

3D Rulebook

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Introduction

The Canadian 3D Rule Appendix contains the rules, procedures and administrative procedures for 3D archery in Canada as promoted by Archery Canada and its member Provincial Sport Organizations and their Registrants. It complies with the polices and bylaws of Archery Canada.

Archers, clubs, and other organizations may organize a competition with published rule modifications, provided they adhere to recognized safety standards and the basic applicable rules of Archery Canada. However, they are encouraged to practice archery by these Archery Canada rules to promote consistency of understanding and practice by archers in Canada and other sports organizations worldwide.

If any question concerning a rule in this rulebook arises from editing errors or differences between the French and English language versions, reference will be made to the original form in which the Archery Canada Board of Directors approved the rule.

Archery Canada rules for the sport of 3D archery are unique for Canada. However, they have a basis on the rules of 3D archery practised by World Archery and the International Bowhunters Organization (IBO). A separate document outlines the Canadian Rules for ASA Archery.

1. General

- 1.1 All Canadian registrants in good standing meeting eligibility requirements may enter as athletes in a registered *event* (defined as any registered shoot, competition, tournament, or championships).
- 1.2 Registrants are not permitted to enter multiple categories within a registered event.
- 1.3 To compete in any registered event, all competing archers must sign a liability waiver.
- 1.4 For registered events, hosts are recommended to have a registration deadline. A wait list may be enabled, and entries submitted after the specified closing date may be accepted or refused by the organizers. The hosts have the right to refuse any entry after the deadline if such entry would cause a change in the programme or cause other organisational problems.
- 1.5 By completing registration for any Archery Canada registered 3D event, all participants acknowledge and agree to:

- Abide by all applicable rules and regulations governing the event as set forth by Archery Canada, or where applicable, the host Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization (PSO) or Club.
 - Athletes and officials shall respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence, and behave accordingly on the field of play, abiding by the AC Code of Conduct, or any codes, policies, or standards of behaviour adopted by the host PSO or Club.
 - Accept that failure to comply with these rules or codes may result in disciplinary action.
- 1.6 All coaches and officials must meet the requirements of the AC or PSO Screening policy for activities that are covered within the scope of the policy.
- 1.7 Organizers have the right to publish a “Final date for Refunds” deadline and Registration Deadlines. At all AC Events, the final date for Refund is the last day of official registration. Should a competitor be unable to participate, their entry fees may be retained by the organizers if they withdraw after the posted deadline. The Host Club retains the right to consider special circumstances and make an exception on a case-by-case basis. Entry fees will not be refunded or credited if a competitor competes at any point in the event, leaves the competition early after their class shooting time was extended by the Tournament Director, or due to disqualification.
- 1.8 All accredited persons, competition officials, and tournament volunteers shall refrain from carrying, consuming, using or being under the influence of intoxicating substances (alcohol, cannabinoids, etc.) while being on the field of play, practice range and other designated areas. Breach of this rule may result in loss the of accreditation as decided by the Competition Panel, or if none, the highest authority present at the event. Depending on the circumstances, the case may be brought to the Archery Canada or Provincial Association Independent Third Party or complaints manager for further action.
- 1.9 Smoking (tobacco or cannabis), vaping, or the use of electronic cigarettes, is not permitted on any competition ranges, practice ranges or in marked competition areas (spectator areas included) at any time. Anyone wishing to do so may leave the range and use an area a minimum of ten (10) yards from the entrance to the range.
- 1.10 All participants are expected to show respect for the natural environment and the facilities used during a registered event. Littering, damage to vegetation, or any action that negatively impacts the grounds or environment will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action.
- 1.11 In AC Events, and recommended for all other Events, athlete numbers are to be prominently displayed on the athlete’s quiver or thigh and always be visible from behind the shooting line or stakes while shooting is in progress.
- 1.12 Upon arrival at an Event, participants will report to the Registration/Check in table/booth where they will be provided their athlete number and information concerning target assignments and scorecards. At Archery Canada competitions utilizing electronic scoring, scorecards and tablets may be provided at the time of technical meetings approximately 45 minutes prior to the start of shooting.
- 1.13 Shooters may not be on any range that they have been assigned to shoot in unknown distance competition before they compete. Anyone who is found to be in violation of this restriction will not be allowed to shoot any competition range that they were on and will receive a score of zero for each range they visited. This restriction does not apply to competitors that are walking through a range to get to or from their assigned range. It also does not apply to ranges that are being used for team competition or for parents of youth class competitors (supervising parents are not allowed to leave the spectator viewing area if they will be competing on that range.)
- 1.14 All members of a shooting group are responsible for monitoring the shooting control and safety of all members in the group and any other persons in the immediate area.

