

USAA USAT Events and USAA Championship Procedures – January 2010

Objective:

- Inform and Implement **2010 FITA Rules**
- Inform and Implement **2010 USAA Event Rules, Policies and Procedures**
- To provide USAA tournament archers with **Event quality and consistency**
- **Local Organizing Committee responsibility**

Application:

- **USAT Events**
- **USAA Championships:**
- **Events:** USAT Outdoor Tournaments (USAT), JOAD Outdoor Championship (JOAD Nationals) and the FITA rules applicable portion of the National Target Championship (NTC).
 - Indoor and JOAD Indoor Nationals as applicable.
- **Limited Applicability Events:** Field Championship, Flight Championship and National Traditional Outdoor Championship, Indoor Championships. Apply on a “to be determined” and “as applicability” basis.
 - **USAA Trials Events** to incorporate some of the USAT Events and USAA Championship policies on a “to be determined” and “as applicability” basis.
 - **Local, state and regional events** that maybe sanctioned by the USAA are encouraged to apply the quality and consistency principles, but are not required to do so.

Topics:

- **Draft 2010 FITA Rules**
- **USAA Specific Rules/USAA Tournament Policy**
- **Dress code**
- **USADA**
- **Tournament Ramifications Discussion**

Resources:

- FITA Constitution and Rules Book (one, two and three) and Draft December 2009
- FITA Judges Guide Book
- FITA Congress 2009 Ulsan
http://www.archery.org/UserFiles/Document/FITA%20website/02%20About%20Fita/Organisation/01_congress/2009_Ulsan/Congress_2009_Motions_Summary.pdf
- FITA Congress 2009 - Ulsan (KOR)
http://www.archery.org/content.asp?id=1036&me_id=836&cnt_id=3371
- FITA Set System Description October 09 <http://usarchery.org/news/article/28150>
 - Per FITA Congress 2009 Ulsan Motions and Laws approved by Congress
http://www.archery.org/UserFiles/Document/FITA%20website/02%20About%20Fita/Organisation/01_congress/2009_Ulsan/Set_System.pdf
- www.usarchery.org Resources: Rules and Regulations (Dress Code)

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New FITA Rules, Effective January 1, 2010 (by draft addenda)

- **CADET and JUNIOR Increase age limits** (FITA Congress 2009 Ulsan, Item No 25)
 - **Junior: Age 20** to the end of the calendar year.
 - 2010 Junior birth year 1990 or later
 - USAT ramifications
 - **Cadet: Age 17** to the end of the calendar year.
 - 2010 Cadet birth year 1993 or later

New FITA Rules, Effective April 1, 2010 (to be verified)

- **Para Archery** a part of FITA (Book 1, Appendix 8)
 - Visually impaired
- **Masters**
 - Shoot same distance as Cadets.
- **10 SECONDS to come to the shooting line;** Qualification round competition. (FITA Congress 2009 Ulsan, Bottom of Page)
 - Timing System programming required.
- **20 SECONDS to shoot one arrow; Alternate shooting;** individual matches. (FITA Congress 2009 Ulsan, Bottom of Page)
 - Timing System programming required.
- **MIXED TEAM ROUND** (FITA Congress 2009 Ulsan, Item No 26 plus)
 - **Top male and top female division** from a member association team
 - Indoor use tentative not included.
 - **Two teams, a Recurve Division team and a Compound Division team** per FITA member association. 16 teams seeded in keeping with traditional team round.
 - **16 arrow match.**
 - **Each two team members shoot 2 arrows per end**
 - 20 seconds per arrow.
 - 4 arrows, 80 seconds per end.
 - 4 ends per match total arrow value points.
 - **Remainder of rules the same** as traditional team round.
 - Policy to be determined with regards to offering at World Ranking.
 - Policy to be determined with regards to USAT and JOAD Nationals and NTC
 - New scorecard required.
 - Electronic scoring system programming for two person teams is required.

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New FITA Rules, Effective April 1, 2010 (continued)

- **Compound Round (April 2011)**
 - Ranking round, 80 cm at 50M, x 72 arrows.
 - Hit and miss target 100 cm sized for Elimination round
 - 50 Meters distance for Elimination rounds
 - Sets for individual and team elimination rounds.

