

2023 CFDA MARSHAL'S MUSTER AGENDA (Published 8-22-23)

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

Wednesday – October 11th – 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. – 3C Arena Meeting Room

Note: Marshal's Cup Match begins at 9:00 a.m. (Registration @ 8 a.m.)

Only "Voting" U.S. Marshals or Appointed Deputies and CFDA Regulators are invited to compete in the Marshal's Cup.

1. **Introduction - All Club Representatives & CFDA Management**
2. **Opening Statements by Quick Cal & Alotta Lead**
3. **Recruiting is always the key to building your club & What is Working and What is not! If your club is not growing, then it is in the process of dying.....**
Discussion How to keep the excitement and fun alive in your club.
4. **Explain how clubs can use the "Invitation to a Gunfighter" Program. Best recruiting tool we have found!**

Note: Even though CFDA Submits Some Agenda Items, many are due to comments, suggestions and requests by our members at the many multiple events that we attend.

5. **Future Agenda Item Proposed and Supported for This Agenda (From Marshal Muster 2022)**
Discussion & Possible Action (Introduced By Wench)
 - A. **Motion to discuss volunteering to wear a red cross arm band to be designated medical personnel at an event.**
Motion seconded and vote taken. Majority vote to discuss now and place on 2023 Agenda.
 - i. **This would be completely voluntary**
 - ii. **CFDA team to establish guidelines. Wench to lead team.**
6. **Maximum Number of Shots Per Round, CFDA Titled Championships (Class A & B Events).**
Discussion & Possible Action (Submitted by CFDA)

Reason for Submittal: (By: Quick Cal) - Having unlimited numbers of shots at smaller events may not be a big deal. However, what we have discovered is that the larger the match, the higher the chance of having one or more of these bouts in most of the early rounds of a match. For example, at the FGA in 2022, with almost 280 shooters, I noticed that at just after noon that we were running behind schedule. When I questioned our highly competent FGA Scoring Team, they explained that we kept having long bouts in most of the morning rounds. Since we were running about 140 bouts for each round, it became obvious that if just one long bout per round it delays entering the scoresheets needed to draw the next round for everyone. Therefore, only 2 shooters can delay hundreds of shooters in large tournaments. For the first time ever, we could only get 6 Rounds completed in our Men's Division on Friday. In the past few years this has happened at other matches, with some matches going on 30 or more shots, one even went 44 recently, which also consumed 88 rounds of Host supplied ammo. More and more shooters lately have been asking for shot limits, which prompted my to write about it in my column in our Spring Gunslinger's Gazette. Since then our office has received a number of suggestions.

Recommended Suggestion: Use the same procedure as the Nevada 8 Format, except that instead of 5 shots, for a main match it would be 10 shots. It makes sense since most experienced shooters already understand this format. In the Spirit of Our Game since there are 13 knots in a noose, calling it the Hangman Format seems fun and appropriate. With a few simple word or number changes to Nevada 8, it would read as follows:

Hangman Format: The Hangman Format is a 10 Shot Round, but with a limit of 3 additional tie-breaker shots, as follows:

1. A round normally consists with a maximum of 10 shots fired by each competitor.
2. If a competitor wins 3 shots anytime within the initial 10 shots, they are immediately declared the winner of the round.
3. After 10 shots are fired, and neither competitor has won 3 shots, but one is ahead by 1-0, 2-0, or 2-1, they are declared the winner of the round.
4. If a competitor is ahead 2-0 after 9 shots, they are declared the winner of the round, since the bout cannot be tied with one shot to go.
5. **Tie Breakers** - If both shooters are tied after the 5th shot, 0-0, 1-1, or 2-2, then the first winning hit shall break the tie. In regular rounds there is a maximum of three additional "tie-breaker" shots, if neither shooter records a winning hit by the 13th shot, they both receive an "X".
6. Once the shooter count for the match is down to or below recognized places, the format automatically changes to "3 Winning Hits".

Clarification:

- A. **Tie Shots** - (both contestants hitting their targets with identical times) that occur during this format must be re-shot, according to CFDA Rules, and do not count towards either the initial 5 shots, or the 3 additional tie-breaker shot limits.

(Other options and proposals are welcome to be introduced and discussed at this meeting.)

