



Guidance for Using Sticks on BFTO Club HFT Shoots

In order to facilitate greater participation in Club HFT shoots, and in recognition that for various reasons members may be unable or unwilling to use the standard, prone, kneeling and standing positions to shoot, for 2023 shooting sticks may be used with the following guidance.

Headlines:

A	Sticks may be used from January 2023 for club HFT shoots in a separate competition
B	Sticks must be non-adapted propriety shooting sticks with one, two or three legs
C	Where Shots that cannot be taken safely with a stick, a 2 point "by" will be given
D	Guidance will develop with experience and as governing bodies set rules

Detailed Guidance

1	Shooters must be able to walk the course, carry their own kit and be capable of managing the uneven surface, trip and slip hazards and whatever the weather brings
2	Stick shooters will follow all normal rules and practice of club HFT, other than those in this guidance
3	Only proprietary shooting sticks with one, two or three legs may be used (Mono, Bi and tri pod). The head of stick may not be modified to provide any additional support for the gun. No modified camera tripods or homemade sticks from tree branches may be used. The gun must be unclamped from the stick and the rifle only held in place by the shooter
4	Stick shooters will have their own competition and their score will be separate to the main HFT competition. Stick shooters will write Sticks in the class section of the scorecard. No distinction between PCP or spring gun will be made
5	Shooters will pair up with another shooter, (normal or stick user) to use the course, groups of three or more shooters are discouraged as it holds up the shooters following
6	All shots must be taken using the shooting stick, with three-legged stick, the stick will be placed over the peg within a circle area that encompasses the three legs, with a bi pod the legs will be placed behind the peg within the span of the two legs, and mono pod behind the peg at up to arm's length either side of the peg. There is no requirement for a foot to touch the peg
7	A maximum of 2 minutes is allowed for the shooter to set up and take their shot
8	Shooters must always remain behind the blue rope firing line as must the shooters trigger finger.
9	Where it is not practical or safe to set up a stick, or the target is not visible from the standing position, the stick shooter can take a 2 point "by" for that lane
10	After the shoot has finished, all shooters are expected to help with the pack up of the course and the club equipment. Help with the set-up of the course on the Saturday would be appreciated.