- **An outdoor lane may have 4 targets between lane lines.**

- **New 80 cm target face with 5-10 ring maybe used at both 50M and 30M.** Traditional target face with 6-10 scoring rings maybe used at 30M. Revised target face set up 172 and 90 cm. (Tentative)

- **Draft indication of 6 arrow ends only.** Subject to further review. (Two archers use two faces each at 50 and 30M?) (Tentative)

- **TOP 8 BYES 128 Individual Match play** chart, top 8 to have two byes (FITA Congress 2009 Ulsan, Item No 26 plus).
 - **Top 104 Archers first round Individual Elimination matches mandatory for World Championships only.**
 - **Top 8 Archers are being “protected until the 1/16th round**
 - **Revised Scoring and target assignment flow charts.**
 - Policy to be determined with regards to offering at World Ranking Events.
 - Policy to be determined with regards to offering at USAT Events.
 - Electronic scoring system programming will require revision.
 - Arrow by arrow scoring displays may require revision.

Notes:

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New FITA Rules, Effective April 1, 2010 (continued)

- **Set system for Individual Elimination Round for Recurve and Compound** (FITA Congress 2009 Ulsan, Item No 26 plus)
 - **Compound until April 1, 2011**, post April 1, 2011 pending.
 - **Set points awarded after each end.**
 - **Win “2 set points”**
 - **Tie “1 set point”**
 - **Lose “Zero set points”**
 - **6 arrow sets, 3 sets maximum Up to and including the 1/8th round (16 archers).**
 - **First to earn 4 set points wins the match.**
 - **3 arrow set, 5 sets maximum finals, ¼ finals (8 archers) Semi, Medal Matches.**
 - **First to earn 6 set points wins the match.**
 - **3 arrow sets for all indoors matches.**
 - **One single closest to the middle Match tie breaker arrow.**
 - **Ranking**
 - **Based on when retired, 17th, 33rd, 63th**
 - **5-6-7-8 is based on number of set wins in the last match, if still tied, arrow value points in last match, if still tied, a tie is declared. (Pending)**
 - **1-2-3-4 based on Medal Match**
 - **Matches will finish at different sets** (formerly known as a end) per round which will effect score card collection and require DOS interaction.)
 - **New scorecard required.**
 - **Electronic scoring system programming will require revision.**
 - **Traditional Team Round matches unchanged**, determination by arrow value score.
- **Utilize at target flip score display board.** Single digit per pair of archer for set matches. Three digits per team for traditional and mixed team round.
- **Scorecards Per FITA Draft 7.6.4.1**
 - **“The organizers shall not be required to accept or record scorecards that have not been signed, do not contain the sum total, the number of 10's or the number of X's or which contain mathematical errors. “**
 - **“The organizers or officials are not required to verify the accuracy of any submitted scorecard however if the organizers or the officials note an error, they will correct such error and the result as corrected shall stand. “**
 - **“Any such corrections must occur before the next stage of competition.”**
- **Ties**
 - Assumed that ties for entrance into the elimination round is determined by the up to three arrow shoot of type (score, score, closed to the middle)
 - Assumed that all ties using sets are determined by single closest to the middle type.

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[USAA Archery Specific Rules and Policies](http://usarchery.org/blogs/blog-for-denise-parker/posts/1437-usaa-events-a-changing-landscape) Per Parker Blog, November 2009
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- **SCORECARD AND RESULTS POLICY**

- **Archers are responsible for the arrow value, the total sum, the 10s and the Xs.**
 - As marked on the archers scorecard that is submitted to the tournament record. (Procedure)
- **Archers will have a maximum of one hour from the end of shooting to turn in their completed scorecard.**

