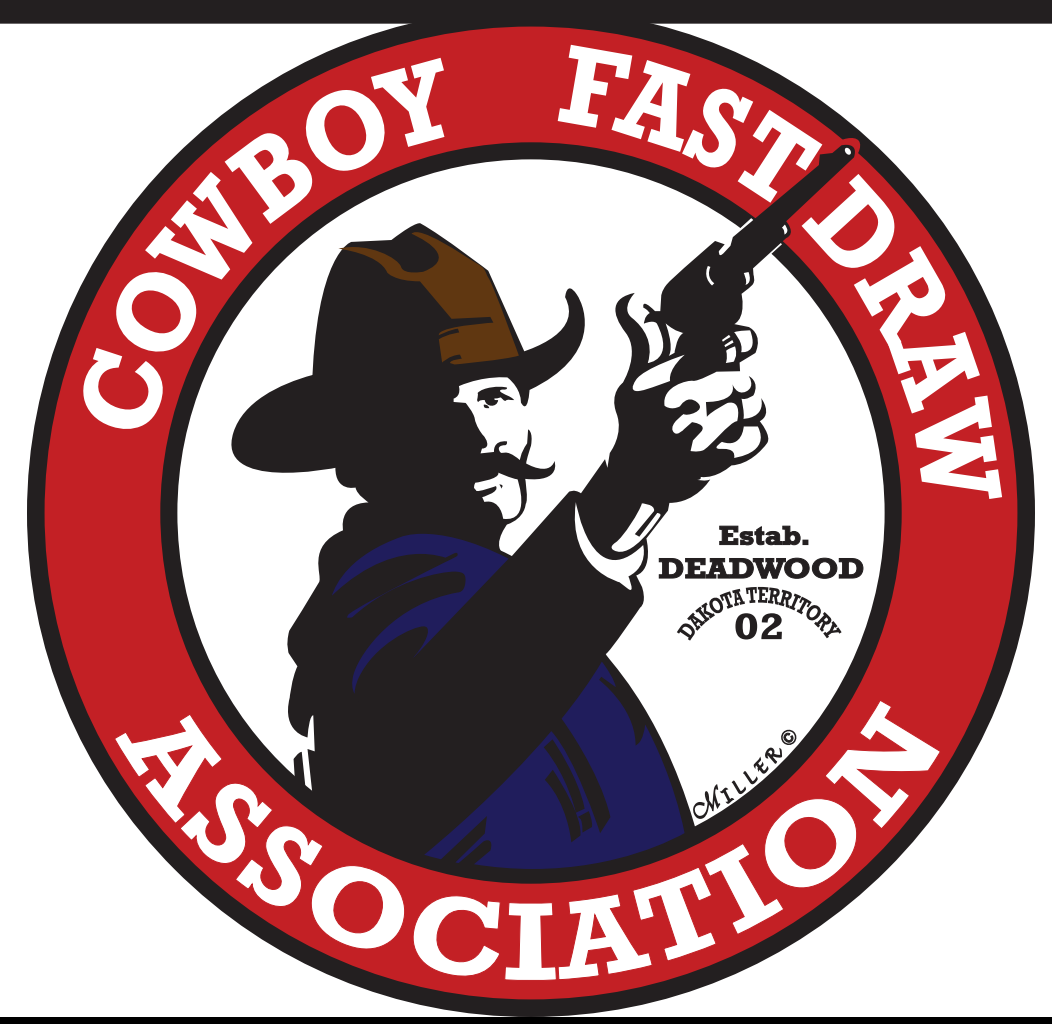


# COWBOY FAST DRAW ASSOCIATION

## BASIC RANGE SAFETY & COMPETITION RULES



For Complete Rules, Please refer to the current: Gunslinger's Rules, Guidelines & Handbook

### PRIMARY UNIVERSAL SAFETY RULES FOR ALL FIREARMS:

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1. TREAT ALL FIREARMS AS IF THEY ARE LOADED AT ALL TIMES.
2. NEVER POINT A FIREARM AT ANYONE OR ANYTHING THAT YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO DESTROY. (LOADED OR NOT)

