



MFTA Winter League Rules

Unless stated below the MFTA winter league will be run to the BFTA main shoot rules.

- The competition is only open to those competitors who hold a current MFTA BFTA shooters card (5 figure numbers beginning with 2) and new MFTA club members awaiting allocation of a MFTA BFTA number. The MFTA, however, welcomes those shooters from other BFTA regions that wish to shoot any of the MFTA winter league rounds. **Visitors will be allocated to shoot the second session.**
- The whole series will be graded according to the BFTA grading system.
 - The current boundaries are as follows:

Grade	Rolling 20 average
AA	Greater than or equal to 85%
A	Greater than or equal to 75% and less than 85%
B	Greater than or equal to 65% and less than 75%
C	Less than 65%

- If you wish to compete in a higher grade please contact the MFTA competition secretary who is Andrew Gillott.
- New shooters will be graded after their 3rd round.
- There will be a Piston Class and Open Class competitions. Entrants to these classes should indicate “Piston” or “Open” on the top of their scorecard.
- The Stourvale Trophy is awarded to the best shooter taking part in their first competitive season. The winner is decided upon the best 6 total of targets hit rather than percentages.
- The top 4 shooters at each round will qualify for the MFTA Masters unless they have qualified at a previous round.
- With the exception of the Open Class, points awarded to individuals for each round will be calculated as a percentage of the highest score on the day regardless of the grade in which they compete.
- Competitors’ **seven** best point scores of the winter league will count towards their final point total. In the event of any ties then the best seven total targets hit will be used. If still tied then the best 8 point scores and then the best 8 total targets hit and so on. If still tied then a shoot-off will be used.
- The above method is also used for the silhouette competition.
- Each MFTA winter league course shall consist of 40 targets with 2 targets per lane. This may consist of:
 - Up to 20% (8 targets in 4 lanes) designated standing or kneeling with an even split.
 - Up to 25% (10 targets) may be of reduced diameter (25mm), for the purposes of the MFTA winter league this may include one 15mm diameter target.
 - The distances at which targets may be placed are defined in the BFTA main shoot rules.



- It is **recommended** that the maximum total distance for the two targets in any freestyle lane does not exceed 90 yards.
- If the hosting club includes a “bonus bunny” target then this target must be: 40mm hit zone, distance 20-35 yards and on a freestyle lane.
- Each round will consist of 2 sessions each using a shotgun start. Targets must be repainted by the host club between rounds
- Each lane should consist of 2 shooters. If a group of 3 is needed then in the event that the next lane becomes free a member of the group of 3 who has already shot the previous lane should move on and have their card marked by a third party.
- **Score card will be given out after the briefing for each session.**
- Shooting will not be timed although a marshal may at their discretion use the current BFTA time limit (see BFTA main shoot rules) should a hold up on the course become apparent.
- Wherever possible the MFTA will supply a chronograph for the testing of rifles. It will be used in accordance with the relevant section of the BFTA GP shoot rules.
- Reasonable toilet facilities for males and females must be provided by the host club.

General Information

- The entry fee for an individual round of the MFTA winter league is £6.
- The host club retains £3.50 of the entry fee.
- Club affiliation to the MFTA is £25 per annum. Proof of insurance is required.
- Team entry into the MFTA Clubs Cup is £40
- Shooters may book in to an event in advance via email (please refer to MFTA website), at prior rounds, by text or on the day of the shoot in person.
- Scorecards will be provided to the host club by the MFTA.
- There are no trophies for individual rounds.

The **MFTA Masters** is an end of season event shot over 40 targets for those who have qualified over the winter league. This is shot alongside the **MFTA Clubs Cup** where clubs may enter teams of six shooters with their best five scores to count.



The **Frayed Knot** is an event where a MFTA team take on a team from NEFTA. Each team consists of 30 members and the best 20 scores count for each team. Each region takes it in turn to host the event. It is shot over 60 targets, 30 shot in the morning and 30 shot in the afternoon.

The **BFTA Inter Regional Championship** sees all nine regions of the BFTA come together with teams consisting of 15 members, 10 best scores to count, competing over a 40 target course.

Trophies and Awards

The winner of each individual grade of the MFTA winter league will be awarded with a perpetual trophy. These should be returned to the competition secretary in good time for the following year's presentation.

There is a perpetual trophy for each grade and trophies will also be awarded as follows:

AA Grade – 1st to 5th

A Grade – 1st to 5th

B Grade – 1st to 5th

C Grade – 1st to 5th

Spring Class – 1st

Open Class – 1st

Silhouette – perpetual trophy and 1st to 5th place receive gold badges, 6th to 10th silver badges, and 11th to 15th bronze badges

Stourvale Trophy – 1st

Masters – perpetual trophy and 1st to 5th place cash prizes.

Clubs Cup – Teams 1st to 3rd

Frayed Knot – 1st to 10th plus top shooter from each region

In the event of a dispute during a competition then the decision of the Competition Secretary shall be final. The dispute may be considered at a later date by the MFTA committee.