Procedure

- Scorecards are to remain in the immediate field area and be submitted to the tournament upon completion of accurate and correct arithmetic.
 - “End of shooting” is defined as the time when an archer removes their arrows after completing their portion of that day’s competition for a particular event.
 - Make up arrow and tie shoot offs by other archers do not affect the archers one hour time period.
 - The intent of the rule is to not delay score tabulation and result publication for the tournament as a whole.
- **Signed scorecard accuracy/consequences** Per Parker Blog December 2009
<http://usarchery.org/blogs/blog-for-denise-parker/posts/1582-zero-is-too-harsh-usa-archery-board-revisits-the-scoring-rule-change>
Double scoring, when there are potentially two scorecards of which one will eventually be considered official.
- **If two arrow values disagree once the arrows are withdrawn - the archer receives the lower value.** (*The judges have no way to otherwise resolve*)
 - Once the scorecards are signed and turned into event organizers
 - **“If a box is not filled in - it is a zero (including a total score or distance score”** (*Tournament to have staff receive and review cards and accept only after all blanks and all totals spaces are filled and the card is signed.*)
 - **“If a score total is greater than correct - it gets corrected “** (*Upon discovery of mathematical error*)
 - **“If a score total is lesser than correct - it stays the lower score “** (*Example: Two scorecards are submitted. The scorecards are not the same. Both have blanks. Scoring team is not available to correct. The tourney selects the score card with the least amount of perceived errors.*)

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USAA Archery Specific Rules and Policies (continued)

• SCORECARD PROCEDURES

- Applies to Ranking and Elimination rounds.
- As the scorecard is being submitted, the tournament staff shall endeavor to identify obvious errors (i.e. lack of point total) and return the card to the submitter for completion and/or correction prior to acceptance of the score card.
- Since submission of a scorecard with blank totals leads to a “zero” score, the tournament shall endeavor to determine if the archer intends to submit the scorecard before accepting the card.
- It is often customary for a representative to submit one or more scorecards which might result in a scorecard being prematurely submitted.
- Focus tournament staff scorecard checking on the top scoring eight or more individuals and teams. This is where errors are identified and corrected, regardless of result.
- **The automatic award of the lower value applies to cards that are not checked for accuracy.**

Scorecard instructional text:

1. Scorecards to remain at the venue area until submitted to the tournament.
 2. Correctly tabulated scorecards are to be signed and submitted per direction to the tournament within one hour from the end of archers shooting competition.
 3. If a box is not filled in - it is a “zero” (including, scores, distance scores, total score and tie breaker 10s and (Xs outdoors), (9s indoors).
- ***Procedure Discussion: The tournament shall post the tentative results for no less than 15 minutes prior to the posted tentative results being deemed official.***
 - Allow archers to review and take exception to results.
 - Tournament to endeavor to make corrections and do so in a timely manner.
 - Interim results to be posted within 8 hours of the close of the competition day.
 - Final results to be submitted to the USAA within 24 hours of the completion of the tournament.
 - **Results are deemed official upon the presentation of the awards.**
 - (Procedure) The presentation of the awards shall not take place until the archers have had the opportunity to submit their scorecard on time, and the tentative results posted for inspection for the requisite period of time.

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USAA Archery Specific Rules and Policies (continued)

SCORECARD PROCEDURES (continued)

- **In the case of the Indoor Nationals, regional results ARE OFFICIAL upon the announcement of the regional results. No changes will be made to the results once they are submitted to the National Office to be combined for the National Indoor Championships.**
 - (Procedure) It is the responsibility of each Indoor National Championship site to compile and submit the results in keeping with this “Scorecard and Results” policy.
- **MASTERS AGE GROUPS - All Masters will shoot the same distances as the Cadets.**
 - Masters Men will shoot from: 70m, 60m, 50m and 30m
 - Masters Women: 60m, 50m, 40m and 30m.
 - If individuals wish to shoot the longer distances, or in the case of the National Target Championships, want to shoot in the elimination round, they must register as a senior archer.

Notes: (Junior, who shoot senior distance are also eligible to compete in the senior elimination round including for USAT ranking)

- **AWARDS -NATIONAL EVENTS**
 - **Awards will be distributed at national events based on the number of paid participants in the division as of the deadline for entry date, using the following awards structure:**
 - **Less than 5 participants: 1st place only.**
 - **5-8 participants: 1st and 2nd place only.**
 - **9 or more: 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.**

Procedures

- With the addition of more events to the USAT program, it is essential to adopt policies and procedures that will help to ensure consistency from event to event. This policy will assist tournament organizers to better manage their events and finances.
- “Deadline for entry date” is deemed as the date for “on time” registration.
- Awards maybe provided after the event has concluded at the discretion of the tournament.
- Applies to USA Archery National Championship Tournaments as well as, team rounds and mixed team rounds. USAT Tournaments may meet or exceed the minimum requirements.

