

FENLAND FIELD TARGET ASSOCIATION

Winter League Constitution & Rules (2008 - 2009 Series)

The objective of the WINTER LEAGUE is to provide a series of shoots outside the normal calendar. Thus the newer member may obtain a flavour of Competition whilst improving his/her shooting. The seasoned shooter can practice and maintain his/her skills. Prospective course builders will be able to demonstrate and refine their ability. The series will be conducted professionally and fairly, with a clear structure, but above all in a friendly atmosphere....

The WINTER LEAGUE series shall normally consist of each FENLAND club hosting a round at their home ground, if through any reason the ground is unusable the club may use a neutral site, this will be discussed, and may be voted on at committee. Whilst there are ten member clubs in the FFTA, during the 2007 - 2008 Winter League only eight rounds will be shot, and the AGM shoot and FFTA Championship being hosted by the two remaining clubs respectively.

The WINTER LEAGUE series results may be used by the Competition Secretary when selecting the members of the team representing the Region in the INTER.REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The FFTA CHAMPIONSHIPS and PRIZEGIVING Ceremony at the conclusion of the WINTER LEAGUE will be used to....

- 1) Conduct any shoot-offs required in the WINTER LEAGUE.
- 2) Present all the WINTER LEAGUE trophies.

The B.F.T.A. competition and shoot safety rules will apply throughout the series.

At the start of each shoot the 'abbreviated Fenland shooting brief' will be read out in its entirety and a full written copy will be made available at the signing in for all the shooters to sign as read and accepted.

The FENLANDS Competition Secretary or The Winter League Secretary will be responsible for the administration of the series including:- the collation of scores, distribution of up to date score lists to the club secretaries as soon as possible after each shoot and dealing with any disputes.

Cost of entry will be presented at the AGM each year (already voted at the previous committee meeting) entry fees will be set to cover the running costs involved in the series, including the prize shoot, purchase of all trophies etc and still enable the Region gain financially.

The Region will supply scorecards, score sheets and a grading list. Open grade cards will be White, Spring grade cards will be Green and SPORTING grade cards Blue, with corresponding coloured score sheets.

Grades for the whole of the Winter League shall be derived from the grading list presented immediately prior to commencement of the series or at the A.G.M.. Any competitor not on the grading list will be entered as a B grade competitor and after 3 rounds his or her scores will be assessed and re-graded accordingly. A shooter may elect to shoot in a higher grade than that on the list, should he/she wish to do so.

A 'SPORTING' grade is being trialled during the 2007 - 08 & 08 - 09 W/L, rules are as follows...

Any gun, any calibre as long as the power output remains within the law and the BFTA Rules.
Sight magnification to be set at 12x or lower and not altered during the complete course of fire.
Parallax and BDC can be adjusted at each lane but they must be set before looking through the sight at the first target in each lane, these settings may not be altered for subsequent targets in that lane.
If you intend using the SPORTING round as a re-entry you may not record distances during your first round and a SPORTING shooter must shoot first in his/her group.
You may not shoot SPORTING first then re-enter for your open round, options are, Open + Spring, Open + Sporting, Sporting + Spring, bearing in mind you can use a Spring gun for your Open round.
Scoring will be 1 point (X) for a plate falling and zero (0) for anything else.

The host club at each round will set out the main course, set out a practice area, provide marshalling, enforce safety, collect fees, ensure score cards are correctly and legibly filled in, collect score cards and complete the score sheets. A Competitor must not score his or her own card and each member of that squad must sign all cards. Cards and result sheets to be passed to the Winter League Secretary or his representative as soon as possible after the shoot, cards not handed in by the end of the shoot on the day will be deemed void. All monies to be passed on to the FFTA Treasurer, or failing this handed over to a member of the committee.

Any shooter taking part in the Winter League shall be a fully paid up member of the club they represent.

No one shall start shooting on the main course until 10:00am The 'Practise Range' will close at the start of the Briefing and will not re-open until 11.30hrs. Any person not on site when the briefing starts may shoot the morning round, but may not submit his/her card from the morning round for scoring. The exception to this will be when a shooter is unavoidable detained on the journey to the event and phones ahead to advise stats, afternoon rounds will score as normal. All targets will be shot at in numerical order, if a target is shot at out of order B.F.T.A. rules will apply.

Each course will consist of 30 targets, normal hit zones to be 40 or 45mm diameter, a maximum of 5 reducers (minimum 25mm hit zones) allowed in each course, all targets to be clearly numbered.

Positional shots, 2 lanes standing (4 targets) and 2 lanes kneeling (4 targets) on each course, shooting position to be clearly indicated at the lane ends or adjacent to the target, reducers may not be selected as positional shots. Courses to be shot through with paired shooters only, in the exceptional circumstance of a group of 3 shooters, the first shooter having shot at his/her targets will immediately move on to the next lane so that no delay is incurred. 1 gun may be shared between a maximum of 2 shooters, provided no delay is incurred.

A shot gun start will normally be employed and any shooter taking part in the re-entry round must give way to a shooter in the main, and let them shoot through. During the 2007 - 2008 series a Lane Allocation system is being trialled, lanes will be allocated as shooters sign in.

Any disputes 1) refer to the rules 2) contact the appointed Chief Marshal of the day. 3) contact the Winter League Secretary, or his/her representative (preferably not whilst they are shooting) 4) contact a FENLAND COMMITTEE member.

