RULES FOR CSFTA HFT WINTER LEAGUE
(version 2.1)
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ORGANISERS

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ELIGIBILITY

1. The CSFTA HFT Winter League will be made up of teams from CSFTA affiliated clubs. There will be a maximum of 16 teams. Teams will be structured across two divisions and their associated shooters will compete in a corresponding divisional league as an individual shooter. There will also be an individual league for stick class shooters. Stick class shooters can be included in a team with the team score recorded in the relevant division. Stick class shooters will also have their individual scores recorded in the stick class league.
2. Shooting will take place across a single session, 2 competitors to a lane, 40 lanes/pegs and 40 targets.
3. Teams may consist of up to 12 shooters - any 6 to be selected to shoot each venue, with the 4 highest scores to count for the team score on the day.
4. The void shooter concept has been replaced by allocating 6 entries per team per event, additional shooters can shoot in the individual class. The purpose is to bring an inclusive approach to the league such that if a "would be" void shooter shoots well, their score can count towards a team score. Also, the effort to manage void cards is removed.
   Should a club need additional shooter scorecards, they will be available at the check in.
   A non-team shooter will no longer be termed as shooting a void card, they simply shoot as an individual and their score recorded in the division agreed by their club captain and the CSFTA HFT winter league organisers.
5. All shooters must be a bona fide member of a BFTA affiliated club. Once a shooter has shot for a team, they are team tied to that team. Unless agreed by the CSFTA HFT winter league organisers in agreement with team captains, no team transfers will be permitted after the opening round of the competition or after a shooter has become team tied.
6. As insurance is no longer provided by BFTA, the CSFTA HFT winter league organisers request that participating clubs provide them with proof of Public Liability Insurance before the start of the season/first shoot.

FEES

1. HFT Winter League TEAM fees will be £60 per team & will be payable in **CASH** at the first round.
   All monies collected will fund trophies, stationery and badges. It will be the team captain's responsibility to collect these fees & pass them to the CSFTA HFT winter league organisers.
2. There will be an individual entry charge of £5 per shooter per round (in addition to team entry fee), these entry fees will go to the hosting club. It will be the Team Captain's responsibility to collect these fees & give them to the hosting club's Winter League Co-ordinator, when collecting their scorecards and registering their team(s) at the check in.

TEAM CAPTAINS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Team captains are responsible for ensuring that their team is ready to shoot and attend the course/safety briefing at 9.45.
2. Team captains or an appointed team shooter must walk the course & agree all aspects of the course, especially those of safety, prior to the shoot commencing. Any issues must be raised to the chief marshal or CSFTA HFT winter league organisers by 9.30am
3. Event start time is scheduled for 10.00 am.
4. Prior to the start, all team captains must collect their team's scorecards and pay the appropriate fees.
5. On collecting the scorecards, captains must complete the named section of the TEAM scorecard for each of their shooters before leaving the check in desk.
6. All shooter scorecards must have a shooters name, team and class completed before commencing shooting and shall be checked by their shooting partner.
7. Scorecards will be marked with the starting peg number. Only the entries recorded on the official scorecards will count towards the results.
8. At the end of the shoot team captains must complete the team scorecard ensuring it is legible and signed and return all scorecards (individual and team) to the host club co-ordinator.

BOOKING IN

Booking in is the responsibility of the hosting club. Scorecard packs & a chronograph will be provided by the CSFTA winter league organisers. The hosting Club's Winter League Co-ordinator is responsible for handing out the scorecards and collecting fees before the session commences.
At the end of session, the host club co-ordinator shall collect all the scorecards from the team captains.
All scorecards shall be passed to the CSFTA HFT winter league organisers.

SCORING

1. Scorecards will be randomly distributed and teams will no longer shoot against opposing teams in a formal structure this allows for more people to meet different shooters.
2. Scoring is two points for a knockdown, one point for hitting the metal plate, zero points for a miss. It is the responsibility of team captains to ensure that scorecards are filled out correctly & legibly. A team's score will be the total of the four best scores of the selected team members.
3. In the team event, the scores will be totalled over ALL rounds & the team with the highest total in each division will be deemed the winner of that division. In the case of a tie, a shoot off will decide the winning team. Each team member will compete in the shoot off.
4. The Individual champion, of each division, will be decided using their best scores from 5 of the 7 rounds.
   In the event of a tie, if both competitors are present at the final round, a shoot off will take place.
   In the case where one or both are not at the final shoot, the competitor that scored highest in the first round that both of the shooters competed will be deemed the winner.
5. Non team shooters
   5.1. To win the individual championship title, a competitor must compete as a bona fide team shooter at least once for their scores to be valid.
   5.2. Their scores will count towards the individual championship. Once a shooter has shot in a session, they are tied to the division within which they first shot.