- 1.15 An acoustic signal (e.g. A long sustained airhorn blast) to be heard throughout all the courses, shall be given at the start of each competition round. If for some reason, shooting must be stopped, an acoustic signal (of two long sustained airhorn blasts) will be sounded. If due to an emergency, the course has to be abandoned, five repeated acoustic signals shall be sounded.
- 1.16 Should the competition have to be abandoned prior to the completion of the Qualification Round(s), the total score of the same targets shot by all athletes in a category shall be used to determine the ranking and, in case no further competition is possible at all, the champions in that category.
- 1.17 Should the competition have to be abandoned at a later stage, the tournament format and schedule shall be modified to progress according to the time remaining and conditions of the venues, to determine the winners.
- 1.18 No athlete may touch the equipment of another without the latter's consent.

Coaches, Spectators, Parents, Guests

- 1.19 There shall be no coaches permitted on qualification or elimination courses. Coaches must remain outside the boundaries set by the Technical Delegate.
- 1.20 Spectators are not allowed on the tournament ranges until the range official begins the competition. At Archery Canada Championships, the Technical Delegate and Chief Judge will indicate if and where parents and spectators are permitted access to any given range. Media will be escorted by a Range Safety Officer or Judge to ensure safety for all.
 - Providing information or coaching is strictly prohibited and may result in the disqualification of the shooter.
 - Spectators and guests are to avoid conversations while anyone is shooting.
 - All cell phones and electronic devices are to be silenced to avoid disturbing the competitors.

Pets & Service/support animals

- 1.21 Each Event organizing committee establishes and enforces its own policy regarding pets. Should a site allow pets, they shall be kept on leashes at all times. Pet owners shall be responsible for their pet's behavior and for cleaning up after them, however pets are not allowed on competition ranges or on access routes to ranges at any time.
- 1.22 Service/support animals are allowed on the field of play in accordance with applicable provincial/federal accessibility legislation. Organizers may only ask whether the animal is a service/guide dog; they must not ask about the person's disability or request documentation except where permitted by law. The animal must be secured and cannot interfere in the event, and is not allowed in the shooting line area while other athletes are shooting.

Chaperones

- 1.23 All athletes under the age of 15 must have a designated chaperone who is 19 or older and not competing in the event. Safe Sport practices and screening practices will apply. Consult with your Provincial regulations.
- 1.24 The Organizing Committee will assign chaperones to accompany youth groups on the Field of Play.
- 1.25 Chaperones are expected to assist the young athletes with tasks such as:
 - Pulling arrows, finding arrows;
 - Maintaining decorum during the competition;

- Assist with recording scores and totalling scorecards.

1.26 Chaperones will refrain from influencing any athlete while shooting or scoring and will wait in the athlete's area until shooting is completed.

Outdoor Environment Safety

- 1.27 In accordance with Archery Canada's Outdoor Environment Safety Policy Event organizers have the obligation to delay or cancel a tournament round in case of severe weather, lightning or poor air quality. If a round is suspended, all shooters must leave the range immediately. In the interest of safety all arrows are to be left in the target and are not to be scored or pulled¹. All scorekeepers shall retain the score cards in their possession, and no shooter is to have possession of their own card.
- 1.28 Should it become necessary to abandon a competition because of bad weather, loss of daylight or for reasons that would otherwise compromise the safety conditions of the courses, such a decision shall be made by the collective decision of the head of the Organising Committee, the Chief Judge and the Technical Delegate (when applicable).
- 1.29 Protective shade from environmental conditions may include an umbrella which may be held by another member of the group. This is not permitted under WA rules.

