

**COWBOY FAST DRAW ASSOCIATION**  
**Non-Profit Organization**



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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 Championship, 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 that World Championship. Some of the original Posse members are not Cowboy Fast Draw Association (CFDA) life members. However, being a CFDA life member has since 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. The Posse is a team of Regulators working as one to provide training and support to both new and existing clubs, helping to maintain knowledge and consistency of the CFDA Rules & Guidelines across the CFDA membership and club population. Regulators may also represent the CFDA at events and functions outside of CFDA. It's important to note, that the US Marshals are the CFDA's rule making body, and the Regulators ensure that the rules are taught and applied properly. The Regulator Posse has no authority over how CFDA affiliated clubs are run.

## Goals

Each CFDA geographic territory, including international, should have at least one Regulator. If at any time, we don't have a Regulator in a territory, existing Regulators will be asked to volunteer to support that geographic territory so that existing clubs and clubs in the works will know who to turn to for guidance and help. Current Regulators will work toward identifying and training new Regulators to support territories efficiently. There is currently no limit to the total number of Regulators nor the number of Regulators in each territory. Larger territories should 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 (outlined below) and have been nominated to the position by a current Regulator. Being a Regulator is not a popularity contest or a reward for service or helping with a few duties connected with a local, sanctioned or titled match.

A Regulator ensures our CFDA membership is trained effectively and ensures the CFDA Rules & Guidelines are applied properly. A Regulator provides help and guidance to new and existing clubs. A Regulator in Training must complete the Checklist and be approved to join the Posse 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 and Authorized Range Master Instructors are the only people authorized to conduct Range Master classes. Only Regulators can sign off on Qualified Range Masters. Regulators are also special representatives of CFDA. When the Executive Director or a member of the Board of Territorial Governors is 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

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CFDA, especially in matters of safety. If there is a safety concern at any contest, such as inadequate backstops or side wings, dangerous ammunition, or blatant disregard for the safety rules and/or a procedural issue at the contest, the Regulator(s) present should make the Match Director aware of the issue(s) and ask that they be corrected. Regulator(s) should offer help to make the correction.

If the matter is not corrected, the 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.

**Important Note:** Regulators must be very careful not to be overzealous in using this authority. Regulators must never overstep 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.

## Qualifications and Skills Overview

A Regulator is a CFDA life member who must remain in good standing. A couple such as a Husband and Wife may be considered a Regulator Team. In this case, only one must be a CFDA Life Member. For a team, the combined knowledge, experience and ability to meet the Qualifications and Skills can be shared between the couple.

A Regulator has demonstrated the knowledge, experience and ability to organize and manage all aspects of a major match from initial organization to the event itself, 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 is able and willing to travel to help clubs get their feet on the ground and to help at CFDA events.

Members of the Regulator Posse will meet periodically via video conference, and when pre-planned, at CFDA sanctioned or titled matches to sync up, discuss challenges and exchange information. Regulators will meet annually during the CFDA World Championship and bring a prepared annual Regulator's Report to review at the meeting.

Regulators will practice the qualifications and skills as often as possible at significant matches to help develop their knowledge and gain experience. A Regulator in Training will practice under the supervision and guidance of a current Regulator.

## Qualifications and Skills

A Regulator is an experienced and active:

- RO & RM Class Instructor
- Qualified Range Master
- Youth Safety Class Instructor
- Announcer
- Score Keeper
- Hand Judge
- Match Organizer

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A Regulator has:

- The knowledge and experience to set up and operate all electronic equipment
- The knowledge and experience to set up the range including backstops, side wings, targets and firing line.
- The knowledge and experience to perform match equipment checks (i.e., timers, sensors, sound systems, etc).
- The knowledge and experience to perform gun and holster checks.
- Proficiency in safety rules.
- Leadership qualities to help a new club get started or assist a struggling club.
- The knowledge and willingness to help a club organize and hold their first CFDA sanctioned or titled match.

This is not a definitive list, and it will change over time. A Regulator is "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 these. A Regulator might be better at some of these than others.

## Becoming a Regulator

### Basic Requirements

The following requirements will have been verified by a supervising Regulator.

- A CFDA life member in good standing. In the case of a couple, only one must be a CFDA life member
- A Qualified and active Range Master
- Is a regular competitor in CFDA matches
- Is competent to manage safety concerns
- Shown commitment to build on and maintain their own knowledge and skills
- Known to be a positive promoter of the CFDA, and its rules and guidelines

If a member aspires to become a Regulator, they should first ensure they have the desire to perform the responsibilities, meet the basic requirements listed above including becoming a CFDA life member, if they are not already one.

