

## **Bluffs Shooters F-Bench Rules 2023**

F-Bench is a 600-yard event shot from a benchrest, from a front rest and rear bag, bipod and rear bag, or a front and rear bag. It can be shot with any rifle capable of consistently hitting the target at 600 yards – as long as it is smaller than .320 caliber.

There are 4 classes based on the rifle and rest used. Muzzle breaks are not allowed in any class because they make it very uncomfortable for the persons next to them. Suppressors are allowed in Tactical and Open class but not in Factory class.

**Open Sights** – Rifles with open sights and any safe rest setup is allowed.

**Factory Class** – Unaltered factory rifle with any scope and any rest setup

**Tactical Rifle Class** – Semi-auto or bolt action rifles with any scope. Only .223 and .308 cartridges (or the NATO equivalent) are allowed. A rear bag and a bipod are required.

**Open Class** – Any rifle/scope/caliber up to .320 – Shot from a front rest (or bipod) and a rear bag.

The course of fire will be:

6 Benches on the line shooting at the same time. Shooters will be on targets 2,3,4,5,6, and 7.

The number of relays will be dependent on the number of shooters present.

A match will be comprised of 3 – 15 shot strings for a total of 45 record shots. On the first relay you will be given unlimited sighters and your 15 shots for record in 20 minutes. On the second and third relays you will be given 2 sighters and 15 shots for record in 20 minutes.

The first 6 shooters will be called to the line and given 5 minutes of prep time.

The Range Officer (RO) will call the line – “ready on the right, ready on the left, with one round load, the line is hot, commence fire.”

Once you are given the command “commence fire” you will have 20 minutes to take your sighters and fire your 15 shots for record. All record shots must be fired in the 20-minute period, or a miss will be given for each shot that is left. YOU MUST PUSH THE BEGIN BUTTON ON YOUR DEVICE TO START YOUR RECORD SHOTS!

Upon completion of each string, shooters will remove their gear from the bench and move it to the rear of the line. A new shooter will then be called to the firing line, and they will place their gear. Shooters may not police brass until the RO gives permission to do so. We will repeat this process 3 times – until all shooters have 45 record shots.

Shots will be scored by Shotmarker electronic target systems, and they will be set to use the 600-yard MR-1 FC target. If the shooter is using open sights, we will set the Shotmarker to use the 600-yard MR target.

When not shooting the competitor will be either on deck (preparing to shoot) or verifying scores for the shooter on your firing point.

You will need to have an electronic tablet, iPad, laptop, or a smartphone so you can see your shots on the target and to verify scores with.

To shoot this match you will need approximately 60 rounds of ammo (depending on the number of sighters you take), a rifle with a scope or iron sights, front rest or bipod, rear rest, ECI (empty chamber indicator), scoring device (tablet, iPad, smartphone, or laptop), and eye and hearing protection. Eye and hearing protection are **mandatory**. If spectators are on the firing line, they will be required to have eye and hearing protection as well.

**The range officer has final say in all matters and rulings. If you have a problem immediately confer with the RO.**

You do not have to shoot all 3 relays. If you do not want to shoot all three relays, be sure to inform the RO in advance – it will change the way you are squadded. The match fees will be the same as shooting the full match.

The cost to shoot the match is \$15 for Bluffs Shooters members and \$20 for non-members.

Classes will not be recognized unless there are three or more competitors in a specific class, otherwise everyone will be in Open Class.

The RO will help you get on target initially if you need help. The Shotmarker target systems are expensive, and the club does not want our systems damaged. If the shooter consistently fails to keep shots on the target the shooter will be asked to cease fire and you will forfeit the match.

Call or email if you have questions – email is the best way to get ahold of me.

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