7. **Adjust Top Gun of the Year Points**

Discussion & Possible Action (Submitted by Eagle Rock Outlaws)

Reason For Submittal: (By: Dangerous Dave) Members of our club have noticed that over the last years all or most of the CFDA Events have more shooters signing up and shooting. This is a Great thing, but we think it is time to adjust the Point system for Top Gun of the Year.

This would give more shooters some recognition they all deserve, and doesn't cost anything!

For example, at large matches like Nationals or Worlds We have almost 200 shooters in the men's category, yet only 55 to 65 shooters receive points.

Last year more than 100 men paid and shot at worlds yet did not receive even 1 point!

This is most noticeable in the men's category, due to more men shooters. We recommend:

60 Points	State Championships
75 Points	Territorial Championships
100 Points	U.S. National Championship
150 Points	Fastest Gun Alive World Championship

This is Just an example; I also believe this would help more people sign up for these shoots. At the end of the year shooters that go to the major matches would be listed in a better order. Instead of many shooters listed at the end with a zero total for the year. This would also prevent many of the ties at the end of the year.

CFDA Comment: We believe that a discussion is certainly warranted by our U.S. Marshals. However, it's not a simple formula. For instance, winning a State or Territorial Championship certainly should receive more points than say 50th or 60th Place at FGA. Perhaps some 1/2 points or some other method of calculation might do?

8. **REPEAL RULE 17**

Discussion & Possible Action (Submitted by Bluegrass Fast Draw)

Reason For Submittal: (By: Green River)

This topic more than any other seems to bring out the most divided discussions in all of fast draw. This original CFDA rule was once taken out of the rulebook and I believe it is time to do so again. I will give some reasons and alternatives for the rule, if I can.

1. I believe more than any other reason that the rule should be removed is the plain and simple fact that it hasn't been effective. And one of the main reasons for this is Hand Judge rule abuse. To say that Hand Judges are the biggest area of trouble in our sport is an understatement. We commonly hear and say "We need to do a better job of training hand judges". And this is true. But it also has to be understood that hand judges are not officials. They're simply shooters. Some serious. Some not. Some just doing their best. We can never do enough to improve our Hand Judges. But some will only ever reach a certain level. Ultimately a lot of the job relies on the honesty of our competitors. So any rule that isn't universally understandable by our most casual shooters is a hard sell. And unfortunately, the other side of that spectrum is the abuse of that Hand Judge position. Whether to willfully ignore the rule because they disagree with it, or to use it to distract a shooter that the judge doesn't like. This isn't the type of thing we like to think about, but it does happen. And perhaps the worst example of this is favoritism. A Hand Judge ignoring the rule for a favored competitor.
2. The purpose of the rule has not been achieved. When reinstated the purpose of the rule was to help prevent unsafe shooting practices. IT IS NOT A SAFETY RULE! Those things sound the same but are not. The fact is that it's not unsafe to fire a gun behind the front lip of a holster. It IS unsafe to fire over the backstop or into a holster. And after 7 years, people are still shooting their holsters. And we've recently had to upgrade the penalty for shooting over a backstop. I've heard many people say "we've got to put more teeth in the rule". And I can understand this because of the way shooters seem to ignore it. But the fact is that this is a Technical Rule. And there is a set enforcement policy for those rules in place. To change it for one rule would require creating a new rule category. Or if we make it a Safety Rule as some suggest, then the examples of abuse I listed earlier only get worse. We've all heard too many times "if they don't like it, they can go shoot with those other guys". We are unfortunately seeing that happen. CFDA is the only shooting organization with a rule such as this. And I'm very proud of the safety culture that CFDA promotes. Extremely proud! But there is clearly a desire among Fast Draw culture for the type of shooting that this rule is being used to target. Another major issue I see is the constant morale drain over this issue. The never-ending discussion. The number of new shooters who have the "Rule 17" drilled into them without knowing why it's even called Rule 17. Multiple

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times over the last couple years I have given my “infamous” Safety Meeting and asked the crowds during the meeting to name any additional Technical Rules after detailing this one. And so far, no one has. I consider this to be a major problem. And perhaps the worst issue of all is that we have a growing culture of shooters who are not only teaching themselves to shoot breaking this rule, but who are being taught to. I’ve had more than one “student of the game” tell me personally that they’ve been taught to just shoot however based on the odds of ever getting caught doing it. “The worst that you’ll get is a warning”. And I will also say that this is being taught to shooters from multiple sources. I’m not aiming this at any specific groups or individuals. But the fact is that it’s happening. And titled championships are being won this way. And shooters who have conformed to this rule are shooting at a disadvantage because of it. It is not the rule itself that has caused this, but the divided culture the rule has created. I believe there are other ways to achieve what this rule was set in place to do.

