



Arizona State Archery Association - Tournament Rules and Procedure Summary

Summary of the rules and procedures. It is the archers, coaches and club leader's responsibility to know the rules and how to apply them.
When in doubt, ask for help. Questions? Ask a tournament judge.

Dress code: Navy blue, khaki, tan or white pants or shorts (and skirts for the ladies... below the fingertips). No jean or denim. Closed toed shoes. Athletic sport shoes are ideal. Women's top: 3 inches of strap over the shoulder. Men's shirt with sleeves. No exposed midriff including at full draw. No camo clothing. Rain gear and inclement weather gear is a matter of practicality, attempt to comply with the fair weather rules.

Equipment inspection: All equipment may be inspected before or during the competition. Inspection includes, bow and bow mounted accessories, arrows (initials marked on the shaft) and tab or release. Maximum arrow size is 9.3 mm (including arrows wraps). (Unwrapped Easton 2315 shaft are compliant, 2317 shafts are not.) Compound bows draw weight maximum is 60# and may be rechecked during the event. Maintain equipment compliance throughout the competition. Compound arrow rest overdraw maximum 6cm. Compounds may have a pep site on the string. Recurve bows, fiber optics and sights shall not extend more than 2 cms; there are no mechanical releases, no magnified lenses, and only one sight. Recurve arrow rest maximum 4cm. For both compound and recurve only one sight point or pin is allowed and no electronic devices allowed.

3 meter line (unshot arrow): The 3m line is on the target side of the shooting line. Any arrow that completely crosses the line is considered shot. If an arrow is not fully across the 3m line is an unshot 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.

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. No are electronic allowed on the shooting area (including iPods and phones). Coaches and others may communicate to the archer provided the communication does not disturb other archers on the shooting line. Archers need to stay entirely in their own lane, and shouldn't 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. In particular, do not point your bow upwards towards the (Sky, Ceiling) when drawing your bow.

Equipment Failure: It happens, so when and if it happens to you... take a step back and raise your hand and inform a judge. The DOS will determine if shooting will proceed while you make repairs or if the line can be held for a moment and make up arrows shot. In any case, your repairs and make up arrows cannot delay the tournament more than 15 minutes, which is traditionally 12 make up arrows.

Bounce out, pass throughs and hanging arrows: Again, take a step back, raise your hand and inform a judge. All archers shooting on that target face are to stop shooting. The archer and a judge will resolve the condition (score, mark hole, remove arrow) and then the archers on the target will finish the end.

Spectators and press: Please remain behind the archers seating area. No flash photography shooting. Ask the DOS for permission to take photos down range.

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 at "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 the target until all the arrows are scored. An arrow shaft that touches the higher scoring ring or color is scored the higher value. Mark the arrow holes with two small marks at "right angles" at the arrow holes before pulling the arrows. Ask a judge to show you how to mark an arrow hole.

Scoring group: Tournament integrity depends on accurate scoring by the scoring group. Two score keepers mark arrow values on the scorecards. All may call their own arrow. The scoring group is to verify the called and marked scores.

Scorecards: Make sure your name is legible on the scorecards. A miss is marked on the score card as a "M". (Outdoors, the inner 10 ring is considered an X. Mark your scorecard with an "X". Xs are 10s, when compiling the final totals, mark the combined total 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. Addition maybe corrected after arrows are pulled.

Arrow Value Mistake: A mistake on the scorecard may be corrected before the arrows are withdrawn, provided that everyone on the target agrees to the correction. Scorecard corrections must be witnessed and initialed by the scoring group. If in doubt, call a judge. A judge's call is final.

Scorecards tabulation: Each archer is responsible for the accuracy of their score card and to 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. 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. Remain at the venue until the entire scoring group has signed all of the scoring group's scorecards. Have an official sign your scorecard if a record or qualifying score is to be claimed.

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