

World F-Class Rifle Championships

Match conditions

PREAMBLE

FC1.1. In recognition of the Aims and Objectives to be achieved in respect of F-Class Rifle Shooting, the ICFRA Council has sanctioned the holding of the F-Class World Championships of international rifle shooting, individual and team (**the FCWC**).

FC2. GOVERNANCE

FC2.1. The governance of these championships is vested in the Council of the International Confederation of Fullbore Rifle Associations (ICFRA), which delegates to its F-Class Committee (FCC - "The Committee") responsibility for the rules and conduct of these World Championships, subject always to Council's endorsement thereof.

FC3. THE F-Class WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM MATCHES

FC3.1. Team Matches will be held separately but concurrently for Open and Under-25 Teams at both F/O and F/TR and each will only be designated as a World Championship if at least four countries/approved regional groups participate.

FC3.2. The team matches will normally be fired over a period of two days, with the complete course of fire being conducted on each day. They will immediately follow the F-Class Individual World Championships. Practice will be provided on the day immediately preceding the F-Class Individual World Championship Matches.

FC3.3. An F-Class World Championship open team, either F/O or F/TR, will normally consist of a maximum of 16 members, namely:-

- FC3.3.1. 1 Team Captain,
- FC3.3.2. 1 Vice-Captain
- FC3.3.3. 1 Adjutant,
- FC3.3.4. 8 Shooters,
- FC3.3.5. 2 Alternates,
- FC3.3.6. 1 Main Coach/Co-ordinator,
- FC3.3.7. 2 Target Coaches,

FC3.4. Any shooter may discharge any team official's role, and any team official may shoot, thus allowing a team of as few as 8 members to fire (or any number between 8 and the normal maximum of 16). See also Rule FC5.3.

FC3.5. If the host nation and F-Class Committee so agree, and the matter is promulgated 18 months in advance of the match teams may consist of 6, 10 or 12 firers. Rule FC3.4. applies appropriately modified.

FC3.6. One target will be provided for every 4 shooters in the team, or every 5 if there are teams of 10 participating. If teams of 12 shooters are designated, then a third target will be provided and a third target coach and alternate may be added to the overall team.

FC3.7. An F-class Under-25 Team will consist of a maximum of 8 Members, namely:-

- FC3.7.1. 1 Team Captain,
- FC3.7.2. 1 Adjutant/Team Manager,
- FC3.7.3. 4 Shooters,
- FC3.7.4. 1 Reserve,
- FC3.7.5. 1 Coach.

- FC3.8. “Under 25” is defined as the individual’s 25th Birthday falling on or after the first day of the Individual World Championship. The Adjutant/Team Manager may be over-25 but if he is, his role on the firing point is limited to acting on behalf of the Team Captain with Range Staff or the Organisers.
- FC3.9. Subject to target availability, the host nation will offer a match concurrent with, or immediately preceding the Championship Team events. These will be known as the Rutland Cup Match (F/O) and the South Africa Cup Match (F/TR). All competitors are eligible to participate, except Members of FCWC National Team Squads (as defined in W8.6 or, in respect of under-25s, at FC3.7 above) participating in the FCWC International Team matches (Farquharson Cup or Richardson Trophy). Teams will consist of a Team Captain, Vice-Captain, Adjutant, four shooters and one coach. As in rule W8.5, separate team officials are not obligatory, which allows four shooters on their own, to compete. The course of fire and other conditions will be identical to that of the FCWC team match. The matches are not of World Championship status.
- FC3.10. Member nations unable to enter national teams for an FCWC consisting of the requisite number of shooters will be entitled to apply (at least one year in advance) to the F Class Committee to enter joint teams in the Championships under such name as is approved by the F Class Committee. Member nations who are able to enter national teams will not be entitled to participate as joint teams, but may lend shooters (who are not part of their national team) to joint teams for the Rutland Match or the South Africa Cup. Such “lent” shooters will however not be disqualified from representing their “lending” country in future FCWCs.
- FC3.11. The course of fire for the F-Class Team World Championship events will be:-
 FC3.11.1. Day one: 2 convertible sighters and 15 scoring shots at 700m, 800m and 900m.
 FC3.11.2. Day two: 2 convertible sighters and 15 scoring shots at 700m, 800m and 900m.
- FC3.12. The time allowed will be 85 minutes per distance, unless 5 shooters per target is in use, when the time limit will be 107 minutes. The Target will be the ICFRA International F-Class Target. Electronic Targets may be used but this is subject to an affirmative resolution by FCC.
- FC3.13. On ranges where imperial measures of distance only are available, the matches will be shot at 800, 900 and 1000 yards.
- FC3.14. If they can safely be provided, blow off shots may be fired as follows
 FC3.14.1. (Individual Match) For a period of one minute prior to the first distance of the day, for each detail, and
 FC3.14.2. (Team Match) For a period of 4 minutes prior to the first distance on each day.
- FC3.15. A tie for first place in the team championship will be resolved by count out.
- FC4. THE F-Class INDIVIDUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP for F/O and F/TR**
- FC4.1. The F-Class Individual World Championships (open and under-25) for both disciplines will immediately precede the team match and will take place over three days.
 FC4.1.1. Day one:- 2 convertible sighters and 15 scoring shots at 700m, 800m and 900m.
 FC4.1.2. Day two:- 2 convertible sighters and 15 scoring shots at 700m, 800m and 900m.
 FC4.1.3. Day three:- 2 convertible sighters and 20 scoring shots at 900m fired twice.
- FC4.2. The time limits and their management will be in accordance with F-Class Technical Rules: Shooting as ‘Bisley Pairs’ is the preferred squadding arrangement but is not obligatory. A practice day with targets available at all three relevant distances must be made available to team and individuals prior to the individual matches even if they follow on after a prior National event which was open to FCWC competitors.
- FC4.3. Under-25 Individual Championships may only be held if, for the class in question, there is a minimum of 10 Individuals from 3 or more Nations. Age criteria are specified at FC 3.8 above.

