

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

F CLASS ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

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OBJECTIVES OF THE F CLASS ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

1. The Development and encouragement of extreme accuracy in rifles, ammunition, equipment and shooting methods in the discipline of F Class Rifle Shooting.
2. To provide or hire facilities for and promote the amateur sport of F Class Rifle Shooting within the U.K., or as otherwise agreed at an Annual General Meeting, and to promote greater community participation in this sport.
3. To standardize on a National basis the entire F Class shooting program so that targets, rules, scoring methods and match procedure will be uniform and comparable.
4. To assist and encourage any individual or organization in the promotion of F Class Shooting.
5. To Promote F Class amongst shooters and to assist in forming National Teams and Training Squads in preparation for Major Championships.

ORGANISED EVENTS AND COMPETITONS

6. The F Class Association will organise, its own stand alone National Competitions, or will shoot alongside other major shooting events.
7. These events will form part of a National F Class League which all Association members are entitled to attend and compete in.
8. The Association will decide at its Annual General Meeting how the scoring for the League will be decided, ie, 4 highest scores out of 6 events to count for the Grand Aggregate of that year.
9. All Association Organised events are to be run in accordance with the Associations rules and Match Conditions or variations in shoot conditions and Targetry will be passed to all competitors as soon as they are known.
10. Scoring of Targets will be as determined by the members at the Annual General Meeting for the League Matches ran and operated by the Association or shall be subject to the rules of any competition in which the members are shooting along side if those matches are to form part of the League events.
i.e. The Imperial Meeting or any International Championships.

MEMBERSHIP

11. 1. Shall consist of Individual members who must:

- a. Be members of a Home Office Approved Club or
- b. Be Full members of the National Rifle Association or
- c. If an Overseas Member a member of their own Governing Body.
- d. Possess a current Safe Shooters Certification card if required to do so at the venues attended. (The Association will assist Overseas members in obtaining these but it is the responsibility of GB members to obtain this via their Home Office Approved Club or the NRA.)

There will be no probationary members as the constitution of this Association does not have Home Office Approval and is therefore unable to offer probationary periods of membership leading to full membership

Membership of the Association shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of F Class Rifle Shooting on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. Some limitation of membership, according to available facilities, may be required from time to time on a non-discriminatory basis.

12. All membership of the Association shall be subject to compliance with restrictions on the use of firearms by persons with a criminal record or otherwise restricted as set out and amended from time to time in UK Firearms Legislation.
- 13..The Association may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Association will endeavour to keep subscriptions at levels that will not prevent people joining.
14. Non Association members will be welcome to shoot at any Association organised events on payment of a fee as determined by the Association increasing year on year in line with inflation but this shall be subject to limitations required by venue requirements.
15. Only Association Members will be entitled to enter their scores into the Grand Aggregate. Shooters who pay their event fees will be eligible only for prizes at that particular event.

ORGANISATION & STRUCTURE

The Officers and Committee

16. The Officers (who shall be members of the Committee) shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and up to three members of the Association, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
17. Vacancies within the Committee, occurring during the year, may be filled by the Committee which shall also have the power to co-opt as and when deemed appropriate. Co-opting of members shall only be carried out if the election of a member for the post cannot be carried out by use of e-mail voting using the protocol set out below.

Tenure of office

18. The Officers shall hold office from the end of the Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting, at which they were elected, to the end of the succeeding Annual General Meeting.
19. Any two of the offices may be combined for such periods as may be deemed expedient, but this combined office will only have one vote. Any such combination shall only last until the end of the next Annual General Meeting at which it will be reviewed.
20. All retiring Officers shall be eligible to apply for re-election but no person shall serve longer than 4 consecutive years in any one post. Retiring Officers shall be eligible to stand for alternative posts.

Meetings

The Annual General Meeting.

21. This shall be called by the Secretary, or other Officer acting on his or her behalf, and will be held as soon as practicable at the beginning of each year. The business transacted will include:

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, and those of any subsequent Extraordinary or Special General Meetings.

The receipt and acceptance of the Audited Accounts for the previous year, together with the Annual Subscription levels for the coming year. In the event that Audited accounts have not been supplied for all previous years the Auditors shall have the ability to go back and audit those years required to bring the Audited Accounts up to date.

The reports of the Officers.