Dress code and footwear

- 1.30 Out of respect for other competitors all shooters are required to maintain a presentable appearance. Event organizers may set fair dress regulations and/or guidelines however the following regulations are enforced at all the events of Archery Canada (Indoor and Outdoor 3D, Trials) and may be adopted at the discretion of tournament organizers for all other events. Archers considering international competition should be aware that Dress Code regulations may differ under World Archery, IFAA or ASA regulations.
- 1.31 Due to safety considerations, footwear must be worn at all times. Shoes may be different styles but shall cover the entire foot. Bare feet, sandals and open-toed footwear are not permitted by anyone on the competition field of play, on courses or in practice areas. Exceptions due to an injury or disability may be pre-approved by the event decision makers but safety will be a primary consideration in making a determination.
- 1.32 Clothing which bears wording, insignias, innuendo or images determined to be offensive, inappropriate, or disrespectful to Archery Canada and its sponsors is not allowed. All hate symbols and hate speech on clothing, personal effects and your person is strictly prohibited, whether worn on the person or not.
- 1.33 Pants, shorts, skirts, divided skirts, etc., may not be shorter than the fingertips when the arms and fingers are extended at the side and may not be ripped or torn. Leggings (tight fitting/yoga-type stretch pants) are allowed but must not be transparent/translucent above the knee.
- 1.34 Men's and women's shirts/tops must have short or long sleeves and may not be ripped or torn, must completely cover the front, back and sides of the body, and cover the midriff when at full draw. The following shirts/tops are allowed:
- National, Provincial or Club team uniforms;
 - Archery Equipment or other Archery related supplier tops (Branded merchandise);
 - Shirts that are conventional in style and appearance, with the only text or images allowed being the normal manufacturer trademarks.

¹ Note, in situations of poor air quality, immediate evacuation may not be necessary. Scoring may be completed, and personal equipment may be collected if the round is suspended.

- 1.35 Archery Canada does not restrict the use of camouflage patterned clothing or equipment, though archers must be aware of the safety implications of using such clothing and equipment as archers on courses need to always be visible to others during archery events.
- 1.36 During Canadian Team and Mixed Team match play competition, clothing is not required to be the same. Official club, provincial/territorial team or matching colour shirt/blouse/top are permitted and encouraged.
- 1.37 Athletes who do not meet the Dress Regulations will be advised of the manner in which they are not in compliance and provided an opportunity to change. If they are unable to be in compliance, they will not be allowed to compete.

Club/Local/Provincial Shoots, tournaments, etc

- 1.38 In order to host any Archery Canada event held in Canada, the host must be a Registered Club with an Archery Provincial or Territorial Club.
- 1.39 Unless a host obtains separate CGL, and Event specific insurance, all events must be registered with the PSO and/or Archery Canada., in accordance with Provincial regulations and Insurance Policy. An event must be registered with PSO and/or Archery Canada at least 7 days in advance of the tournament start date. Fees may apply depending on the event.
- 1.40 National events are allocated to a hosting organization(s) within a Province or Territory of Canada according Archery Canada's Hosting Regulations and Policy and will follow the Rules outlined herein.
- 1.41 Hosts of Registered events may organize and operate their events in whatever manner they require. Such events may utilize Archery Canada rules as the basis of the technical specifications and the procedures for their events. If alternate rules are in effect, they must be published for all participants to access prior to the event.
- 1.42 Hosts must retain a register of all participants and any reports of accidents/incidents that occur. The register and reports should be kept in a secure place. Whenever an incident occurs, an incident report should be completed and submitted to the PSO or Archery Canada. (It is important that all incident forms are kept in a secure place or digitally by all clubs for up to 10 years. This should document what actions were taken by the club at the time of the incident which will be relevant to the investigation of the claim.)
- 1.43 All registered events must be officiated by a certified Judge, or a certified Range Safety Officer (for club shoots). The level of judges required for Provincial and National events will be dictated by PSO and/or Archery Canada regulations.