FC5. ELIGIBILITY and NOMINATIONS

- FC5.1. Should the number of applicants to compete in the F-Class Individual Long Range World Championship exceed the range target capacity, members of the competing F-Class World Championship teams (open and under-25) will have absolute priority for entry.
- FC5.2. Team Captains must nominate their Squads of 16 (See FC3.3) or 8 (see FC 3.7) on completion of the day of practice prior to the Individual Matches. The list showing the final selection of firers etc, (and Team lists for the Rutland and South Africa Cup matches) must be handed to the Match Referee no later than 5.00pm on the day before the Team Matches.
- FC5.3. No one may compete in any of the matches, whether Team or Individual, in both the F/TR and F(O) classes. It is permissible to shoot one match in one of the classes and a different match in the other class.

FC6. RIFLES AND EQUIPMENT

- FC6.1. Competitors may use any rifle, which must conform to ICFRA F-Class specifications for the relevant class.

FC7. AMMUNITION

- FC7.1. The ammunition to be used in the FCWC, both individual and team matches, will be furnished by each individual and by each team respectively.
- FC7.2. The ammunition may be either handloaded or purchased commercially.
- FC7.3. The host nation must notify intending participants no later than 18 months in advance of the event as to the maximum muzzle velocity/muzzle energy permitted under the safety rules for the range, together with any other relevant technical limitations.
- FC7.4. During the individual and team championships a competitor may be required to provide at least two and not more than five rounds overall (at random), for technical checks by qualified experts provided by the host nation. These checks may include firing the rounds in the competitor's rifle. Therefore all competitors should ensure they have on the firing point more than the required number of rounds for each match to allow for samples to be collected.

FC8. AWARDS – TROPHIES

- FC8.1. The awarding, handling and management of ICFRA's Trophies is addressed in detail in the World Championship Management Document at the (new) Section W.13.
- FC8.2. The Farquharson Cup will be awarded to the country winning the FCWC Open Team Match; the Rutland Cup is to be awarded to the team winning the Open Rutland Cup event. These two trophies are the property of J McAllister (GB).
- FC8.3. The Milcun Shield will be awarded to the person winning the F(Open) class of the FCWC Individual Matches. This trophy is the property of K.A. Cunningham and L.A. Miller (Canada).
- FC8.4. The Richardson Trophy will be awarded to the country winning the FCWC F/TR Team Match and is the property of the NRA of Great Britain.
- FC8.5. The Brian Boru Trophy will be awarded to the person winning the F/TR class of the FCWC Individual Matches. This trophy is the property of the NRA of Ireland.
- FC8.6. The Rutland Cup will be awarded to the Team winning the F(Open) teams of 4 Match. This trophy is the property of J McAllister (GB).
- FC8.7. The South Africa Cup will be awarded to the Team winning the F/TR teams of 4 Match. This trophy is the property of the South African Bisley Union (SABU) by whom it will be retained at all times, other than possible presentation at an FCWC. (W13 refers).

FC9. AWARDS - MEDALS AND BADGES

- FC9.1. The host nation must provide all the under-mentioned awards, but their form and design must either emanate from, or be approved by, the Committee. The host nation may provide additional awards under conditions made known to the Committee in advance of each match as per Rule W4.8.

- FC9.2. The host nation will provide each participant in the FCWC, whether in team or individual events, with a commemorative badge, crest, apparel or medal.
- FC9.3. For the F-Class World Team Championships, open and under-25, the Rutland Cup Match and the South Africa Cup Match ICFRA Medals to an approved design, will be awarded as follows:-
- FC9.3.1. First place team - Gold,
- FC9.3.2. Second place team - Silver,
- FC9.3.3. Third place team - Bronze.
- FC9.4. Medals for the FCWC Teams Match will be provided on the scale in accordance with the actual maximum team size determined under Rule FC3.3 or FC3.5 (usually 16); or FC 3.7 (8 in number). 7 medals of each colour will be provided for the Rutland Cup Match. Should a team have fewer members than the maximum number allowed under the rules, each member is to receive a medal, but the surplus are NOT to be issued.
- FC9.5. For the FCWC, first, second and third place awards will be made even if only the minimum number of four teams compete.
- FC9.6. In respect of the Rutland and South Africa Cup Matches, first and second place awards will be made even though only two teams compete: and first, second and third place awards will be made even though only three teams compete.
- FC9.7. For each of the World Championships Long Range Individual Matches (F/O and F/TR, open and under-25), the host nation will provide the following medals, of approved design:-
- FC9.7.1. Daily prizes: One set of medals (gold, silver & bronze) for each of the three distances together with a fourth set for the daily aggregate for each of the two days,
- FC9.7.2. Aggregate prizes: One set of medals for each the 700m,/800yd; 800m/900yd and 900m/1000yd aggregates,
- FC9.7.3. Championship prizes:
- FC9.7.3.1. Open Championships. A special gold medal for the Champion, a similar silver medal for the runner-up and eight similar bronze medals. The bronze medals must be engraved with the relative finishing positions (3rd to 10th).
- FC9.7.3.2. Under-25 Championships. A special gold medal for the Champion, a similar silver medal for the runner-up and a bronze medal for the third place competitor; plus one extra Bronze medal for each full set of 5 entries in excess of 10 up to a maximum of 8 Bronze medals engraved as above (i.e. 45+ entries for the full 8).

Note: The colour of the medals relates to the colour only and not to their metal content.