

SHOWDOWN RULES

2017

Qualification for the Showdown:

The Showdown is a knockout competition contested by 64 shooters who have qualified for the event through the BFTA GP series.

At GP1 the top 8 scoring shooters will qualify for the Showdown. At GP2 the top 8 scoring shooters who have not already qualified will qualify for the Showdown ; this process will continue for GP3-8.

If qualifying scores are tied then the Competition Manager will apply countback to determine which shooter(s) qualifies. Countback – the 1st target missed from target 1 on the course, if this is the same then the 2nd miss and so on. If this process does not separate the shooters then the Competition Manager will decide by flipping a coin.

Your entry implies acceptance of these rules...

1. The event will be shot over three courses, each consisting of 10 lanes of 2 targets per lane. Each competitor will be allowed a maximum of 1 minute per lane, timing to start from when the scope is first placed to the eye.
2. Competitors will shoot in order, in pairs, as per the draw, the first to shoot being decided by the toss of a coin. Competitors must ensure that targets are shot in the correct lane and in the correct order. Failure to comply will result in lost targets as per the BFTA MAIN SHOOT RULES, Rule 8 - TARGET SEQUENCE.
3. The competitor with the highest score in each pair will proceed to the next round. First round losers in the Main competition will be eligible to enter into a separate Plate Competition, which will be shot under the same rules as the Main competition.
4. If 2 competitors are tied at the end of a round then the shoot –off will be on any lane of the course that the shooters have just shot or on a neutral lane (if available) that is not part of the other courses.

The Shoot-off will consist of 1 lane of 2 targets shot from the standing position and time allowed remains 1 minute. If this does not determine the winner then sudden death on 1 target (30 seconds) shall be used until a winner is found.

5. In the event of a tie in the Final Round of the Main or Plate competition, the eliminator lane will not be used; the main course will be shot again on a sudden death basis.

6. All competitors shall report to the Stats office before 0830 to collect their score cards. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Any competitor who is late for the start of any round shall also be disqualified. Competitors with equipment problems likely to delay their start should inform the stats office as soon as the problem occurs.
7. The Organisers reserve the right to Chronograph any Rifle or Pistol used at any shoot that is subject to the BFTA rules. This can be done before, during, or after the shoot at the Chief Marshals discretion.
 - a. The BFTA has declared a maximum pellet speed for rifles of 5 fps below the 12 ft/lbs limit; this is for the actual pellet being used by the shooter on the day. 5fps below 6 ft/lbs will apply for pistols.
 - b. A maximum of three shots will be allowed over the chronograph. Failure of the gun to comply with 3) a. above will disqualify that gun for the whole event. Any competitor whose gun fails the chronograph test will have their card marked as void but they may complete the course if they wish with another gun (See Rule 17) FIRING LINE CONDUCT) to help maintain the group they are shooting in.
 - c. Deformed pellets may not be used for the testing process (see MAIN SHOOT RULES, PENALTIES, Rule 14.
8. Any competitor who for any reason is disqualified forfeits the right to any prize that they would have otherwise been entitled to.
9. Any competitor receiving a bye in any round may still shoot the course if they wish.
10. Competitors may apply to the Shoot Jury if they believe a rule has not been correctly applied. A Jury of 3 Persons (Current BFTA Card holders) named by the Chief Marshal will settle any dispute. No member of the Shoot Jury may be involved in a decision where he or she is involved as a shooter. This list can be amended at any time; no member of the Shoot Jury may be involved in a decision where he or she is involved as a shooter.
11. The event will generally comply with the BFTA Main Shoot Rules, with the exception of Rule 10 as described above and timing will be one minute for two shots as described in Rule1 above.
12. In any matters contained in or not covered by these rules the Jury's decision shall be final.

Mark Bassett (Chairman) 2017