2. Competition Management

- 2.1 Local Competition may follow a less formal competition management structure, but should always have at least one identified key decision maker which may be Range Officials or at least 1 Provincially certified judge. Provincial and National Competition may have in place more formal competition management as noted below:

Range Official

- 2.2 A Range Official is responsible for overseeing the safe, fair, and orderly conduct of shooting on a 3D archery range. This includes managing the flow of shooting, ensuring that groups follow assigned targets and procedures, enforcing safety protocols, and verifying that equipment and scoring practices comply with established rules. The Range Official monitors the range for hazards, addresses rule violations or

irregularities, and may intervene to resolve scoring or equipment disputes. In Canada, for standard 3D competitions, this role is typically fulfilled by a Local Judge or a Range Safety Officer who has experience in 3D competition, ensuring that both safety and rule compliance are maintained to national standards.

Judge Commission

- 2.3 For competitions that have Provincial or National significance a Judge Commission will be appointed. The Judge Commission is the body responsible for officiating at AC-sanctioned tournaments: ensuring that the competition is conducted fairly, safely, and in compliance with all applicable rules. Judges appointed to the Commission (at least “Provincial Judge” level) — together with Local Judges or Judge Candidates if needed — are charged with verifying that the course/field layout, targets and distances are correct before and during the event. They inspect all required venue equipment, and check athletes’ gear at registration and (if needed) throughout the tournament to make sure bows, arrows and other equipment meet rule-book regulations.
- 2.4 For major events (Championships, national-level tournaments, etc.), the Commission includes a Chairperson — at minimum a “National Judge” — appointed in addition to the judges for each course. The Chairperson serves as head of the Commission, coordinates with the technical delegate, maintains communications with each judge (especially on multi-course field or 3D events), and after the event submits a post-tournament report. At least one judge will be assigned to each active course.

Technical Delegate

- 2.5 At National events, the Technical Delegate (TD), assigned by Archery Canada, is the lead technical authority appointed by Archery Canada to ensure that national championship events are conducted in full compliance with World Archery and Archery Canada rules, while supporting the Host Organizing Committee (HOC) in delivering safe, fair, and high-quality competitions. The TD serves as the link between Archery Canada, the HOC, judges, and scoring staff ensuring alignment and resolving technical matters throughout planning and delivery.

3. Competition Course Set Up and Targets

- 3.1 At all registered shooting events, targets shall consist of 3-D type animal targets using a wide variety of forms of varying sizes that have scoring zones following World Archery or IBO (International Bowhunting Organization) standards. The number of targets used, their respective size and the size of the scoring zones are not standardised and may be outlined in the specific rules for the Event.
- 3.2 The Canadian Outdoor 3D Round typically consists of an event for individual archers consisting of rounds on one, two or three outdoor courses with between 20 and 25 3-dimensional animal targets on each course.
- 3.3 The Canadian Indoor 3D Championship Round consists of an event for individual archers consisting of rounds on three or four indoor ranges with varying numbers of 3-dimensional animal targets, typically totalling 80 targets. This is usually followed by the 3D Grand Prix event.

Outdoor Courses

- 3.4 The courses shall be arranged in such a way that the shooting positions and the targets can be reached without undue difficulty, hazard or waste of time. 3D courses shall be as condensed as possible. The walking

distance from the central (assembly) area to the furthest target should be no more than 1 kilometer or 15 minutes normal walking.

- 3.5 No path or shooting lane should cross another path or shooting lane (see diagram below) and targets must be set up so that any arrows that miss the target will not land in areas with other athletes or spectators (see Figure 1). Further guidance on safe range layout may be found in the AC Range Safety Officer handbook.