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USAA Archery Specific Rules and Policies (continued)

- **PERSONAL COACHES on the competition field (Procedure)**
 - At USAA National Championship, USAT Events and Team Trials, archer's coaches may participate as follows:
 - **Official practice day, coaches may join the archers in all areas.**
 - Coach to avoid hindering archer's practice.
 - **Official practice the same day as competition, an archer may have one coach up to the waiting line.**
 - **Qualification/ranking round, coaches are not permitted in the archer's area.** (Target area, shooting line, waiting line, equipment area, archers seating area, archers shade and rain canopies).
 - Note that during the qualification round a tournament may allow access to the archers seating, shade and rain canopy area at the discretion of the tournament organizers.
 - **Individual Elimination round, an archer may have one coach up to the waiting line.**
 - **Team round; a team may have one coach in the designated area.**
 - Tournament organizers are encouraged to allow spectators to share the archer's canopy area during team rounds.
 - "Same team uniform dress" does NOT apply for individual archer coaches per USAA Specific Rule Policy.
 - **FITA rules apply to Team Coaches and staff at World Ranking Tournament, World Cups, World Championship, etc.**
- **USAA SCORING AND RESULTS TEAM**
 - **Registration** integration and list of archers.
 - **USAT ranking sorting** <http://usarchery.org/pages/5080>
 - Average of Qualification Rank and Individual Elimination Round.
 - Junior/Senior and International archers sorting.
 - Jr. vs. Sr. USAT option effects progress ranking.
 - **Field layout target lane assignments**
 - **Office** for electronic scoring system team (Air conditioned, view of field)
 - **Practice day:** Opportunity for the archers to practice using the electronic scoring system.
 - **Scoring, cards vs. electronic:**
 - Electronic scoring system is unofficial.
 - Single or double scorecard scoring to be determined.
 - Double scoring is not a FITA or USAA requirement.
 - Double scorecards allows archer to keep a scorecard.
 - **Scorecard review and collection**

Volunteers needed for electronic and paper scorecard management

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United States Archery Association Dress Code <http://usarchery.org/pages/5093>

The following dress code has been approved by United States Archery Association (USAA) and the Board of Directors. As a general practice, USAA follows all FITA rules. ([Judge's remedy is to have the archer comply as soon as practical. Archers that have been warned previously and overtly choose to ignore the dress code maybe removed from the competition and excused from the venue.](#))

Target & Field Archery

- a. During competitions competitors shall wear appropriate, professional and coordinated attire.
- b. **Skirts, skorts, shorts or trousers** shall be constructed of any suitable **navy blue (non-denim), white or khaki** (effective May 1, 2004) material. A vertical manufacturer's stripe is acceptable. Blue denim is acceptable for field archery. **Shorts and skirts must reach the archer's fingertips when standing.**
- c. **Blouses, collared shirts and tee shirts** may be composed of any color or combination of colors **except camouflage**. For **women, upper garments incorporating shoulder straps shall conform to a 3-inch or larger strap. Men are required to wear long or short-sleeved shirts.** All shirts must **adequately cover the midriff** (midsection) during competition.
- d. **At no time may camouflage clothing be worn as an upper or lower body garment.** Accessories, such as caps, quivers, armguards, footwear, etc., made of camouflage material are permitted. ([Including Rain jackets and pants](#))
- e. **Closed-toe footwear** must be worn by all competitors at all times during the tournament.

Advertising and Trademark Restrictions

Advertising and trademarks on clothing must adhere to the standards established in the FITA Constitution and Rules as set forth in articles 2.2.5, 2.2.6, 2.2.7 and 2.2.8.

