

BFTA Shooters Cards/Numbers and Grading

BFTA Cards/Numbers

BFTA Card/Numbers are only available to members of Clubs that are affiliated through their BFTA region to the BFTA, and overseas individuals who resident in a country that is a member of the World or European Field Target Federations.

Individuals of Clubs who wish to become or renew their BFTA number/card must submit a request to their Club, who in turn will submit their details to their BFTA regional officer, who will collate their regions requirements, complete the Card request form, and submit this to the Grading officer.

Regions will be asked for their BFTA card requirements at the beginning of each year and cards will be valid until the 31st of March the following year.

Card fees will be collected by each region and paid into the BFTA bank account.

When confirmation of payment and the card request list has been received the Grading Officer will renew the cards of existing members and issue card numbers to new shooters. These will be added to the grading list and those that did not request to renew their card or pay the appropriate fee will be removed from the list.

Card numbers are issued sequentially by region, and regions are designated by the first number of the card number:

CSFTA: 0xxxxx, NWFTA: 1xxxxx, MFTA: 2xxxxx, STS: 3xxxxx, NEFTA: 4xxxxx, WAFTA: 5xxxxx, SWEFTA: 6xxxxx, SEFTA: 7xxxxx, FFTA: 8xxxxx.

Shooters from outside the UK whose county is a member of the WFTF or EFTF can apply for cards as individuals, and they will be allocated numbers beginning with a 9.

Shooters returning to FT after an absence will be allocated their original BFTA card number.

Blank BFTA cards will be issued to the regions for completion and distribution to their members. A BFTA card is not required as proof that their BFTA number is valid, only that the member has a current BFTA number on the grading list.

Shooters who are members of Clubs in different BFTA regions must designate which is their primary region as no member can have two BFTA card numbers.

Shooters moving to another club in a different BFTA region will be issued with a new BFTA number. However, they will not be eligible to shoot for their new region at the BFTA Inter-regional competition if they change regions after the end of the Summer series. Eligibility starts at the first GP.

It is the regions responsibility to ensure that the Clubs within their regions have valid insurance cover. Members of Clubs without appropriate BFTA approved insurance cover will not be eligible for BFTA cards.

BFTA Grading System

The grading system is designed to classify PCP shooters according to their performance.

For those that elect to shoot in either Piston or Open Class no grading will be applicable.

Results, as %'s obtained from all BFTA competitions and shooters average %'s from their Regional Winter and Summer leagues (each counting as one entry on the grading spreadsheet) will be recorded on the grading spreadsheet. The grading spreadsheet takes the form of a 'rolling 12' with the average of the most recent 12 score's %'s used to determine a shooters grade. Scores in excess of 12 recorded %'s will have the oldest scores dropped from the rolling 12 average, to give a more up to date appraisal of a shooters grade.

The % entered in the rolling 12 spreadsheet is the shooters score divided by the highest score in the competition. For example, if a shooters score is 38 and the highest score was 48, then the % entered is $38/48 \times 100 = 79.2\%$.

Only competitions that comply with the current BFTA shoot rules will be eligible for results to be recording in the grading system.

Current Grading % Bands (2023)

Grade AA - %'s greater than 87%, Grade A - %'s greater than 76%, but less than 87%, B Grade- %'s greater than 60%, but less than 76%, C Grade- %'s less than 60%.

Grading will be reviewed at the end of the BFTA shoot calendar and the end of Regional Summer shoots, and again in March with the completion of Regional Winter competitions.

Shooters can request that they move up a grade, however such a request must be made before the start of the BFTA GP season and approved by their region. Shooters cannot elect to move down a grade.

Shooters returning to our sport after a period of absence will be allocated the grade that they had previously.

Score %'s more than two years old will deleted from the Rolling 12.

New PCP Shooters

Shooters new to our sport will be categorised as ungraded for their first 3 competitions, after which the average % that they have achieved will be used to allocate them a grade.

Piston Class Shooters

Results for Piston Class will be recorded in the rolling 12 spreadsheet.

Should Piston class shooters wish to change to PCP then the average % that they had achieved in Piston class will be used to determine their PCP grade, which will be one grade above their %. For example, if the average % achieved in Piston Class was 65%, then their PCP grade would be A class.

Their Piston %'s will be archived, and used in future if they wish to revert to Piston Class from PCP

Open Class

Open class results will be recorded on a separate spreadsheet. These results currently will not be used to determine a grade if an Open class shooter decides to shoot in PCP class, instead they will be classed as Ungraded, and will have to shoot three qualifying shoots to be allocated a grade.

PCP graded shooters who elect to shoot Open class temporarily or permanently will not have their Open class scores recorded for grading.

Null Score Cards

All score cards for shoots run to BFTA rules must be handed in to stats on the completion of the competition.

Poor scores or incomplete scores can be voided and will not be recorded if the shooter has suffered with illness or injury, or a mechanical problem with their equipment which occurs during the shoot. Voided score cards must be signed to this effect by the Chief Marshall.