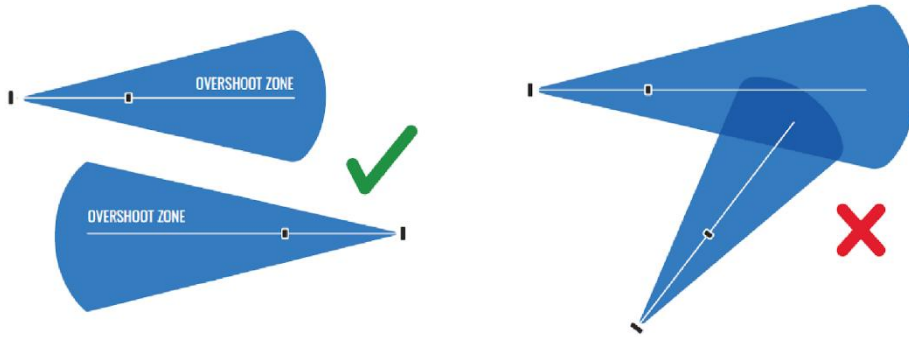
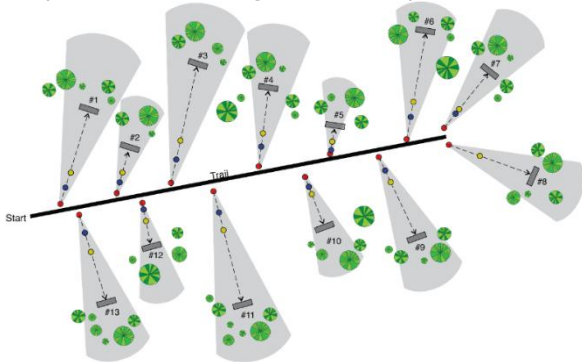


Figure 1

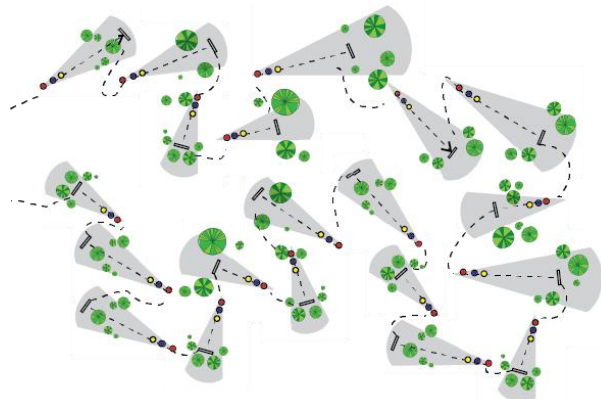
- 3.6 To prevent overshoot hazards each target should be set up using a 50 m overshoot zone funnel (see Figure 2) unless mounds or backstops are used. Note: extra distance must be added to the overshoot zone when shooting up-hill, the steeper the angle the longer the overshoot zone.

Sample layouts:

Herringbone (illustration shows 13 targets. Can be expanded to 20 targets with 10 per side).



Linked Trail (Not recommended)



Outside Loop: (illustration shows 13 targets. Can be expanded to 20 targets)