Official U.S. A. Archery Team Uniforms

- a. Members of U.S.A. Archery Teams may be required to provide their own white, navy blue or khaki (effective May 1, 2004) shorts, skirts and trousers. All members of one team, men or women, are to be dressed in the Team's uniform (FITA 3.23.2) ([Update for 2008 FITA Rules and 2010 Draft, Book 1, 3.22.1.1.](#))
- b. The USAA shall adopt and designate Official Team Uniforms from time to time. All Olympic Team, World Team, USAT, USAA or any other Official Team Uniform shall at all times be considered to conform to the USAA Dress Code.
- c. The USAA shall restrict the wearing of Official Team Uniforms to those individuals identified and for the purposes intended. No individual may procure copy, wear or display an Official Team Uniform without the express consent of USAA.
- d. The USAA shall have the right to rescind the privileges of use of any Official Team Uniform.

It should not be the intent of competitors to draw attention to themselves through their wearing apparel but rather through their shooting, their actions and interactions with their fellow competitors, officials and press on the competition field. If you are in doubt about an article of clothing for USAA competitions then it most likely will not be appropriate. We ask that competitors not push the envelope to see how far you can go outside the limits of the USAA Dress Code but rather help set high standards for good taste in appropriate dress for a USAA archery tournament.

The USAA Dress Code is a part of all USAA events and will be enforced. This includes Official Practice times.

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2008 FITA Constitution and Rule Book 1 Excerpt:

2.2.5 **Tobacco and Alcohol advertising** and sponsorship are **forbidden** at FITA World Championships.

2.2.6 Athletes may wear advertising in addition to the **normal manufacturer trademarks** of the articles worn. The manufacturer's trademark is the registered mark of the company which produced the item. If a company has an item made for it under contract, the label of the item, if appropriate to the item, will correspond to its trademark.

2.2.7 Athletes may have advertising on their personal and technical equipment (e.g. bows, bags, etc.) in addition to the item's normal trademark.

*2.2.7.1 All advertising referred to in articles 2.2.6 and 2.2.7 above must **not exceed 400 square cm** per item. The archers' Registration numbers are not covered by this article. [\(157.5 square inches\)](#)*

*2.2.7.2 All trademarks referred to in articles 2.2.6 and 2.2.7 above must not exceed **30 square cm** except trademarks on bows and stabilizers. [\(11.8 square inches\)](#)*

*2.2.7.3 The official **insignia, flag or emblem** of the country or Member Association they represent has **no restriction** as to size and is not counted as advertising.*

2.2.8 Provisions under articles 2.2.5, 2.2.6, 2.2.7, 2.2.7.1 and 2.2.7.2 are also to be observed by all team officials present on the shooting field.

3.22.1.1...

- *All members of one team must be dressed in the same team uniform. The men's and women's teams of one country may wear different design and colour uniforms. Team officials may wear a different style but should wear the same colours and should be easily identified as the official of their team.*

3.22.1.2 **Sport shoes must be worn by all athletes and coaches** during Target events. Sport shoes may be different styles but must cover the entire foot.

3.22.1.3 **Athlete's number is to be prominently displayed on the athlete's quiver or thigh** which is to be visible from behind the shooting line at all times while shooting is in progress.

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Technical Delegate (an often overlook key role, maybe in conjunction with the COJ)

- Technical assistance
- Experience
- Process
- Preparation
- Field
- Schedule
- Result

Jury of Appeals (an often forgotten critical item)

- Typically, Team coaches or judges and officials that are not a part of the tournament leadership with a general knowledge of the rules.
- Ideally secure several members so that those with a conflict of interest can be excused.
- Jurors must commit to being on site during the competition.
- Ideally Jury members take a proactive role and review the rule book when there is the slightest hint of controversy.

USADA – US Anti Doping Agency

- FITA World Anti Doping Agency Compliance
- Doping Control Officer
- Site Coordinator
- Doping Control Station
- Chaperone

Tournament Ramifications Discussion

- **Changes**
 - Mixed Teams
- **Preparation**
 - Registration
 - Archers target assignments
- **During Tournament**
 - Set Procedures
 - Results
 - Leader board
- **Post Tournament**
 - Results publication
 - USAT results

End

Notes: