

# **Cowboy Fast Draw Association**

## **Range Officer & Range Master Training Outline**



***Safety First, Fun Second, Competition Third.***



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## Introduction

### New Policy

CFDA has established a new policy concerning the RO Program. With the growth of our sport, we felt it was time to re-think the distribution of CFDA Range Officer Program so that it can be circulated more efficiently throughout our system of clubs and our members.

### Becoming a CFDA Range Officer

Teaching the CFDA rules, hand judging and basic range Operations procedures will now be the responsibility of our CFDA Affiliated Clubs. These classes may be taught by a club's U.S. Marshal, Club Officer, or club appointed Range Officer (RO). It shall be the club's role to train their club members in the application of CFDA rules and addendums, as well as hand judging responsibilities. We believe that this will reinforce our view that everyone on the range is a "Range Officer" especially where efficient range operations and safety is concerned.

The Range Operations Written Exam will be posted on the CFDA web site so that it can be downloaded. The written exam is "open book" meaning that it can be taken as a group, as part of a club level training class or as an individual. The current CFDA Gunslinger's Guidelines, consultation with others, or any other source of information may be used to complete the questions on the written exam. We encourage all CFDA members to read the current CFDA Gunslinger's Guidelines and then take the Range Operations Written Exam, so that they can have a better understanding of how the rules are applied, whether they want to be a CFDA Range Officer, or a CFDA Qualified Range Master, or not. Just by having this information, our members will be more confident as a competitor when they have a good understanding of the rules.

CFDA Affiliated Clubs will keep a copy of the Range Operations Written Exam on file and issue a handwritten CFDA Range Officer card to members completing club training and the written exam; they may also issue official CFDA Range Officer pin to members who meet these requirements. Pins may be ordered directly from CFDA for \$5 each, plus postage.

CFDA Affiliated Clubs are responsible to provide continuing education and keep their members current on training or any changes in CFDA Rules and Range Operations.

## Becoming a CFDA Qualified Range Master

Beginning in 2015, all Range Masters and Timer Operator/Announcers at all CFDA Class A & B Sanctioned Events must be either a CFDA Qualified Range Master or a Range Master Candidate being observed by a Regulator or Approved Range Master Instructor.

When any CFDA member decides that they want to become a CFDA Qualified Range Master, they can complete the Qualified Range Master Registration Form at the end of the Range Operations Written Exam, whether they have participated in a Club Training Program or download the exam and complete it independently. Contact the CFDA Regulator or an Approved Range Master Instructor in your Territory by phone or email and they will contact you with information on where to send your completed exam with the Range Master registration block filled out. The Regulator or Approved Range Master Instructor will notify you after they have graded the written exam. After reviewing your exam, they will contact you with further instructions.

Range Master applicants who have passed the Range Operations Written Exam will be invited to complete their training at a Range Master Training Course which are normally held in conjunction with Class A, B, and C Sanctioned Events or at the discretion of the Regulators or Approved Range Master Instructors. Such events are usually posted on the CFDA Telegraph in the Range Officer Section.

Upon successful completion of Range Master training, the instructor shall check the box for "Passed Qualified Range Master Training", sign it, and then submit a copy to the Regulator Posse Sheriff. The Regulator Posse Sheriff will issue a CFDA Range Master card and pin. The Sheriff will keep a copy of the completed exam on file. There is no charge for our members who wish to go through the process of becoming a Qualified Range Master and receive a card and pin.

## Qualified Range Master Requalification

Requalification will be required once every two years based on the issue year on your CFDA Range Master Card. Requalification can be carried out anytime during the year when requalification is due, there will always be a requalification course offered at the Fastest Gun Alive, which is traditionally held at the end of the shooting season. Requalification will begin with the Qualified Range Master completing the current Range Operations Written Exam and bringing it to any scheduled Range Master Training Course for continuing education.

Upon successful completion of the Requalification process, the Instructor will submit the updated and signed Range Operations Written Exam to the Regulator Posse Sheriff, who will keep it on file. The Qualified Range Master's expiration date will be updated on their card and in the Range Master database.

## What to Expect at a Qualified Range Master Course

The Qualified Range Master Course will be conducted by a current CFDA Regulators or Approved Range Master Instructors only. The course will be conducted at or near the location of an actual CFDA Class A, B, or C Sanctioned Event. **It is the Range Master Candidate's or Requalifying Range Master's responsibility to bring their completed Range Operations Written Exam/Application to the course. They should also bring their current copy of the Gunslinger's Guidelines.**

### Part 1.

The classroom session will generally run no more than 90 minutes and will consist of a review of the safety rules, contest rules and range commands and protocol and how they apply to running a shooting range or announcing a contest. This course will not include the basic information that is normally taught in a Standard Range Officer Class, which Range Master Candidates should have already completed at a club level.

### Part 2.

The Regulator or Approved Range Master Instructor will then observe the Range Master Candidate in action actually running the range for a couple of rounds. The Regulator or Approved Range Master Instructor will then approve or disapprove each applicant. When approved new applicants will have their paperwork forwarded to the Regulator Posse Sheriff for issuance of a card and pin. Those requalifying will keep their pin and receive a new expiration date sticker to put on their card. Their new expiration date will be updated in the Range Master database.

Those not passing, will be assessed by the Instructor for either more on the spot training, if time allows, or will be denied and asked to continue studying and then re-apply.

## **Regulator Posse Sheriff**

The Regulator Posse Sheriff will keep the Qualified Range Master database updated and posted on the CFDA **Telegraph** complete with expiration year dates, so that Match Directors have a resource list of Qualified Range Masters to choose from. This will also be a resource to Qualified Range Masters, since it is their responsibility to check their expiration date and keep their cards up to date.

# **Range Operations Exam Outline**

**From the current Gunslinger's Guidelines Review Chapters:**

## **II. Competition Rules and Regulations**

- Interpreting the Rules
- Equipment Checks
- Guns
- Holsters
- Ammunition
- Basic Range Set Up

## **IV. Elimination Contest Procedures**

- Reviewing Basic Procedures
- By-Round Section
- Timer Malfunctions
- Hits vs No-Hits
- Alibi for Host Supplied Ammunition Section
- Re-Shoot Procedure
- Standard Range Commands
- Timer Operator/Announcer & Range Master

## **V. Technical, Procedural, and Conduct Rules section**

- Technical Rules & Penalties
- Procedural Violations & Penalties
- Conduct Violations & Penalties

## **VI. Safety Rules and Violations**

- NRA Safety Rules
- Additional CFDA Safety Rules
- Safety Violations & Penalties
- Major Safety Violations & Penalties

## **VI. General Match**

- Arbitration Committee
- CFDA Match Officials Definitions
- Hand Judging Section
- General Information & Etiquette
- Shooting Area Details
- Safe Backstops

**The newest Addendums**