### Regulator in Training Process

Once the Basic Requirements are met then an aspiring Regulator candidate should tell a current Regulator that they are interested in becoming a Regulator. 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 to meet all the requirements. The supervising Regulator will notify the Chief Regulator of the new candidate. The candidate will become a "Regulator in Training". The supervising Regulator will work with the candidate to

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make sure that all the Basic Requirements and Required Qualifications and Skills are met to the supervising Regulator's satisfaction. More than one Regulator can and may need to witness and verify the activities on the Checklist. The Regulator in Training will accomplish this by helping to organize and set up sanctioned matches and perform other tasks identified in the Checklist under a Regulator's supervision.

A Regulator in Training may attend the Regulator annual meeting held at the CFDA World Championship and can participate in discussions but will not have a vote until they have been 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 them to document their abilities and has verified their qualifications. Nominations from a supervising Regulator will be accepted by the Chief Regulator up to three (3) weeks before the Regulator annual meeting at the CFDA World Championship. The supervising 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 Qualification and Skills Checklist. The nominating Regulator should help make the case for the nominee.

## **Voting**

Approximately two (2) weeks before the Regulator annual meeting the Chief Regulator will email a ballot including the names of all Regulator nominees to all current Regulators. (All current Regulators will have previously received the Regulator in Training Checklist and voted for the nomination of those on the ballot.) The Regulators will indicate a "Yes" or "No" vote on the ballot for each nominee and return the ballot to the Chief Regulator a minimum of one (1) week before the start of the annual meeting. If a Regulator votes "No", they should provide reasoning to the Chief Regulator for their vote. The Chief Regulator will then hold a discussion with the current Regulators concerning the reasons if a No vote is the majority. Regulators considered to be a team will only have one (1) vote as a team. The Chief Regulator 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 any newly appointed Regulators. Their names will also be posted 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 Officer**

The Regulator Posse will have an appointed Chief Regulator. The Board of Territorial Governors will appoint the Chief Regulator.

To be considered for appointment, a Regulator must have served as an active Regulator demonstrating the qualifications and skills for a minimum of 3 years. If the Chief Regulator position comes open, an interested Regulator should let the current Board of Territorial Governors know they'd like to place their name on the ballot to be considered.

The Chief Regulator will not be assigned to a specific territory but will be "Regulator at Large" so they can help in any territory as necessary.

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## Chief Regulator Responsibilities

The Chief Regulator will perform the following responsibilities:

- Conduct Regulator responsibilities as defined in the Regulator Guidelines.
- Ensure the Regulator Guidelines stay up to date.
- Hold a Zoom call with all Regulators periodically to share and discuss information and experiences. What challenges are the Regulators and/or their clubs facing, what are we hearing/seeing and how can we help? And hold Q&A to learn from each other.
- Host the annual Regulator face-to-face meeting at the World Championship following the Marshal's Muster. This will allow items addressed during the Marshal's Muster to be further discussed to determine if there is an action for Regulators to consider.
  - Also, at this annual meeting one or more training topics will be covered. Regulators will be asked in advance to volunteer to demonstrate the training topics identified prior to the meeting.
  - Discuss challenges with ensuring the CFDA rules are applied properly.
- Ensure Regulators have read the Regulator Guidelines and understand what is and what is not being asked of them.
- Ensure Regulators are not only actively instructing but are knowledgeable and experienced in what they're instructing.
- Ensure the Regulators prepare an annual Regulator Report to share during the annual meeting. A basic template is provided in the Regulator Guidelines.
  - The first page(s) of the report will be comments from the Regulator on the state of their territory based on the Regulator's observations and discussions with the club leaders. Verbal discussions with the club leaders should occur at a minimum of once per year.
  - The Regulator Report will contain a page on each of the clubs in the Regulator's Territory.
  - Each club's page will contain, the names of the club leaders, their designated trainer, and their Marshal, including their contact details. It will contain training dates, types of training and who provided the training as well as number and names of participants.
- Ensure the process outlined in the Regulator Guidelines for *Regulators in Training* is followed to ensure a Regulator nominee meets the qualifications and skill level required prior to their name being put on a ballot for voting. Manage the Regulator nominee voting process.
- The Chief Regulator will work with any existing Regulator to ensure they receive training from a proficient Regulator for the qualifications and skills they don't currently have.
- Ensure Regulators are working with the clubs in their territory to ensure each one has a competent club trainer.
- Ensure Regulators are following a consistent Range Master training and sign-off process. Working together as needed to qualify a Range Master.