### STANDARD SAFETY VIOLATIONS

1. Down Range Rule: Holster, or keep your gun holstered, when anyone is in front of the firing line on that entire range, or immediately after any Judge gives any "Down Range" command.  
**(Important! If a firearm is pointed directly at anyone, loaded or not, Major Safety Rule #1 Applies)**
2. 170 Rule: The muzzle of the firearm must always be pointed downrange (plus or minus) 85 degrees, whenever it is unholstered, loaded or not. *A holstered gun is considered a safe gun.*
3. Unsafe Gun Handling: The firing line is no place for fancy gun handling or spinning.
4. Discharging the Gun in the Holster, Shooting the Holster, or a Bullet Impacting Behind the Firing Line.
5. Dropping a Gun on the Firing Line (loaded or unloaded).
6. Accidental Discharge of any Round.
7. All Gun Must be Inspected and Verified Empty Before Leaving the Firing Line. *Changing lanes while remaining on the Firing Line does not require unloading and reloading.*

**(Any Combination of 3 Standard Safety Violations (SV) = Match DQ)**

### MAJOR SAFETY VIOLATIONS

1. ALWAYS Keep Firearms Pointed in a Safe Direction. (Loaded or Not)  
**(This Applies to ANYWHERE at a CFDA Event!)**
2. Loading or Unloading Ammunition Anywhere Other Than the Firing Line.
3. .45 LC Live Ammunition is NOT Permitted in the Contest Area by Any Registered Contestant.
4. Alcohol Consumption or Being Under the Influence is Strictly Prohibited.

**(Any Major Safety Violations (MSV) = Match DQ)**

### PROCEDURAL VIOLATIONS

1. Fanning or Two-Handed Shooting is Allowed: If fanning or using the opposite hand for recoveries, the contestant's opposite hand must not be moved in front of the body until the start light comes on. Where the opposite hand is placed is not relevant unless it is being used actually operate the hammer.
2. **Anticipation: The Competitor cannot move the gun in the holster** after the shooting command "set" and before the start light comes on.  
*(See This Section of Rule Book for Shots Fired Faster Than Men or Ladies World Records.)*
3. No Contest: If both shooters move and/or draw the gun before the light comes on, it is a "No Contest".
4. To Move the Gun or Activate the Cocking of the Hammer Before the Start Light Come On.
5. No Calling Off Shots: Except for Safety Reasons.
6. Firing More Than One Shot Per Draw.
7. Reporting to the Firing Line On Time: If a competitor has not reported to or seen approaching the Firing Line within 3 Minutes after being called, they shall Forfeit the Round.

**(Any Procedural Violations (PV) Result in Loss of Shot)**

### TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS

1. Hand Rule: You may touch the gun or holster. This is called "Lawman Ready".
2. No Finger May Be in the Trigger Guard Before the Light Comes On.
3. No More Than 5 Rounds May Be Loaded: The hammer must always be down on an empty or fired chamber.
4. Changing the Position or Lifting the Gun to an Illegal Position in the Holster.
5. Positioning the Holster Anywhere Other Than the Side of the Leg.
6. Both Feet Must be Behind the Firing Line.
7. Shooters Must Remain in Their Shooting Lane:
8. Guns Must Remain Holstered Until "Load and Make Ready" Command is Given.
9. Dry Firing On The Firing Line After "Load and Make Ready": Is allowed but only a few times. You may also draw your gun a few times between shots for alignment purposes.
10. Safety Notch Engagement: If competition is using the safety notch in a colt-style action the, it must be placed on the safety notch before final holstering before shooting commands are given.
11. Dry Firing Off the Firing Line in Approved Dry-Fire Area Only.
12. Not Bringing Enough Shotgun Primer Loads to the Firing Line.
13. Guns Are To Be Holstered or Encased at ALL Times.
14. Contestants May Not Solicit Coaching in Class A & B Titled Championships.
15. Shot Refusal: Competitors may not refuse the result of a fired shot, unless Range Master agrees.
16. Observe Shoot-Off Gun Cleaing Time Limits.
17. Discharging the Gun With the Muzzle CLEARLY Behind the Front Holster Pouch Cut, Is Not Allowed.

**(Technical Violations (TV), 1st Violation - Warning; 2nd Violation - Loss of Shot; 3rd Violation - Loss of Round)**

*All competitions agree to follow the latest edition of the CFDA Gunslinger's Rule & Guidelines.*

# Safety First, Fun Second, and Competition Third!