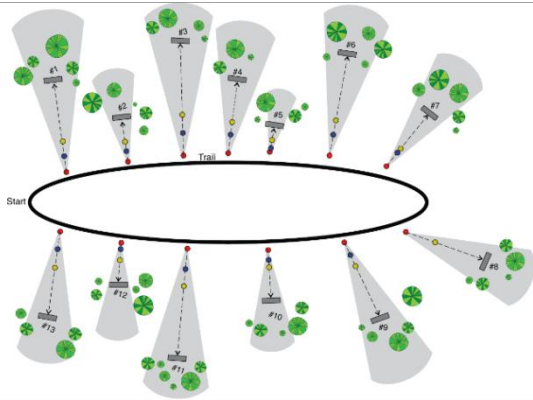


Figure 2

- 3.7 The targets shall be laid out in such order as to allow maximum variety and best use of the terrain, with a fair balance between distance and size of the targets.
- 3.8 Both natural elevated shooting positions (such as a gently sloped hillside, a flat rock outcrop, or an embankment) and constructed elevated platforms (including raised platforms and tree stands) may be used, subject to the conditions outlined below:
- Safety & Inspection:
Elevated shooting positions must be set up with safety and practical considerations for their use, not introducing undue risk, excessive physical difficulty, or undue delays. All elevated positions must be inspected and approved by the event's Judges, Technical Delegate, or Range Safety Officer before use. Where applicable safety codes should be consulted.
 - Accessibility:
For domestic events or any competition not governed by World Archery rules, organizers should provide a ground-level alternative for elevated platforms at a comparable distance and difficulty.
 - Height Limitation (Archery Canada National Events):
In order to reduce undue delays in competition, in Canadian National competition, Elevated platforms must not exceed four feet in height measured from the ground to the shooting surface.
- 3.9 The course makers shall prepare safe paths for Judges, medical personnel and to allow for transportation of equipment through the course(s) while shooting is in progress.
- 3.10 Small animal targets may be placed singly or in pairs. Archers shooting from the stake may shoot either animal.
- 3.11 Animal targets shall be placed in a way as to present the full vitals scoring, including the 8 ring, to the archers. The placement may be quartered-off, and parts of the animal may be obscured by hazards, but the full vitals must be visible from the archer's position within 1 m of the stake (outdoors) or at the shooting position (indoors).
- 3.12 The 3D targets come in a range of sizes. The course must incorporate a range of target sizes placed at distances between 5 and 50 yards, as appropriate to their size.
- 3.13 Target Numbers and Pictures. All targets shall be numbered in succession from 1 up to 25. The numbers shall be clearly visible to archers and clearly identify the target number. They shall be placed 3-5 m before reaching the shooting pegs for that target. In major competition, at the same location as numbers, a picture of that target including the lines and the position of the respective scoring zones will be displayed. Pictures of the targets having multiple scoring zones shall show the vitals area to be scored.

- 3.14 The target numbers shall also function as the waiting area for the groups waiting for their turn to shoot. The members of the group shooting that target can be forward of the number board to assist with shading and spotting as necessary. From the waiting area it should be possible to see if anybody is standing at the peg.
- 3.15 Clearly visible direction signs indicating the route from target to target shall be placed at adequate intervals to ensure safe and easy movement along the course.
- 3.16 Suitable barriers shall be placed around the course, wherever necessary, to keep spectators at a safe distance while still giving them the best possible view of the competition. Only those persons having the proper accreditation shall be allowed on the course inside of the barriers.
- 3.17 Courses should be designed to include a central assembly area that shall contain at minimum:
- A communication device (system);
 - Adequate shelter for team officials and participants;
 - Refreshment facilities;
 - Toilets
- 3.18 A practice field may be designated with standard archery targets at varying distances from 5 yds to 50 yds.
- 3.19 The 3D course(s) shall be completed and ready for inspection by the Range Official with sufficient time for modification before the shooting starts. At Championships they shall be ready no later than the morning of two days before the shooting starts, except for modified courses.

Shooting distances:

- 3.20 Targets shall be set at unmarked distances on each course. The approximate maximum distance for each stake shall be as follows:
- Orange stake- Maximum distance 50 yards (46m) with a 3% variance:
 - Unlimited (18+, 50+);
 - Fixed Pins;
 - Known (18+, 50+)
 - Green Stake - Maximum distance 40 yards (37m) with a 3% variance
 - Unlimited (U18, 60+);
 - Known (U18, 60+)
 - Hunter (21+)
 - White Stake - Maximum distance 30 yards (27m) with a 3% variance
 - Known (U15, U13);
 - Barebow (U15, U18, 18+);
 - WA Traditional (21+);
 - Longbow (21+);
 - Traditionnel (50+, U21, U18, U15, U13)

Indoor Course Layout

- 3.21 Indoor 3D courses are laid out in one or several indoor ranges in large indoor facilities (arenas, display halls, etc.) with an arrangement of 1 to 25 3D targets and artificial obstacles typically representing outdoor features (trees, straw bales, fences, culverts, etc.) A central assembly area as set out above will be planned for at least one of the courses.

