



# OPEN CLASS SHOOT RULES

## 2026

The rules for the Open Class are the same as the Main Shoot Rules with the exception of rules 11i and 11ii which are replaced with:

11. SHOOTING
  - i. Any shooting position is allowed.

Competitors in Open Class are allowed to use Supporting Sticks.

### **For 2026 there is a separate Sticks Class**

These can be used on any lane. There is no requirement to use supporting sticks on all the lanes; the competitor is free to choose.

#### Rules on supporting sticks:

- Sticks may be monopods, bipods, or tripods.
- Only one point of contact between the rifle and the stick.
- Rifles cannot be clamped to the stick.
- The rifle butt must be shouldered.

Competitors are allowed to use stools/seats to sit on. These must offer no support to the rifle.

The use of supporting sticks is new to the BFTA. We do not wish to place too many restrictions on their use and would rather that the rules evolve through experience.

If you are a supported stick shooter and would like to contribute to the rules, then please email the BFTA Chairman ([bfta.chairman@gmail.com](mailto:bfta.chairman@gmail.com))

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