



## USA Archery Arizona - Tournament Rules and Procedures Summary

*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 WA Field events) Camouflage accessories such as trim on shirts, caps, quivers, armguards, footwear, etc., are discouraged. Shorts, skirts and skirts must not be shorter than fingertip length while standing normally. Leggings (Tight yoga pants) maybe worn under code compliant shorts. 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 name or initials marked on the shaft) and tab or release.

**All:** No electronic devices including battery lights. No electronics in the shooting area (including iPods and phones) that communicate, distract or could disturb others. Camouflage equipment such as bows, arrows, sights, releases, etc., are discouraged.

**Arrows:** Maximum arrow size is 9.3 mm. Arrow tips and points maximum 9.4 mm diameter. (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 peep sight on the string. Compound sights may have magnification and multiple pins for target events. Release aid is permitted. Compound arrow rest overdraw maximum 6 cm.

**Recurve bows:** fiber optics and sights shall not extend more than 2 cm; no magnified lenses, and only one sight. Finger only release, with a tab or glove. Recurve arrow rest maximum 4cm.

**Bare bow:** Bow must pass thru a 12.2 cm circle. The bow may have an arrow rest. No sight, no marks and no items that maybe used for sighting.

**Spectators and Media:** Spectators shall remain behind the archers seating area. Media may access designated media area with the permission of the tournament. No flash photography. Ask the DOS for permission to take photos down range.

**Coaches:** Coach are allowed in archers area during practice only.

**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, target face set up and withdrawing arrows. AB and CD archer groups alternate shooting each end first. AB/CD, the CD/AB and so on.

**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. Top of scope to be below the arm pit of each archer adjacent to the scope to allow the archers to be readily photographed. 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 and within their shooting position and not allow any part of their body, clothing or equipment to 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 expired, next group, if any, may come to the shooting line. 3 whistles = range is clear, score, mark and collect arrows. 5 or more whistles = 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. Do not "spot" your last arrow to avoid delaying the tournament when the majority of the archers have finished shooting.

**Media lane and area:** Keep the media lane and area clear including free of equipment.

**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 impact an adjacent archer or propel an arrow, if accidentally released, to fly beyond a safety zone or safety overflight area, net or wall. Do not point your bow to the side, 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 an UN shot arrow. An arrow shot at a target butt that has fallen over or at a target face that has come off requires judge management to score if practical or otherwise resolve.

**Equipment Failure:** Take a step back and/or raise your hand to attract a judge's attention and inform. 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, shooting the wrong target face, hitting other arrows, and lost arrow:** Inform a judge. All archers shooting on the same "target face" are to stop shooting. The archer(s) and a judge will resolve the condition (score, mark hole, remove arrow, repair or change equipment/face) and then finish the end as directed. Do not pick up a pass through arrow or bouncer until the judge inspects the arrow location. Arrow A imbedded into arrow B will score the value of arrow B into which arrow A is imbedded. Arrow A hitting arrow B and then deflecting into a scoring area of the target face (1-10 score) shall score the value of the final resting place of arrow A. Arrow A hitting arrow B and then deflecting or rebounding to miss the scoring area shall score the values of arrow B with evidence that arrow A hit arrow B.

**Lost arrow:** Report lost arrows or arrows in the stand or wall to the judges during practice as well as competition.

**USAA Outdoor target scoring:** There are 10 scoring rings. There is an inner most scoring ring termed the X ring.

**USAA Indoor target scoring:** 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". Recurve and compound archers compete using a 40 cm face, type as offered by the tournament.

USA Archery JOAD: Bowman and Cub: Verify recurve target face size with tournament prior to the start of competition.

**Scoring:** Don't touch arrows or target face or target until all the arrows are scored. Arrow shaft that touches the higher scoring ring or color is scored the higher value.

**Scoring group:** Tournament integrity depends on accurate scoring by the scoring group. Score keepers mark arrow values on the scorecard in descending order from high to low. 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. The judge's arrow value determination is final. Utilize score flip cards and electronic scoring device as occurs.

**Arrow Value Mistake:** An arrow value mistake on the scorecard may be corrected before the arrows are withdrawn, provided that the entire scoring group agrees to the correction. Scorecard corrections must be initialed by all of the entire scoring group. Call a judge for assistance.

**Scorecards:** Make sure your name, information and figures are legible on the scorecards. A miss is marked as an "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.) Each archer shall check their 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:** Mark all arrow holes with two small thin 1/8" marks at "right angles" before withdrawing the arrows. 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 all signatures at the end of the round. After finishing scoring, recheck the scorecard. 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. Note when tie breaking shoot offs will take place if any. Have an official sign your scorecard if a record, achievement or qualifying score is to be claimed.

**Appeals:** Verbally inform the chair of judges or authorized agent of the intent to appeal immediately and before the next round or results tabulation. Submit \$50 USD cash with the written appeal within 15 minutes of the verbal notification.

*It is our pleasure to serve the archers, family members, supporters, spectators and fans. Thank you...*