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## Removal or Stepping Down from the Posse

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 voluntarily 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 authorized to teach Range Master classes 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 Chief Regulator. If the request is approved for consideration, the former Regulator will enter the “in training” program administered by a Regulator assigned to their territory for a required refresher and completion of the Regulator Checklist. They will then be given an opportunity to be nominated and voted on 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 World Championship. It can be done immediately after the former Regulator requesting reinstatement has completed all the necessary steps in the Regulator Checklist and the checklist has been signed off on by the Supervising Regulator. The nomination will be emailed to all current Regulators, including the Chief Regulator, by the Supervising Regulator. A Yes or No vote will be taken by all current Regulators with a simple majority either approving or denying the reinstatement.

# Regulator in Training Forms and Checklists

## Regulator in Training 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 (Yes/No)
Is a CFDA life member in good standing	
Is a Qualified and active Range Master	
Desire to support and grow the CFDA	
Is competent to manage safety concerns	
Shown commitment to build on and maintain their own knowledge and skills	
Known to be a positive promoter of the CFDA and its Rules & Guidelines	
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 are verified by the supervision and guidance of a current Regulator.

In the case of a team, the supervising Regulator should document which member(s) of the team was supervised for each activity.

Qualification or Skill	Supervising Regulator Sign Off
<b>Taught Range Officer Class - Locations &amp; Dates</b>	
<b>Taught Range Master Class - Locations &amp; Dates</b>	
<b>Taught Youth Safety Class – Locations &amp; Dates</b>	

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Qualification or Skill	Supervising Regulator Sign Off
<b>Range Mastering (list matches)</b>	
Confidently Made Calls and Referred to Rule Book	
Controlled Range and Maintained a Good Flow	
Effective Communication with Announcer and Line	
<b>Announcing</b>	
Shooters & Hand Judges to the Line	
Appropriate Commands Cadence and Button Pushing	
Calling Lanes, Times and Scores	
Effective Engagement with RM and Scorekeeper	
Acknowledging Sponsors	
Educating Spectators	
Keeping it Light and Having Fun	
<b>Score Keeping at Table and in Program</b>	
Recording Scores	
Effective Communication with Announcer	
Drawing, Backing up & Posting Rounds	
Understands Manual Round Drawing Process	
<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>	
Match Setup in Program	
Registration	
Assign Committees	
Obtain Sponsors	

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Qualification or Skill	Supervising Regulator Sign Off
<b>Match Organization cont.</b>	
Banquet/Dinner	
Awards	
Understanding of how CFDA match ammo is loaded	
<b>Can Describe the Differences Between Class A-D events</b>	
<b>Titled Matches Managed/Worked – Locations &amp; Dates</b>	

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

Nominating Regulator	Regulator in Training
<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Print Name</b>
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Signature</b>
<b>Territory</b>	<b>Club/Territory</b>

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## **Supervising Regulator Feedback**

Use this section to provide helpful feedback to the Regulator in Training.

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## **Supervising Regulator Comments**

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

# Regulator Report

*<Insert Territory>*



***<CFDA Regulator Name & Member #>***



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## <State in Territory>

Club:

Club Contact:

Phone#:

Current Marshal:

CFDA#:

Phone#:

Email:

RO & Youth Trainer:

RM Trainer:

Current Club Membership Count:

Current Qualified Range Master Count:

### Current Year Training Classes

Date	Class	Trainer	Participant # And Names
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## Change History

<b>Date</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Description</b>
Jan 2011	Document	Document Review
Oct 2011	Regulator Requirements	Added "Reinstatement" paragraph
Jan 2012	Document	Document review
Dec 2012	Reinstatement	Reworded the section
Dec 2012	Officers	Added the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff will be Regulators at large and not assigned a territory.
Dec 2012	Document	Changed revision date to Jan 2013
Mar 2026	Document	Document Review
Mar 2026	Regulator Posse Officers	Removed Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff, Added Chief Regulator and their Responsibilities
Mar 2026	Nomination and Voting	Reworded the section and updated the process
Mar 2026	Document	Added Regulator Report Template
Mar 2026	Document	Updated Overall Document
Mar 2026	Cowboy Fast Draw Resume	Removed
Mar 2026	Checklists	Updated Activities
Mar 2026	Document	Changed revision date to March 2026