



USA Archery Arizona - Tournament Rules and Procedures Summary

Archers, coaches, club leader's and parent/guardian of youth archers are responsible to know the rules and how to apply them.

When in doubt, ask for help. Questions? Ask a tournament judge.

DRESS CODE: All athletes, coaches and participants to present a professional, athletic appearance while on the field. (No torn, ripped or badly faded clothing.) No camouflage or blue denim (jeans) may be worn at target events. (Denim permitted at FITA Field events) Camouflage accessories such as trim on shirts, caps, quivers, armguards, footwear, etc., are permitted. Shorts, skorts and skirts must not be shorter than finger tip length while standing normally. Men and women are required to wear upper garments covering the front and back of the body and covering the midriff including when at full draw. Women's upper garments shall have a minimum shoulder strap of 3" or sleeves. Men's upper garments shall have short or long sleeves. Sport/athletic shoes are recommended to all athletes and coaches during target events. Shoes must cover the entire foot. No images, language or representations considered offensive to others.

EQUIPMENT INSPECTION: All equipment may be inspected before or during the competition. Inspection includes, bow and bow mounted accessories, arrows (with archers initials marked on the shaft) and tab or release. Maximum arrow size is 9.3 mm (including arrows wraps). Arrow tips and points maximum 9.4 mm diameter. (Unwrapped Easton 2315 shaft are compliant, 2317 shafts are not.) A 9.3 mm shaft maybe wrapped up to 22 cm from the arrow nock groove. -Compound bows draw weight maximum is 60# and may be rechecked during the event. Maintain equipment compliance throughout the competition. Compounds may have a pep sight on the string. Compound sights may have magnification and multiple pins for target events. Release aid is permitted. Compound arrow rest overdraw maximum 6cm. -Recurve bows, fiber optics and sights shall not extend more than 2 cms; no magnified lenses, and only one sight. Finger only releases, with a tab or glove. Recurve arrow rest maximum 4cm. No electronic devices. No electronics in the shooting area (including iPods and phones) that communicate, distract or could disturb others.

SPECTATORS AND PRESS: Remain behind the archers seating area. No flash photography. Ask the DOS for permission to take photos down range.

AB-CD: Tournaments may have up to four archers shoot on a target matt in a process where two archers shoot on the target matt followed by the second two archers each end. One pair of archers are designated AB line and the second pair are designated CD. Archers may establish AB/CD designation prior to the start of competition to facilitate spotting scope sharing and target face set up and pulling arrows. AB and CD archer lines alternate shooting each end first.

SHOOTING LINE: Spotting scopes and tripods maybe left on the line if there are no objections from any of the archers shooting adjacent to the scope. Scopes to be no higher than the arm pit of the archers. Coaches and others may communicate to an archer, provided the communication does not disturb other archers on the shooting line. Archers to remain entirely over their shooting position. Do not let any part of their body, clothing or equipment stray into another archer's space or make contact with others.

WHISTLE COMMANDS: 2 whistles come to the line. Do not raise you bow until... 1 whistle to shoot. 2 whistles = time up, next group, if any, can come to the line. 3 whistles = range is clear, score, mark and collect arrows. 5 or more whistle blasts, emergency, stop shooting immediately.

WAITING LINE: Stay behind the waiting line until signaled. After you shoot your last arrow, return to the waiting area when the adjacent archers are not in the act of shooting. When less than half of the archers are still shooting, do not "spot" your last arrow to avoid delaying the tournament.

BOW ARM: When loading an arrow onto you bow, keep your bow pointed down range. Archers may not raise the bow arm until the signal to start shooting is given. When drawing, do not use any technique which could allow the arrow, if accidentally released, to fly beyond a safety zone or safety overshoot area, net, wall. Do not point your bow upwards towards the sky or ceiling at any time including when drawing the bow.

3 METER LINE (UN-SHOT ARROW): The 3m line is on the target side of the shooting line. Any arrow that completely crosses the 3m line is considered shot. An arrow not fully across the 3m line is a un-shot arrow. An arrow shot at a target butt that has fallen over or at a target face that has come off is time to call a judge.

EQUIPMENT FAILURE: It happens. When it happens inform a judge. Take a step back and/or raise your hand to attract a judge's attention. The Director of Shooting (DOS) will determine if shooting will proceed while repairs are made or if the line can be held and make up arrows shot. In any case, equipment repairs and make up arrows cannot delay the tournament more than 15 minutes. (Traditionally two ends of normal shooting.)

Bounce out, pass through, hanging arrows or shooting the wrong target face: Again, inform a judge. All archers shooting on the same "target face" are to stop shooting. The archer and a judge will resolve the condition (score, mark hole, remove arrow) and then finish the end as directed.

USAA OUTDOOR TARGET SCORING: There are 10 scoring rings. There is an inner most scoring ring termed the X ring.

USAA INDOOR TOURNAMENT ONLY - SCORING: All categories: Compound bow only score the inner ten (X) ring as 10, the remainder of the gold is "9"; Recurve bow score the inner and outer ten ring as "10". **(JOAD STYLE INDOOR Tournament only - Cub and Bowman: Compound bow Cub and Bowman shoot the 40 cm face and score the outer ten ring. Recurve bow Cub and Bowman shoot the 60 cm face and score the outer ten ring.)**

SCORING: Don't touch arrows or target including face until all the arrows are scored. An arrow shaft that touches the higher scoring ring or color is scored the higher value. Record archers arrow score values from high to low.

SCORING GROUP: Tournament integrity depends on accurate scoring by the scoring group. Score keepers mark arrow values on the scorecards. Archers may call their arrows values. The scoring group is to verify the called values and scores are marked on the correct archers scorecards. If there is a disagreement as to an arrow value, call a judge before the arrows are withdrawn. A judge's call is final.

ARROW VALUE MISTAKE: A mistake on the scorecard may be corrected before the arrows are withdrawn, provided that everyone in the target scoring group agrees to the correction. Scorecard corrections must be witnessed and initialed by all of the scoring group. If in doubt, call a judge

SCORECARDS: Make sure your name and figures are legible on the scorecards. A miss is marked as a "M". (Outdoors, the inner 10 ring is marked on the scorecard with an "X". Xs are 10s, when compiling the final totals, mark the combined total of Xs and 10s in the "10s" box.) Check the scorecard arrow values before the arrows are pulled, arrow values may not be changed after the arrows are removed from the target. Arithmetic maybe corrected after arrows are pulled.

MARK THE ARROW HOLES: Use two small thin 1/8" marks at "right angles" at all arrow holes before pulling the arrows. Ask a judge to demonstrate hole marking.

SCORECARDS TABULATION AND SUBMITTAL: Each archer is responsible for the accuracy of their score card and to legibly fill in all the blanks, boxes and signatures at the end of the round. After finishing scoring at the target, recheck the scorecard. Scorecards are to be submitted to the tournament upon completion, no later than one hour after the end of shooting in extra ordinary situations. Remain at the venue until the entire scoring group has signed all of the scoring group's scorecards and the all of the groups score cards are submitted and accepted. The archers agree that the scorecard is correct once signed and received by the tournament. If a group is having difficulty or may be one of the later submittals, inform the tourney, prior to awards presentation and/or the results declared as official. Have an official sign your scorecard if a record, achievement or qualifying score is to be claimed.