchange information. Regulators will meet annually during the CFDA World Championships.

## Goals

Many CFDA geographic territories currently do not have a Regulator within their boundaries. The immediate goal is to have at least one Regulator in each of the ten CFDA geographic territories. Until that goal is met existing Regulators will be asked to volunteer to support a geographic territory so that existing clubs and clubs in the works will know who to turn to for guidance and help. There is currently no limit to the total number of Regulators or the number of Regulators in a territory. Larger territories may have more than one Regulator in them. Regulators may be appointed as "At Large". At Large Regulators will not be assigned to a specific territory.

## What is a Regulator?

A Regulator is a CFDA Life member in good standing who is committed and passionate about Cowboy Fast Draw. They have demonstrated the required qualifications and skills, and have been nominated to the position by a current Regulator. It is not a popularity contest or a reward for service or helping out with a few duties connected with a local, sanctioned or titled match. A new Regulator must be approved by a simple majority of current Regulators who cast a vote. It is a voluntary position, and may be vacated at any time. A Regulator may be asked to step down based on commitment, performance or CFDA issues.

Regulators are also special representatives of CFDA. When Quick Cal or Mississippi Marshal are not present at a sanctioned contest, whether it is a Titled Championship or not, Regulators who are present will have the authority to act on behalf of CFDA, especially in matters of safety. If there is a safety concern at any contest, such as inadequate backstops, dangerous ammunition, or blatant disregard of the safety rules and/or a procedural issue at the contest the Regulators(s) present should make the Match Director aware of the issues and ask that they be corrected. If the matter is not corrected (See page 6 of the CFDA Guidelines) Regulator(s) will have the authority to remove a sanction from any level contest, which will immediately suspend CFDA's Sanction and insurance coverage of the event. Regulators must then cease their involvement with the event and report the action to CFDA management as soon as possible. Regulators will wear their Regulator Badge at all CFDA events and functions so they can be readily identified.

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**Important Note:** Regulators must be very careful not to be over zealous in using this authority. Regulators must never over step their bounds and must be sure that a blatant violation exists and that hosts are not willing to correct the situation. Removing the CFDA Sanction from a contest is a major decision and has serious consequences and must be very carefully considered before taking this action.

## Requirements and Qualifications

A Regulator must be CFDA life member in good standing. A couple such as a Husband and Wife may be considered a team. In this case only one needs to be a CFDA Life Member. A Regulator candidate has demonstrated the knowledge, experience and ability to organize and manage a significant major match and not just a small gathering for an informal monthly match. In other words, a Regulator needs to know it all and be able to do it all, and have the experience, confidence and ability to teach others how to do it. A Regulator will be able and willing to travel to help other clubs get their feet on the ground and to help out at CFDA events.

If a Regulator is not satisfactorily performing their duties, they may be asked to leave the Posse. At that point the Regulator will step down. A Regulator may also voluntarily step down for other reasons.

A Regulator who has been asked to leave the Posse or has voluntary stepped down will remain a member in good standing of the CFDA unless other action has also been taken by the CFDA.

A former Regulator will still be certified to teach the Range Officer class unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

## Reinstatement Process

A Regulator who has been asked to leave the Posse or who has voluntarily stepped down will have the opportunity to return to the Posse providing all current CFDA qualifications are met. They should submit a request to return to the Posse to the Regulator Posse Sheriff. If the request is approved they will enter the "in training" program administered by a Regulator assigned to their territory for a refresher and they will complete the Regulator Checklist. They will then be given an opportunity to be nominated and approved for a return to the Posse.

The nomination and voting process for a reinstated Regulator does not have to wait until the Regulator's Annual Meeting at the end of the year. It can be done immediately after the Regulator requesting reinstatement has completed all of the necessary steps in the Regulator Checklist and the checklist has been signed off on by the Training Regulator. The nomination will be sent to all current Regulators and the Regulator Sheriff by the Training Regulator. A yes or no vote will be taken by all current Regulators with a simple majority either approving or denying the reinstatement.