- 3.22 The ranges shall be arranged in such a way that the shooting positions are along a clearly defined shooting line (min 4 inch wide) from which all archers on a range will shoot in one direction only towards the targets. The shooting line shall be straight with no staggering.
- 3.23 Shooting positions are usually grouped with 3 or 4 shooting positions in each group such that each shooting position is for one specific target. The grouping will be designated by a short perpendicular line across the shooting the line at either side. A target number will be situated on the floor at least 1 m in front of the shooting line.
- 3.24 Athletes can shoot from each shooting position, rotating through the group of 3 or 4 shooting positions/targets during each end of shooting.
- 3.25 All targets and their corresponding shooting positions shall be numbered in succession, and the ranges will be labelled A, B, C, and D, or A, B and C.
- The numbers beside targets should be no less than 20cm tall.
- 3.26 The shooting direction from each shooting position to the designated target should not cross any other shooting direction (i.e., no cross-shooting).
- 3.27 The targets as described in Article 2.12 shall be laid out in such order as to take into consideration that there are unknown distances only to allow maximum variety and best use of the obstacles, with a fair balance between distance and size of the scoring zone.
- The courses should have a variety of large, medium and small targets, with a maximum of two targets smaller than a fox on any course.
 - Small animal targets may be placed singly or in pairs. When targets are in pairs, an archer may shoot either animal.
- 3.28 Animal targets shall be placed in a way as to present the full vitals scoring area to the archers. The placement may be quartered-off, and parts of the animal may be obscured by obstacles, but the full vitals must be visible within the reasonable movement of all archers while at the shooting position.
- 3.29 Targets shall be set at unmarked distances on each course. The approximate maximum distance for each stake shall be as follows:

<p>Maximum distance 50 yards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlimited (all) • Fixed Pins (21+) • Known (U18, 18+, 50+, 60+) • Hunter 	<p>Maximum distance 30 yards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Known (U13, U15) • Barebow (All) • WA Traditional (21+) • Longbow (21+) • Traditional (U13, U15, U18, U21, 50+)
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4. Categories

- 4.1 Athletes using different types of bows are grouped in separate divisions and compete in separate events. Archery Canada recognises the following divisions:
- Barebow Division
 - Traditional Division
 - Longbow Division
 - Unlimited Division
 - Fixed Pins Division
 - Hunter Division
 - Known

- WA Traditional Division

- 4.2 Classes and Divisions combine to make the categories of competition in Canada. Classes are identified based on age groups and gender and range from U13 to 60+
- 4.3 An archer's age class is determined by their age as of December 31 of the year in which the competition takes place.
- 4.4 All classes designated as Men's are open to any athlete, regardless of gender identity. Classes designated as Women's are reserved for athletes who identify as women, as indicated in their PSO/Archery Canada registrant profile.
- 4.5 Archery Canada recognizes the following categories:

CATEGORY	Ages	Max Distance Outdoor	Max Distance Indoor	Stake Colour	Known/ Unknown
Unlimited Under 18 Women	13-17	40 yrds	50 yrds	Green	Unknown
Unlimited Women	18+	50 yrds	50 yrds	Orange	Unknown
Unlimited 50+ Women	50 +	50 yrds	50 yrds	Orange	Unknown
Unlimited 60+ Women	60 +	40 yrds	50 yrds	Green	Unknown
Unlimited Under 18 Men	13-17	40 yrds	50 yrds	Green	Unknown
Unlimited Men	18+	50 yrds	50 yrds	Orange	Unknown
Unlimited 50+ Men	50 +	50 yrds	50 yrds	Orange	Unknown
Unlimited 60+ Men	60 +	40 yrds	50 yrds	Green	Unknown
Known U13 Women	12 & under	30 yards	30 yards	White	Known
Known U15 Women	13 - 14	30 yards	30 yards	White	Known
Known U18 Women	15-17	40 yrds	50 yrds	Green	Known
Known Women	18 +	50 yrds	50 yrds	Orange	Known
Known 50+ Women	50 +	50 yrds	50 yrds	Orange	Known
Known 60+ Women	60 +	40 yrds	50 yrds	Green	Known
Known U13 Men	12 & under	30 yards	30 yards	White	Known
Known U15 Men	13 - 14	30 yards	30 yards	White	Known
Known U18 Men	15-17	40 yrds	50 yrds	Green	Known
Known Men	18 +	50 yrds	50 yrds	Orange	Known
Known 50+ Men	50 +	50 yrds	50 yrds	Orange	Known
Known 60+ Men	60 +	40 yrds	50 yrds	Green	Known
Hunter Women	21 +	40 yrds	50 yrds	Green	Known
Hunter Men	21+	40 yrds	50 yrds	Green	Known
Fixed Pins Men	21 +	50 yrds	50 yrds	Orange	Unknown
Fixed Pins Women	21 +	50 yrds	50 yrds	Orange	Unknown
Barebow U18 Women	13-17	30 yards	30 yards	White	Unknown