SHOOT RULES

1. The course will consist of 40 targets (min range 8 yards, max range 45 yards), set out in 40 lanes. Each lane shall be marked by a peg securely fixed into the ground. Lanes shall be set out in a safe manner, so that it is not possible to shoot towards another competitor.
2. Minimum range targets must be assessed rigorously for ricochet risk between the shooting positions of each lane.
3. All targets must be placed so that they are able to be seen from a prone and standing (sticks) position, unless the lane is a kneeling lane, in which case it must still be visible from a standing (sticks) position.
4. Course setters should attempt to position lanes at least 5 yards apart to give each shooter on each lane room to shoot. Pegs are to be numbered 1-40.
5. The pegs must be placed behind and a maximum of 1 yard back from the firing line. A competitor's trigger must not cross the firing line. Stick shooters shall ensure that the rifle is within 2 yards left or right of the peg. Stick shooters shall ensure the yoke is no further back than 1 yard from the firing line - shooting partners to observe and ensure this safety point is maintained.
6. All competitors will take one shot from each lane. Open class shooters must have a part of their body or rifle touching the peg. A peg attached to a tree DOES NOT make the tree an extension of the peg unless explicitly stated at the course briefing. In all cases of pegs on trees, exposed tree roots do not count as the tree and or an extension of the peg.
7. Targets
   7.1. All targets must have white faceplates & red kill zones painted with waterproof paint.
   7.2. The target distance, in yards, is measured from the peg, not the firing line.
   7.3. Kill zone sizes:
   15mm Kill zone - There is a maximum of 5 within the course.
   25mm Kill zone - There must be a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 16 within the course.
   40mm Kill zones - All other targets within the course will have a 40mm kill zone.
   7.4. Target (kill zone) visibility:
   Between 8 - 35 yards, at least 50% of a 40mm kill zone must be visible from the firing point for Prone, Supported Kneeling, Supported Standing and Stick positions.
   Between 35 – 45 yards, 100% of the 40mm kill zone must be visible from the firing point for all positions.
   All 15mm & 25mm kill zones must be 100% visible from the firing point, from all shooting positions.

7.5. 25mm kill zone targets are to be placed at no further than 40 yards distance.
Note that only a maximum of three 25mm kill zone targets can be in the range 35 - 40 yards.
No 25mm kill zone target may be used in any forced positional shot.

7.6. 15mm kill zone targets are to be placed no closer than 13 yards distance and no further than 30 yards distance.
Note that only one 15mm kill zone target can be in the range 25 - 30 yards.
No 15mm kill zone target may be used in any forced positional shot.

7.7. Forced standing and kneeling targets must not exceed 35 yards distance.

7.8. Targets over 35 yards distance must be able to be taken from both prone and stick shooting positions.

7.9. Partially obscured targets can be used for supported standing & supported kneeling shots only, but not for unsupported standing or unsupported kneeling shots.

7.10. Once the shoot has commenced, there will be no re-siting of targets.

8. There will be no 'impossible' shots. All courses must be accessible to all shooters – common sense should prevail here. Attention is drawn to accommodating the higher shooting positions used throughout the course by stick shooters, so consider low branches etc. Targets should be challenging however consideration should be given to how complicated a shot is made by undergrowth/obstacles etc. Remember that a shot has to be taken within two minutes.
9. There will be two course scrutineers selected at random from the team captains (not from the host club) who will inspect the course for compliance to the rules & for safety considerations before the shoot commences. If the course does not comply with the required format, they will report the issue(s) to the CSFTA HFT winter league organisers by 9.30, who will ask the hosting club to rectify any problems before the shoot commences.
10. The host club will appoint a Chief Marshal. The host club must provide a minimum of 2 on-course marshals with hi-viz jackets.
11. Time limit is 2 minutes per target. With a course of 1 target per lane/peg and shooting in pairs, it will be more time efficient and delays should not occur. It will become apparent if a pair of shooters are taking too long, course marshals shall manage the shooting times of slow shooting pairs and enforce the zero score for exceeding the 2 minute limit. The shooting time limit will commence as soon as the shooter 'eyes' the scope. The shot must be taken within the 2 minute limit. If the shot has not been taken within this limit, the shooter must discharge their rifle over the firing line and safely into the ground & score the target as a zero.
12. Shooting positions shall be either prone, kneeling or standing only. Sitting is not permitted for taking a shot. Beanbags and ankle rolls shall only be allowed for the purpose of supporting the lower leg, knee or ankle during kneeling shots. To enable shooters that have physical restrictions to be able to compete, the use of sitting equipment to take shots is permitted where otherwise they'd not be physically capable of taking part. Please inform the shoot organisers of your intention to use sitting equipment.
13. Kneeling shots must not be taken on a turned foot. The lower leg/shin must not be resting on the ground, only a bean bag can be between the lower leg/shin & ground. The foot must be vertical (within reason) with the toes on the ground & the heel uppermost.
14. Adjustments to equipment must be made on the plinking/zeroing range only. There must be no adjustments to rifles, scopes, stock/butt hook, attachments etc on the course. Illuminated reticules can be switched on/off at any time, make your shooting partner aware that that is what is taking place. If there is a mechanical issue with your rifle during the course, you must inform your shooting partner & a course marshal who will then oversee any repairs necessary to ensure no changes are made to the rifle setup. The course marshal will also decide whether the repair is taking too long.
15. The use of bipods, monopods, tripods & sticks are prohibited in the open class.
16. Stick class shooters shall use sticks to support their rifle; no rifle clamping style sticks can be used. Fixed length and telescopic leg style sticks, including trigger style leg adjusting sticks are all allowed.
17. A stick shooter shall take up a standing position where the rifle is positioned on the sticks and the rifle is within two yards either side of the shooting peg. This is similar to a prone shooter's reach from the peg. Stick legs may be over the shooting line <u>to ensure a shooter has a safe position and the yoke is not further than a yard behind the shooting line.</u> Stick shooters shall ensure that the trigger is not in front of the firing line.
18. Stick shooters are entered into the sticks class and will shoot in their own championship. They may also be part of a club team where their scores count towards their team's score. For the benefit of clarity, a prone open class shooting position is considered more stable and accurate than a standing stick shooting position hence allowing a stick shooter's score to be included within a collective team score.
19. All forms of external range finding apparatus or laser dot type sights are prohibited. Any competitor using any of these types of devices will be excluded from recording a score.

