

F-Class

F-Class, so named for its Canadian founding father George Farquharson (A Kamloops, BC Shooter) is a fullbore discipline that owes its roots to TR shooting, and began with simply adding a scope to a TR rifle and shooting with a bipod. This was to permit aging shooters the ability to compete when eyesight and muscle control made TR shooting physically too demanding.

From those humble beginnings, the sport has grown like wildfire into one of the most popular fullbore sports around the world. This is a competitive and challenging sport with targets being half the size of a typical TR Target. Like TR, this sport is shot prone (disabled shooters can be accommodated in other positions). The object is to place shots in the middle of the target, with scores diminishing the further from the center your bullet impacts. Each shot is marked by a target marker working under your target. Unlike benchrest shooting, where group size is important, the aim is to hit the bull's eye.

In BC we shoot to 600M, in the rest of the shooting world, competition can be held at distances up to 1200M.

With the many good quality heavy barrel firearms that are now commercially available, shooters wishing to try F-Class can enter an F-Class match and try shooting with what they have. Matches are held throughout the spring and summer in Chilliwack, Nanaimo, Mission, and Kamloops. Those that would like to know more about F-Class shooting are encouraged to contact F-Class Director Ian Hames at riflebarrels@telus.net

In addition we are now holding annual F-Class introductory clinics to allow those who are completely new to competitive shooting a chance to learn what the sport is about and actually compete against other brand-new F-Class shooters in a mini-match. Organized F-Class Matches (combined with TR shooters) are held throughout the spring and summer in Chilliwack, Nanaimo, Mission and Kamloops. Those that would like to know more about F-Class shooting are encouraged to contact F-Class Director Ian Hames at riflebarrels@telus.net

Here are the different classes of F-Class rifles...

F-CLASS RESTRICTED

223 or 308 (or military equivalent 5.56 or 7.62 NATO) using any bullet weight.

- Maximum 8.25Kg weight of rifle and all attachments
- Any Sight (iron or optical)
- Can be used with Bipod or sling, no front Benchrest style shooting rests allowed
- Any safe trigger weight
- Matches are fired single-shot, no loaded magazines

F-CLASS TR (F-TR)**

- Same calibers as above, but bullet weight cannot exceed 81 or 156 grains respectively
- Same rifle specs as Restricted class, but any front rest

**BC Currently provides opportunities for the F-Restricted and the F-Open classes only

F-CLASS OPEN

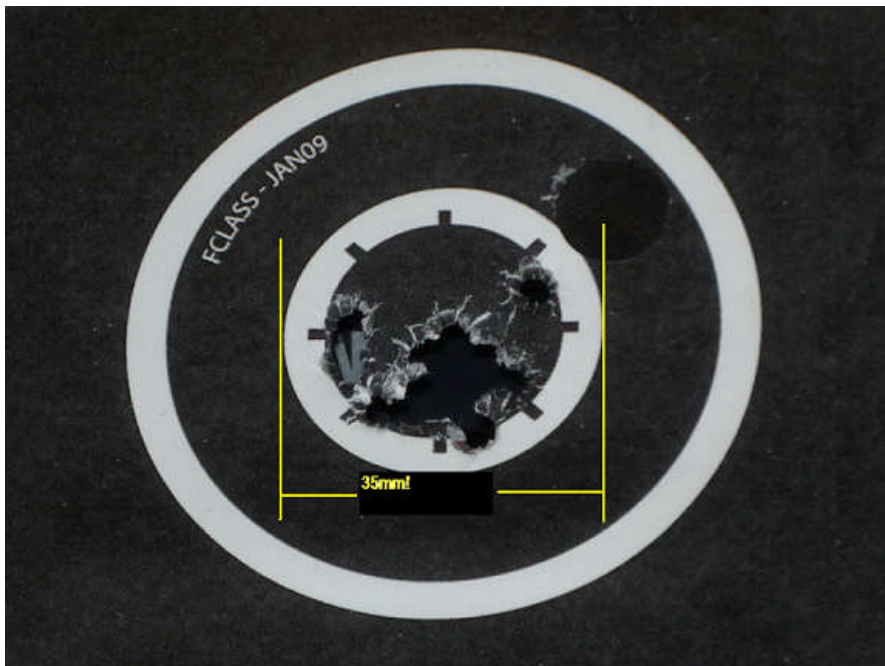
- Any Non-Magnum calibre up to 8mm
- Any sight (Optical or Iron)
- Maximum weight 10 Kg or 22 lbs (combined weight of rifle and all accessories that recoil with the rifle)
- Bipod or front rest (Forestock cannot be wider than 76mm if used with a front rest)
- Any safe trigger

All Classes permit a rear bag, but cradles that support both ends of the rifle at the same time are prohibited.



Here is an example of an F-Class Open rig. Note the sturdy bipod favoured by many, as well as the rear shooting bag, heavy barrel and high-powered optical sight. This rig runs close to the 10 Kg maximum weight allowed.

Here is an example of a commercially available rifle that has been modified for use in F-Class.



This is an example of the F-Class target shot at 300M. The Bull on this target is a mere 35mm. (this fantastic target was shot by R. Dreger of Kamloops-well done)