The election of Officers and Committee.

The appointment of Auditor(s) or Independent Examiner(s)

Amendments to the Club's Constitution (if necessary)

Any Other Business.

Matters raised in "Any Other Business" may be adopted or rejected by ballot

unless the Chairman after consultation with the Committee, considers that they should be placed on the agenda of a future General or Committee Meeting.

Extraordinary General Meetings.

22. The Secretary or other Officer acting on his or her behalf may call Extraordinary General Meetings, as necessary, during the year. The business to be transacted at these meetings shall be itemised on an agenda, and the meetings shall discuss only these items.

In the event that any business required to be conducted at an EGM requires the members of the Association to vote on any matter the option to vote by way of using the membership electronic e-mail list to notify members of the business needed to be conducted shall be used at the discretion of the Committee rather than wait for a forthcoming League match or other opportunity for a physical meeting of the members. The agenda for the issues needed to be voted upon shall be circulated with the protocol to be adopted in order for the members to carry out an electronic vote.

If the matter is deemed to require discussion or debate by the members then a physical meeting shall be required. Members are entitled to ask for a physical meeting in such circumstances and the Committee may then determine to make an interim decision requiring it to use co-optive powers for appointments or as otherwise required in the short term and for the matter to be listed on the agenda for a physical EGM at the next available opportunity or to be raised at the AGM if this coincides with the timing of such matters.

Committee Meetings.

23. These may be called at any time considered necessary, by the Chairman, the Secretary or not less than 3 Officers. The business transacted shall be listed on the Agenda and may include Any Other Business.

Voting Majority

24. At Annual or Extraordinary General or Committee meetings, the Chairman shall have the casting vote in the case of a tie. At Special General Meetings, there must be a two-thirds majority vote in favour, before any motion can be carried.

Quorum

25. The quorum at any Annual General Meeting shall be 4 people who are entitled to vote. At Committee Meetings the quorum will be 4 such people.

Control

26. The Chairman shall preside at any Meeting. In his or her absence a chairman shall be elected from amongst those present.

Financial Year

27. The Associations Financial year shall end on the last day in Dec of each year.

Money

28. All money receipts and all other investments will be paid into the account/s bearing the name of the Association.

All cheques drawn on these accounts will bear the signature of the Treasurer and other signatures as the Committee shall decide.

For each transaction, any Association member receiving money on behalf of the Association will hand the same to the Treasurer, with any invoice/voucher/remittance advice note that relates to the transaction.

Committee to pay Accounts

29. After consultation with the Treasurer, the Committee may pay accounts and incur any approved expenditure or liabilities on behalf of the Association. For each transaction the appropriate receipt or voucher shall be handed at once to the Treasurer.

The Committee and the Officers are hereby indemnified by the Association against any claim or demand in respect of any liability, properly and correctly incurred on behalf of the Club.

No member shall purchase goods or services in the name of the Association without the approval of the Committee.

The Association will not be responsible for any purchases made without the approval of the Committee. Any such purchase, made without approval, may become the property of the purchaser who, in that event, will be personally responsible for the cost unless subsequent acquisition of that purchase is approved in Committee.

The Auditor(s)/Independent Examiner(s)

30. The Committee may recommend either an Auditor or Independent Examiner for the purposes of reviewing the Accounts and such will be appointed as voted upon by the members in the AGM.

The Auditor(s), who will not be an Officer or Committee Member and may be from outside the Association, will examine the accounts at least once annually with the invoices/remittance advice notes and vouchers. Prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Auditor(s) will produce a signed Certificate to the effect that the accounts are correct, and represent fairly the expenditure and receipts of the Association, and its assets and liabilities.

The Auditor(s) may, at any time, examine any book, document or property of the Club, and make a report thereon in writing to the Committee, either on his, her or their own initiative or when required to do so by the Committee.

The Independent Examiner, who will not be an Officer or Committee Member, must have relevant financial experience, and may be from outside the Association, will examine the accounts at least once annually with the invoices/remittance advice notes and vouchers. Prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Independent Examiner will produce a signed Certificate to the effect that in his view the accounts are correct.

The Independent Examiner may, at any time, examine any book, document or property of the Club, and make a report thereon in writing to the Committee, either on his, her or their own initiative or when required to do so by the Committee.