## Basic Requirements

These requirements will be verified by the supervising Regulator.

- A CFDA life member in good standing. In the case of a couple one needs to be a CFDA life member
- A certified Range Officer
- Has taught a CFDA authorized Range Officer class with a Regulator's supervision
- Has taught a CFDA Youth Safety class with a US Marshal's or Regulator's supervision
- Is able and willing to travel to attend CFDA matches, CFDA promotions, club matches and to help train others.
- Is a regular competitor in CFDA matches.

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## Qualifications and Skills

The qualifications and skills discussed here are harder to acquire than the Basic Requirements listed above. It is recommended that these qualifications and skills be practiced as often as possible at significant matches and with the supervision and guidance of a current Regulator.

A Regulator will be able and willing to travel to help other clubs get their feet on the ground and to help out at CFDA events. This includes the knowledge and experience to handle all aspects of a match, from initial organization, to the event itself.

A Regulator must be an experienced:

- RO Class instructor
- Range Officer
- Announcer
- Score Keeper
- Hand Judge
- Match Organizer

A Regulator must have:

- The knowledge and experience to setup and operate all electronic equipment,
- The knowledge and experience to setup the range including backstops, targets and firing line.
- The knowledge and experience to perform match equipment checks.
- The knowledge and experience to perform gun and holster checks.

This is not a definitive list and it will change over time. A regulator should be "well rounded", with the knowledge and experience about the whole process to get the job done. A Regulator does not need be perfect at all of these things. A Regulator might be better at some of these things than others.

A Regulator should be a leader who is available to help a new club get started and hold their first matches and to assist and teach a young or struggling club how it's done. A Regulator should be able to help a club organize and hold their first CFDA sanctioned or titled match.

## Becoming a Regulator

A CFDA life member in good standing should first meet the basic requirements listed above including becoming a CFDA life member if they are not already one. If a couple is to be considered as a team then one of them has to be a CFDA life member. Once this is accomplished then an aspiring Regulator candidate should tell a current Regulator that they are interested in becoming a Regulator. If the candidate is not well known they may be asked to submit a CFDA resume to help document their current knowledge and skills. A current Regulator may also ask a qualified candidate if they are interested in becoming a Regulator. Ideally this should be done before the shooting season starts to give the new candidate sufficient time to acquire and practice the necessary skills, and meet all of the requirements. The supervising Regulator will notify the Regulator Sheriff of the new candidate. The candidate will become a "Regulator in Training". The supervising Regulator will work with the candidate to make sure that all of the Basic Requirements and Required Qualifications and Skills are met to the supervising Regulator's satisfaction. The Regulator in Training will accomplish this by helping to organizing and set up sanctioned matches and perform other tasks under a Regulator's supervision. A Regulator in training may attend the Regulator annual meeting held

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at the CFDA World Championships and can participate in discussions but will not have a vote until they are appointed a Regulator.

## **Nomination Process**

After all qualifications are met during the “in training” phase the candidate can be nominated by the Regulator who spent the most time with the them and knows their abilities the best, and has verified their qualifications. Nominations from Regulator in Training to Regulator will be accepted by the Regulator Sheriff before the Regulator annual meeting at the CFDA World Championships. The nominating Regulator will send an email to all current Regulators. The email will include the nominee’s name, alias, home club and a copy of the regulators skills checklist. The nominating Regulator should help make the case for the nominee. Before the nomination is accepted it must be seconded by at least one current Regulator via a “reply to all” email to all Regulators. Once a second is received, the nominated Regulator candidate will be placed on the ballot.

## **Voting**

Approximately two weeks before the Regulator annual meeting the Regulator Sheriff will email a Ballot including the names of all Regulator nominees to all current Regulators. The Regulators will indicate a “Yes” or “No” vote on the ballot for each nominee and return the ballot to the Regulator Sheriff before the start of the annual meeting. Regulators considered to be a team will only have one vote as a team. Currently Mississippi Marshal is a Regulator but is a nonvoting member of the Posse. The Regulator Sheriff will bring the ballots to the annual meeting in case there are questions about the vote. A simple majority of Regulators voting “yes” is necessary to appoint a new Regulator. The first topic on the annual meeting agenda will be the announcement of the newly appointed Regulators. Their names will also be posted on the forum and on the Cowboy Fast Draw web site. The new Regulators will be able to participate in discussions and vote on issues during the annual meeting.

