**For clubs**

* CSFTA clubs that have provided evidence of insurance to the CSFTA Secretary are permitted to host CSFTA Winter League (WL) rounds.
* The event is a CSFTA event, however, the responsibilities for each individual event lays with the club hosting the event. The host club should nominate a Chief Marshal and appoint course marshals.
* The CSFTA, with agreement from the club representative will take a % of the takings to cover the purchase of trophies, for the 2023/4 WL this is set at £2.
* WL shoots are open to CSFTA club members, the host’s club members, and with the host’s and CSFTA’s Competition Secretary’s approval to members of BFTA clubs from outside of the region. Note: it is a requirement for competitors to be members of a CSFTA club for their scores to count in the league either as an individual or as a team member.
* The CSFTA FT WL is run~~,~~ to the BFTA Main Shoot Rules (MSR) which can be found on the [BFTA Website](https://www.thebfta.net/news/competition-rules/) and typically updated annually; all shooters and marshals should familiarise themselves with these rules.
* All shoots must start with a briefing, which must as a minimum confirm the methodology used to start and stop shooting, from 2023 the CSFTA will provide clubs with air horns which must be used to start and stop shooting. One blast to cease firing, two blasts to commence firing.
* Pairs/threes of novice shooters should be avoided; instead these should be paired with experienced but not necessarily AA shooters.
* All rounds should start shooting at 10:30am to allow visitors from the Isle of Wight enough time to arrive.
* Rounds should be 40 targets, comprising 15, 25 and 40mm hit-zones only.
* With more than 40 shooters in attendance the shotgun start should still continue as normal but with the following format for the additional shooters: Where there are more than 40 shooters, but less than 47, pairs should be placed at lane 1 to follow on. Where there are more than 46 shooters, but less than 51, pairs should be made into 3’s and spaced along the line on every odd numbered lane. Where there are more than 50 shooters but less than 60, pairs should be made into 3’s and spaced along the line as evenly as possible. Where there are more than 60 shooters, additional 3’s should be placed at lane 1.
* Use of the regional chronograph is mandatory and the fps for the pellet used must be recorded.
* The zero-in range should have measured and marked paper targets of sufficient size at least at 25, 35, 45, 55 yards to allow the shooter to confirm their rifle’s accuracy at the most popular ranges, the line and number of targets should be enough to cater for the numbers of shooters present without excessive queuing.
* In order to challenge both the experienced and novice shooter, clubs are requested to as far as is reasonably possible to adhere to the following BFTA and WFTF rules.

**Course Setting**

* All targets should be clearly visible down to a height of 21cm as measured at the centre of the gate.
* Targets are to have:
  + Yellow faceplates with black hit-zones, or
  + Black faceplates with yellow hit-zones, or
  + White faceplates with black hit-zones, or
  + Black faceplates with white hit-zones
  + Blue faceplate with white hit-zones are not permitted in CSFTA WL events
* Reduced (25mm) and Mini (15mm) hit-zones
  + Max of two 15mm to max distance of 25yds.
  + 15mm targets should be positioned no more than +/- 2metres from the feet of the competitor standing at the gate.
  + 15mm hit zones are only allowed on freestyle (not discipline lanes)
  + All other reduced diameter hit-zones shall be 25mm, a maximum of 5 set out to maximum of 35 yds.
* Discipline targets (enforced kneeling or standing lanes)
  + Only one target in enforced kneeling or standing lanes may be 25mm hit zone set to a maximum distance of 20yds.
  + All targets in enforced kneeling or standing lanes should be to maximum distance of 45 yds.
  + The combined distance of the two targets in enforced kneeling or standing lanes may not exceed 65yds.
* Any target 20yds or nearer should be parallel to the firing line.
* The gradient of the ground should take into consideration shooter comfort and also thought for left-handed shooters. A left-handed shooter has a different viewpoint and position than a right handed shooter.
* Targets should be spaced approximately as below:
  + 8 targets = 20% @ 10-29yrds (9-28m)
  + 8 targets = 20% @ 30-39yrds (29m-35m)
  + 8 targets = 20% @ 40-49yrds (36-44m)
  + 8 targets = 20% @ 50-55yrds (45-50m)
  + 8 targets = 20% @ discipline (kneeling & standing) and
  + be numbered clearly at the gate and target.
  + wherever possible, not be positioned where the low winter sun may be directly behind them.
* The firing line should be at waist height between lanes and at ground level inside them.
* The club should provide a list of entries and results from each round to the region’s Competition Secretary. This can be done in electronic form.
* Toilets must be made available and presented in a clean and tidy state.
* Given the potential for bad weather during shoots, clubs are encouraged to provide free hot-drinks after the event.