Subscriptions

31. The annual subscription is payable at the end of each year, prior to the 1st of April. Any member whose subscription is not paid by the 1 Apr will be taken off the register of membership.

Removal of Officers from Office

32. Any Officer may be removed from office at a General Meeting called for the purpose. Such vote shall be by ballot.

Association Rules

33. The Committee may make new rules, or amend existing ones regarding the general running and conduct of the Association. These rules, together with any amendments, will be sent out to all members by use of the electronic mailing list and shall be available for inspection at any AGM or EGM.. All Members, and those involved in Association's events, will be expected to abide by any agreed new rules or amendments.

The Committee shall have the power to legislate upon any point not provided for in the Constitution or if drawn up in separate Association Rules.

Constitution or Rule Changes

34. Changes to this Constitution can only be made at a General Meeting. Changes to the Rules may be effected in Committee.

Property and Funds

35. The property and funds of the Association cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits are reinvested in the Association.

The Association may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, away-match expenses, post match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.

The Association may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Association:

sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment;

employ members (though not for competing, or shooting in a team) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Committee without the person concerned being present;

pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests;

indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the Association against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Association (but only to the extent of its assets).

The Committee will have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and child protection.

Winding Up

36. The members may vote to wind up the Association if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened General

Meeting,

The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Associations affairs

After settling all liabilities of the Association, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:

to another Association with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity and/or

to another Association with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC

for use by them for related community sports. Such decision to be determined by a vote from the members.

Priority

37. Interpretation of all the Rules must be consistent with the statutory requirements for CASC (which means Community Amateur Sports Clubs as first provided for by the Finance Act 2002 and as amended from time to time should the Association register itself under this legislation as a relevant sporting entity.

GB Team Funding and Captain Selection

38. GB team Captains, FTR / F Open will be selected by the NRA
39. The GBFCA shall endeavour to provide funding to GBFCA members who are part of a GB team travelling to a F Class World Championships event. In order to qualify for this funding the member shall have been a participating member of the GBFCA for the three years leading up to the FCWC's. The amount of funding provided shall be decided by the GBFCA committee based on the funds available.

F CLASS OPEN RIFLE is

- a. Any Rifle Chambered up to 8mm which complies with the Rules
- b. May be shot of a Front Rest or Bipod plus back bag
- c. Any scope or sighting method may be used
- d. Ammunition must comply with the Muzzle velocity and energy Rules which are laid down in the Technical rules at F 3.21
- e. Rifle weight incl Bi pod if used must not exceed 10Kg (22 lbs)

F/TR RIFLE is

- a. Any Rifle Chambered in **UNMODIFIED**.308 Win/7.62mm or .223 Remington/5.56mm
- b. Must be shot off a bi-pod only, plus back bag or a sling.
- c. Any Scope or sighting method may be used
- d. Factory or Hand loaded ammo may be used, but must comply with the Muzzle velocity and energy rules which are laid down in the Technical rules at F3.21
- e. Rifle weight incl Bi pod must not exceed 8.25 Kg (18.15 Lbs)

COMPETITIONS

Members are entitled to enter all the League shoots held in a year and of those entered their highest points scored shall count towards the League aggregate in the number of competitions chosen by the members as being the qualifying number of competitions for that year.

In the event of a tie in the aggregate points scored of any members the placing of the tied members will be determined by the highest points obtained in the last match of each member which counts towards their aggregate score. Should these points scored be equal then the matter will be determined on counting back to the second to last match and continuing thereafter on countback until the member with the highest points scored in a given qualifying match for his aggregate score shall be the winner of the tie.

Points shall be awarded in each match based on the first 20 places with 20 points allocated to the winner and descending numerically for each subsequent placement culminating with one point being awarded to each competitor.

The sum of the qualifying match points shall be aggregated to determine the F/TR and F Open National Champion. Prizes shall be given by the Association in respect of each match and in respect of the National Championships. Further prizes may be offered as determined by the members acting through the Committee.

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RULES

The Technical Rules of the Association are attached at Annex A

These have been modified from the International Confederation of Full Bore Associations F Class Rules and the NRA Rules as amended from time to time

Appeals will be considered by the F Class Associations Officers and the Event Organisers and the Associations and NRA rules will be applied.