## **Regulator Posse Officers**

The Regulator Posse will have an elected Sheriff and an elected Deputy Sheriff.

The Regulator Sheriff will be up for election each year. There will be a place on the ballot for each Regulator that is interested in being elected Sheriff. A Regulator must have served as a Regulator for at least one year before being elected as the Sheriff. If a Regulator is interested in becoming the Sheriff they should let the current Regulator Posse Sheriff know so their name can be placed on the ballot. The current Sheriff may place their name on the ballot and may be reelected. The ballot which will also include the names of the nominated Regulators in Training will be sent to all current Regulators approximately two weeks before the annual meeting at the World Championships. A simple majority of Regulators voting will elect the Sheriff.

The election of the Deputy Sheriff will follow the same process as the Sheriff.

The Regulator Posse Sheriff and the Regulator Posse Deputy Sheriff will not be assigned to specific territories but will be “Regulators at Large” so they can help out in any territory as necessary.

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## Regulator Posse Requirements and Qualifications Checklists

As stated in the ***Regulator Guidelines*** “a Regulator needs to know it all and be able to do it all, and have the experience, confidence and ability to teach others how to do it”. This includes the knowledge and experience to handle all aspects of a match, from initial organization, to the event itself.

### Basic Requirements

These requirements must be met and verified by the supervising Regulator before the candidate can enter the Regulator in Training program.

Requirement	Met
Is a CFDA life member in good standing	
Is a certified Range Officer	
Has taught a CFDA authorized Range Officer class with a Regulator’s supervision	
Has taught a CFDA Youth Safety class with a US Marshal’s or Regulator’s supervision	
Is able and willing to travel to attend CFDA matches, CFDA promotions, club matches and to help train others.	
Is a regular competitor in CFDA matches	

### Qualifications and Skills Checklist

The qualifications and skills listed here are harder to acquire than the Basic Requirements listed above. It is recommended that these qualifications and skills be practiced as often as possible at significant matches and with the supervision and guidance of a current Regulator.

Qualification or Skill	Regulator sign off
<b>Certified RO Class instructor - Locations &amp; Dates</b>	
<b>Range Master (list matches)</b>	
<b>Announcing</b>	
Shooters & Hand Judges to the line	
Calling times and scores	
Acknowledging Sponsors	

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<b>Qualification or Skill</b>	<b>Regulator sign off</b>
Educating Spectators	
Keeping it light and having fun	
<b>Score Keeping</b>	
Recording Scores	
Keeping the "X" count	
Drawing & Posting Rounds	
<b>Range Setup</b>	
Setup backstops and side wings	
Setup targets – measuring and lasering	
Setup the firing line.	
Setup other areas – dry fire, cleaning, shooter, spectator	
Setup timers and run wiring	
Setup and operate all other electronic equipment	
Perform range equipment checks.	
Perform gun and holster checks	
<b>Match Organization</b>	
Registration	
Committees	
Sponsors	
Banquet	
Awards	
Understanding of how CFDA match ammo is loaded	
<b>Set up and manage Town Folk Alley</b>	
<b>Titled Matches Worked</b>	

**Date Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Supervising Regulator	Regulator in Training
Print Name	Print Name
Signature	Signature

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## **Regulator Comments**

Use this section to help make the case for the Regulator Nominee.

# Cowboy Fast Draw Resume

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## Personal Information Form

**Name:**

**Alias:**

**CFDA #**

**NRA #**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Address:**

Street:

City:

State:

Zip

**Spouse:**

## Other Information

**Qualifications and Accomplishments (Give year, matches and details)**

**2002:**

## Additional Items

**Travel (Matches and other CFDA events)**

# Change History

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