CHRONOGRAPHS

Use of the CSFTA chronograph is mandatory and the speed (feet per second) for the pellet used must be recorded on every shooter's scorecard in the appropriate boxes.

- The BFTA has declared a maximum pellet speed for rifles of 5 FPS below the 12 ft/lbs limit (see table below).

Pellet Weight (Grains)	BFTA FPS limit	Legal FPS Limit
7.9	823	828
8.44	795	800
8.6	785	790
9.6	745	750
10.3	718	723

The list above is not exhaustive, however the CSFTA list that accompanies the chronograph is extensive for both .177 and .22 calibre and the figures contained within it are final.

Pellet power in foot/pounds can be calculated by:

Pellet velocity in FPS squared, multiplied by the pellet weight in grains. All divided by the constant 450240 to provide power in FT/LBs

A minimum of one and a max of 3 registering shots will be allowed over the chronograph. One registering shot must comply with the above limit and no power adjustments are permitted once the competitor has started the competition.

Failure of the rifle to comply with the legal limit will disqualify that rifle* and it shall not be used for the event. We cannot, for legal and insurance purposes, have anyone shooting over the 12ft/lbs limit.

A shooter may however complete the course if the rifle measures over the BFTA FPS, but under the Legal Limit.
In either case the competitor's score shall not be included in the results.

*The competitor may not leave the firing line, but a replacement rifle may be given to them and the faulty rifle removed from the course. The replacement rifle shall be tested over the chronograph at the earliest opportunity if it has not already been tested. If the competitor's shooting partner(s) are in agreement, they may continue by sharing a rifle with one or more of them.

DISPUTES

If a target is in dispute after a shot, the shooters on the lane must not move the reset string. They shall call a course marshal immediately to resolve the matter.
The marshal's decision is final after inspection of the target.
If there is a scoring dispute after the session is complete, team captains of teams not involved in the dispute, but present on the day of the shoot will be required to resolve the situation.
If no resolution is reached then it is up to the chief marshal in collaboration with the CSFTA HFT winter league organisers to resolve the dispute.

MARSHALLING

The 'buddy' system of marshalling will be used in the first instance.
If no agreement can be made between the shooters, then a course marshal must be called in to mediate. The marshal's decision will be final and can include changing the shooting pairs with nearby lanes.
Any disagreements not resolved on the course or come to light after the session has finished must be resolved at a captain's meeting immediately after the session is completed.
Marshals are responsible for managing the time shooters take to shoot a target and to enforce the two minutes per target limit on anyone shooting at a slow pace. A marshal may introduce a stopwatch and allocate this to the slow shooter(s). Targets shot outside of the 2 minute limit will be scored zero on the shooter's scorecard.

LATENESS

1. If a shooter arrives late, they must receive a course & safety briefing from a marshal before they can shoot.
2. Event organisers will do all that is possible to include the late shooter in the event but not at the cost of the event safety or finishing late.
3. Late shooters must be prepared to not shoot a full course and or not be included at all if it is not practical or safe to include them on the fly.

HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

The hosting club must be able to provide the following:

1. Satisfactory toilet facilities
2. As far as practical provide hot food
3. Hot drinks
4. Adequate car parking facilities – marshalled if necessary
5. A Chief Marshal, 2 on-course marshals (the Chief Marshal may be one of them) & a Winter League Co-ordinator.
6. A course briefing
7. A safety briefing
8. A zeroing/plinking range that is not a part of the course

TROPHIES/Badges

Participation Badges

These will be awarded to all competitors

Team Competition

Perpetual trophies will be presented to 1st & 2nd teams in each division.
Team members will receive individual trophies (maximum 6 Trophies per team).

Individual Competition

A perpetual trophy will be presented to the winner in each division.
Trophies will be awarded to individuals finishing 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each division (Div1, Div2, Sticks).

Perpetual Trophies

These must be returned to the CSFTA HFT winter league organisers at the final round of the following season.
It is the responsibility of the club/individual receiving a perpetual trophy to have it engraved ready for the following year.

REVISION HISTORY

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