- A. Disqualify repaired holster- holsters with the front lip blown out or glued back together show poor shooting practice. A forced holster replacement will be more likely to slow this down.
- B. The stronger penalty for shooting over the backstop is already a step in the right direction.
- C. Less is more- with this rule gone, we eliminate an issue for Hand Judges and do away with the need for Line Judges. Anything we can do to simplify our game should always be seriously considered. I believe we are in a great time in our culture where it will have chances to grow in ways it never has before. I truly believe that removing this rule will take a roadblock away from us. CFDA is the strongest institution in Fast draw, if not all western shooting sports right now. We need to be willing to grow in new ways.

**9. RULE 17 From (TV -Warning) to (PV- Loss of Shot) or to (SV - Loss of Round)
Discussion & Possible Action (The Cowboys)(By: No Daisy)**

Reason For Submittal: None Given

**10. Shootist Main Match Sub-Category to Have Top Gun of the Year Points
Discussion & Possible Action (The Cowboys) (By: No Daisy)**

Reason For Submittal: None Given

**11. Marshal’s Muster Zoom or Skype Option
Discussion & Possible Action (Submitted by Bluegrass Fast Draw)**

Reason for Submittal: (By: Green River) With today’s advances in technology, there should be an option for a Zoom or Skype option for the Marshal’s Muster for all CFDA U.S. Marshals who cannot attend FGA to still be able to represent their clubs.

**12. Create an Inter-Club Online Competition Format
Discussion & Possible Action (Submitted by Dirty Face Gang)**

Reason for Submittal: (By: Dirty Rotten): I would like to propose for discussion the following items in the next Marshal Muster, and it has to do with the use of Internet Media and the discussion of it potential use with Club Shoots and having more fun with other clubs around the country, your/our families.

I would like to figure out how the Dirty Face Gang can call out other like clubs around the country to a club shoot for fun through the use of Internet connections. We all have club shoots and club practice’s where we are constantly being challenged by our own competition and club members and not interacting with other clubs at long distance or only meet once or twice a year. I am currently working how we can make a connective system to meet the challenge and a more connective interaction between clubs for the sport of Cowboy Fast Draw. I have been in contact with other CFDA members and would like permission to try working out a way for this connective interaction but would also ask the Marshals to review some of the things that we may not be looking at or overlooking how this interaction is in line with following the CFDA rules and Club shoots. I would like to propose the following and then considerations of how club shoots should be governed.

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In today's workplace I am constantly using the TEAMS platform on my outlook for constructive meetings that are very useful and in real time with only a second or .500 lag or lapse in communication. I am going to use this platform to see in a split screen format, with a camera that will capture 2 to 4 lanes from behind to see the shooter and the time displays. I would like feedback on ideas and constructively put together a format that follow the CFDA rules. Would like input that would generate the CFDA's ability to grow another platform for fun.

Things to consider.

- How using the Team's platform interacts with Club shoots
- How using Teams split screen tool in conducting a round and how the Range Master at each club interacts with their counterpart Range Master at the other location.
- How each round is posted between each round on the screen for viewing
- Rules for going down range to establish hit or no hit with hand Judges.
- Issues of score keeping
- How the announcer gives the command or if both has their own announcer when given the shooters Line is ready command.

I know I am not thinking of everything, but I strongly feel this would create a new way for clubs to interact and have some changeling fun. I intend to work with other club members to try to figure this out and try to get you guys more information on how things work out and what works and what doesn't.

13. Future Agenda Items

14. OPEN DISCUSSION
Parting Thoughts & Ideas

15. Closing Statement by Quick Cal

16. Adjournment