



# MFTA WINTER LEAGUE SHOOT RULES

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**Unless stated below the MFTA Winter League (WL) will be run in accordance with the BFTA Main Shoot Rules (current at the beginning of the WL Season).**

- 1 The MFTA WL Series is only open to those competitors who hold a current MFTA affiliated BFTA shooters card or new MFTA club members awaiting allocation of an MFTA affiliated BFTA number (a 5 figure number beginning with 2). The MFTA however, welcomes those affiliated shooters from other BFTA regions that wish to shoot any of the MFTA Winter League Rounds.
- 2 Competitors will be graded for the whole Series according to the MFTA grading system as it stands at the commencement of Round 1. The MFTA grading list is published on the MFTA website ([mfta.org.uk](http://mfta.org.uk)).
  - If you wish to compete in a higher grade please contact the MFTA Grading Officer **before** the start of the Series.
  - New shooters will be graded after their 3rd Round.
  - There will be a Piston Class and an Open Class within the WL Series. Entrants to these classes should indicate 'Piston' or 'Open' when completing the Grade category of their scorecard.
  - The Stourvale Trophy is awarded to the best MFTA shooter taking part in their first MFTA competitive season. The winner is decided upon the best 6 total of targets hit rather than percentages.
  - The top 4 shooters (excluding Open Class) at each round will qualify for the MFTA Masters, unless they have qualified at a previous Round.
- 3 With the exception of the Open Class, points awarded to individuals for each Round will be calculated as a percentage of the highest MFTA score on the day, regardless of the grade in which they compete.
- 4 Competitors' seven best point scores of the Winter League will count towards their final points 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.
- 5 Each MFTA Winter League course shall consist of 40 targets with 2 targets per lane. This may consist of:
  - i Up to 20% (8 targets over 4 lanes) designated standing or kneeling with an even split.
  - ii Up to 25% (10 targets) may be of a reduced diameter hit zone (25mm). For the purposes of the MFTA Winter League this may include one 15mm diameter hit zone.

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## THE MIDLAND FIELD TARGET ASSOCIATION

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- iii One target in a kneeling lane and one target in a standing lane may be of reduced diameter hit zone (min. 25mm). The maximum distance for these targets is 20 yards and will form part of the 25% total allocation for reduced hit zone diameter targets.
  - iv The distances at which targets may be placed are defined in the BFTA Main Shoot Rules.
  - v It is recommended that the maximum total distance for the two targets in any freestyle lane does not exceed 90 yards.
  - vi If the host club includes a 'bonus bunny' target then this target must be: Clearly indicated on the scorecard; a standard 40mm hit zone; a distance of 20 - 35 yards and on a freestyle lane.
  - vii Host clubs should take every care to ensure that targets are set out to meet the current BFTA competition rules (unless stated above). Where targets are found to be in breach of these rules, but not deemed unsafe, they shall be included in the regional league scores. However, as a result, the scores from the relevant Round cannot be submitted to the BFTA for national grading purposes.
- 6** Each Round will consist of 1 session, with a start time of 9:30am. A shotgun start format will be used for all Rounds. Booking In will open at approx. 8:00am and close at 9:00am. A briefing will take place approx. 10 minutes prior to the start of the competition.
- 7** Targets must be clean (freshly painted face plate and hit zone) and clearly numbered prior to the start of the Round.
- 8** Each lane should consist of a minimum of 2 competitors. If a group of 3 is required due to the number of competitors, 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 scorecard marked by a third party in order to aid the flow of the competition.
- 9** The MFTA WL Series will not be a timed event. However, a marshal may, at their discretion, use the current BFTA time limit for each lane (see BFTA Main Shoot Rules) should a delay on the course become apparent.
- 10** 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.
- 11** Reasonable toilet facilities for males and females must be provided by the host club.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- 1** The standard individual entry fee for each individual Round of the MFTA Winter League is £7.00.
- 2** The additional fee for entry into the Golden Bunny is £1.00 per Round.
- 3** The host club retains 50% of the standard entry fees or a minimum of £120, whichever is the greater.
- 4** Club affiliation to the MFTA is £25 per annum (payable during April). Proof of the Club's insurance is required.

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- 5 Team entry into the MFTA Clubs Cup is £30.00.
- 6 Scorecards will be provided free of charge to the host club by the MFTA.
- 7 There are no trophies for individual rounds\*.
- 8 The MFTA Masters: This is an end of season event shot over a course of 40 targets, specifically for those who have qualified over the course of the Winter League. This is shot alongside the MFTA Clubs Cup where clubs may enter teams of up to six shooters, with their best five scores to count.
- 9 The BFTA Inter Regional Championship sees all nine regions of the BFTA compete against each other, with regional teams consisting of 15 members. The MFTA regional Team places for this event will be allocated in descending order of the final positions of the preceding Winter League.

#### TROPHIES AND AWARDS

- 1 The overall winner of each individual grade of the MFTA Winter League (plus the Silhouette Class & MFTA Masters Championship) will be awarded with a perpetual trophy. These should each be returned to the Competition Secretary in good time and in good order for the following year's presentation.
- 2 Individual end of season MFTA Winter League 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 1st – 5th place receive gold badges,  
6th – 10th receive silver badges.  
11th – 15th receive bronze badges.
  - Stourvale Trophy 1st.
  - MFTA Masters 1st to 5th place cash prizes.
  - Clubs Cup Teams 1st to 3rd.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

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

*\* The MFTA has (for the 2019/20 Winter League at least) secured a small amount of sponsorship. This has given the MFTA the opportunity, at each individual WL Round, to present an **MFTA Competition Series Gold Badge** to the competitor with the top score on the day within each grade. If there are tied scores the award will be decided on countback, starting at Lane 1.*

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