***Course Setting in Table Form:***

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| Target Type |  |  |  |
| General: |  |  |  |
|  | The gradient of the ground should take into consideration shooter comfort and also thought for left-handed shooters. A left-handed shooter has a different viewpoint and position than a right handed shooter. |  |  |
|  | Targets should be spaced approximately as below:   * 8 targets = 20% @ 10-29yrds (9-28m) * 8 targets = 20% @ 30-39yrds (29m-35m) * 8 targets = 20% @ 40-49yrds (36-44m) * 8 targets = 20% @ 50-55yrds (45-50m) * 8 targets = 20% @ discipline (kneeling & standing) and * be numbered clearly at the gate and target. * wherever possible, not be positioned where the low winter sun may be directly behind them. |  |  |
|  | The firing line should be at waist height between lanes and at ground level inside them. |  |  |
|  | The club should provide a list of entries and results from each round to the region’s Competition Secretary. This can be done in electronic form. |  |  |
|  | Toilets must be made available and presented in a clean and tidy state. |  |  |
|  | Given the potential for bad weather during shoots, clubs are encouraged to provide free hot-drinks after the event. |  |  |
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|  | **15mm** | **25mm** | **40mm** |
| None Discipline Targets: |  |  |  |
|  | Max of two 15mm to max distance of 25yds. |  |  |
|  |  | A maximum of 5 set out to maximum of 35 yds. |  |
|  | 15mm targets should be positioned no more than +/- 2metres vertically wise from the feet of the competitor standing at the gate. |  |  |
|  | Any target 20yds or nearer should be parallel to the firing line. |  |  |
| Discipline Targets: |  |  |  |
|  | None |  |  |
|  |  | Only one target in enforced kneeling or standing lanes may be 25mm hit zone set to a maximum distance of 20yds. |  |
|  |  |  | All targets in enforced kneeling or standing lanes should be to maximum distance of 45 yds. |
|  |  |  | The combined distance of the two targets in enforced kneeling or standing lanes may not exceed 65yds. |
|  |  | Any target 20yds or nearer should be parallel to the firing line. |  |
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**For shooters**

* Any air rifle/pellet combination in compliance with BFTA MSR rules may be used, however, if the rifle is magazine fed this must, even if empty, be removed after each lane is shot, and when not cased, rifles must not be pointed in an unsafe direction or considered unloaded.
* Smoking/Vaping during the competition is not permitted.
* Timing per lane is 3 minutes, self-timed using the timers provided, from when sat down for sitting shots, or when entering the lane for kneeling and standing shots.
* Once the competition has started, shooters, when not on the lane, should place their rifles in a bag or on a bean bag with the barrel over the firing line.
* Please use the pens provided by the CSFTA as these are specifically designed to write on the CSFTA waterproof score cards.
* Unless otherwise requested, participation in the competitions, will be taken as consent that shooter’s names can be shared in results tables and photographs of shooters shared on the CSFTA’s Website and Facebook pages.
* The shoot fee for WL FT shoots is £10.00.

**Scoring**

* Shooters may contest trophies in AA, A, B and C grades, Piston, Open and Sporter classes.
* Trophies will be provided by the CSFTA, typically three trophies will be awarded in all grades and classes. Where eligible entries are less than five, one less trophy will be awarded for the number of shooters.
* Open class shooters may take all shots from the bag.
* Hits (the hit-zone is hit and the target falls) are recorded with a “X” anything else is recorded as a “0”.
* When the league dates are agreed then the amount of rounds an individual may drop will be agreed at the same time. If there is a change after this but ahead of the league starting then the clubs will agree a new figure of the amount of rounds that can be dropped. A guide is that more than 7 rounds will allow 2 rounds to be dropped, less than 7 will allow just one. Where rounds are cancelled the amount of dropped rounds may not change and where rescheduling can be difficult the round can be considered cancelled without a replacement.
* Non-regional shooters will have their scores removed from the scores supplied for grading. Their scores however will affect scores for individual and teams.
* Teams are of 6 shooters from the same club, with 4 to count, teams must be notified to the Competition Secretary prior to the start of the WL and may not be changed thereafter, multiple club teams may be entered. Anyone not in a club team can put their names forward to the Competition Secretary with a view that the Competition Secretary will create an extra “mixed team”; For those shooters who did not make the club team.
* Team scores count for all rounds.
* All team members must take discipline lanes as specified (standing or kneeling).
* Team shooters who’s scores qualify shall operate under the following scoring system:
  + Top or Equal Top score gets 1 additional point.
  + C Grade 4 additional points.
  + B Grade 3 additional points.
  + A Grade 1 additional point.
  + AA Grade no additional points.
* Where targets are found to be in breach of BFTA competition rules but not deemed unsafe they shall be included in the scores.
* Shoot-offs are timed, and conducted on a lane of the chief marshal’s choice. The best of 2 shots kneeling and standing (best of 4 shots in total) should be the first round, if after that then there is still a tie the marshal will choose one of the  targets to be shot standing in a sudden death shoot off (time allowed = 1 minute). This process is repeated until a winner is identified.

**COVID-19 Guidance**

Whilst it is highly desirable that all shooters are vaccinated, age and medical condition may prevent this, consequently, some shooters including vaccinated shooters or family members whose immune system is compromised need to be afforded protection.

**Clubs should ensure that**

* Any additional Covid-19 rules required to be adhered to by shooters are clearly displayed and re-relayed at the briefing meeting.
* Booking-in takes place in a well ventilated area, not an enclosed space such as a container.
* Hand sanitiser is available as determined by the club’s risk assessment.
* Shooters should be encouraged to mark each other’s scorecards and review their scorecard before it is handed back in by their fellow competitor, or, if uncomfortable with this, one of the pair scoring both cards.
* Courses are set with a suitable spacing between lanes to accommodate the shooter and the scorer plus at the lane but also a large enough gap between lanes to allow for 1 queuing pair.

**Shooters must not attend CSFTA shoots if**

* Feeling unwell or showing Covid-19 symptoms, regardless of the outcome of an at home lateral flow test.
* They have a family member living in the same dwelling who has tested positive Covid-19 in the previous 7 days.
* They have tested positive for Covid-19 by lateral flow or PCR during the previous 7 days.