A Spring Gun is deemed to be any piston powered gun, including semi-recoilless, Whiscombe, Theoben etc. Single or Multi pump rifles are classed as pneumatic.

At the end of the Series the following awards shall be presented.....

A trophy will be presented to the best shooter in each grade in each club for the main round.
Best 6 scores to count, minimum of 3 scores to qualify.

For calculations all scores will be converted into percentages.

Individual trophies will be presented to 3rd place in 'AA' 'A' 'B' & 'C' grade in both the Main and Spring re-entry rounds and 1st to 5th place in the 'SPORTING' grade.

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For calculations all scores will be converted into percentages.

The Champion of Champions will be the shooter with the best 6 aggregate scores from his/her main and re-entry rounds ("pneumatic" the first time round and a "spring" for the re-entry). Awards will be presented to 3rd place, with the overall winner retaining the MICHAEL TAWN trophy for one year.

For calculations all scores will be converted into percentages.

A trophy will be presented to the shooter with the highest amount of actual targets scored from their best 6 rounds in the main course.

An absolute minimum of 3 scores must be submitted by any individual shooter to be eligible for any trophy. The best 4 scores from each club at each round will be used to determine placings in the club/team event, Grand prix method of scoring (10 points for first place to 1 point for the last), all rounds in the series to count.

Shoot-offs if req. will be conducted over a 3-lane representative field target course. 1 lane freestyle, 1 lane kneeling and 1 lane standing. If scores are still drawn after shooting these 3 lanes the lanes will continue to be shot in sequence with sudden death after each lane is completed. In the event of a tie in the club/team result, the contesting clubs will each need to nominate a team of 4 shooters to take part in the shoot off.

Canceling a shoot partway through for whatever reason will render all scores that day void, and the course will need to be shot again, preferably at the same ground at a date to be decided by committee.

The Spring gun round is re-entry, if the shooters only gun is a spring gun, the first time round will be deemed to be their entry for the main, should they wish to enter in the spring gun re-entry they will need to shoot round again.

The host club may organize side shoots as long as there is no delay to the main and re-entry rounds, all proceeds going to the host club.

Course layout... to maintain a reasonable degree of consistency throughout the W/L series the following points should be noted:

- 1) Courses should be constructed with an overall average of 42 to 45yard target distance (totals within 1260 yards to 1350 yards) the actual distance of a reducer should be multiplied by 1.5 for calculations.
- 2) Reducers may not be set beyond 35 yards and they may not be positional shots.
- 3) It is unwise to have a long lane immediately following a positional lane, as undue queues are likely to form at the long lane!
- 4) A reasonable distance for Standers should be about but not exactly 10 20 30 & 40 yards
- 5) A reasonable distance for Kneelers should be about but not exactly 15 25 35 & 45 yards
- 6) A reasonable distance for Reducers should be about but not exactly 10 15 20 25 & 30 yards

BFTA Shoot Rules state no reducers beyond 35 yards, no positional shots beyond 45 yards, no reducers as positional shots and no target (what ever it is) to be nearer than 8 yards or further than 55 yards.

Unless otherwise stated the penalty for infringing or disregarding safety rules and/or competition rules is.....

A verbal warning, a written warning, disqualification from the course, a number of targets or a complete score being voided or any other action deemed suitable using the existing FENLAND and/or BFTA disciplinary codes.

All the scores during this the 2007 - 2008 season will be presented to the BFTA Grading Secretary to enable as many FFTA shooters as possible obtain a National Grade.

Amendments.

Please note changes from 1999/2000

1st team place = 8 points down to 1 point for 8th place)
(Reducers to be multiplied by 1.5 times for calculations)

Please note changes from 2001/2002

(1st team place = 9 points down to 1 point for 8th place) (Reducers not beyond 35yds. Best 6 entries to count)
Please note changes from 2002/2003

1st team place = 8 points down to 1 point for 8th place). (Individual inserted before Trophies). Indication of reducers removed.

As from 1 October 2003.

Amended version written October 2004

This version amended September 2005. Inclusion of FFTA shoot brief. Yard average increased to 39yds. Inclusion of "AA" grade for open and spring rounds. 1st team place = 9 points down to 1 point for 9th place.

As from September 2006.

This version amended September 2006. To include verbal and written Shoot Briefs, average yardage 42yds. 1st team place 8 points (eight rounds only), clarification of penalties.

As from September 2007.

Amendment.. To show ten clubs in Region - eight rounds - AGM and Championships at other two clubs.

Amendment.. Prize Shoot corrected to FFTA CHAMPIONSHIPS and PRIZEGIVING.

Amendment.. Duplicated grades / prizes list deleted.

Amendment.. Course average to be between 42 yards and 45 yards.

Amendment.. Team scores will be first place 10 points, down to 1 point for last place.

Trial.. Rules for 'SPORTING' grade added.

Addition.. Scores being submitted for national grading.

Addition.. Short note on BFTA Rules re: target distances, hit zone size and positional shots.

Trial.. Lane allocation system.

Amendment.. Costs agreed and voted in at the meeting previous to the AGM.

Removal.. Lane total maximum removed (80 yards) to allow for a target average of 42 to 45 yards.

As from September 2008.

Amendment.. Closure of Practise Range at start of briefing until 11.30am

Amendment.. Late for briefing, morning score will not count.