CATEGORY	Ages	Max Distance Outdoor	Max Distance Indoor	Stake Colour	Known/ Unknown
Barebow U18 Men	13-17	30 yards	30 yards	White	Unknown
Barebow 18+ Women	18+	30 yards	30 yards	White	Unknown
Barebow 18+ Men	18+	30 yards	30 yards	White	Unknown
Traditional U13 Women	12 & under	30 yards	30 yards	White	Unknown
Traditional U15 Women	13 - 14	30 yards	30 yards	White	Unknown
Traditional U18 Women	15 -17	30 yards	30 yards	White	Unknown
Traditional U21 Women	18 - 20	30 yards	30 yards	White	Unknown
WA Traditional Women	21+	30 yards	30 yards	White	Unknown
WA Traditional Men	21+	30 yards	30 yards	White	Unknown
Traditional 50+ Women	50 +	30 yards	30 yards	White	Unknown
Traditional U13 Men	12 & under	30 yards	30 yards	White	Unknown
Traditional U15 Men	13 - 14	30 yards	30 yards	White	Unknown
Traditional U18 Men	15-17	30 yards	30 yards	White	Unknown
Traditional U21 Men	18 - 20	30 yards	30 yards	White	Unknown
Traditional 50+ Men	50 +	30 yards	30 yards	White	Unknown
Longbow Women	21+	30 yards	30 yards	White	Unknown
Longbow Men	21+	30 yards	30 yards	White	Unknown

4.6 Not all divisions must be offered in a registered event, and not all categories will be offered at a National Championships. Refer to the AC RuleBook 2 appendices for more information.

4.7 Classes (age groups) may be combined with categories of similar shooting distances based on actual or anticipated registration numbers when a category has or will have less than 3 archers. For example:

- 21+ & 50+
- 50+ & 60+ (Indoor)
- Known U13 & U15, Traditional U15 & U18

5. Equipment and Equipment Inspections

5.1 Unlimited Division — Equipment Rules

5.1.1 The following rules apply to the Unlimited Division. All types of additional devices are permitted unless they are electric or electronic, compromise safety, or create an unfair disturbance to other athletes

5.1.2 Bow

Any type of bow may be used, provided it complies with the common definition of a bow used in archery—an instrument consisting of a handle (grip) and two flexible limbs. The bow may be a compound bow, which uses a system of pulleys or cams to vary the draw weight mechanically. The bow is braced for use by bowstring(s) attached directly to the cams, limb nocks, or by other means suitable to its design. Electrical and/or electronic accessories are permitted unless otherwise stated.

5.1.3 Draw Weight Limits

The peak draw weight shall not exceed:

- 80 lbs (with a 3% variance) for Men
- 60 lbs (with a 3% variance) for Women, 18+, U18, and U15
- 40 lbs (with a 3% variance) for U13

5.1.4 Cable Systems

Cable guards, braces, or split cables are permitted, provided they do not consistently touch the athlete's hand, wrist, or bow arm.

5.1.5 Bowstring and Attachments

A bowstring of any type which may include multiple serving(s) to accommodate nocking points and include other attachments such as a lip mark (e.g. kisser button), a nose mark, a peep-hole, a peep-hole 'hold-in-line' device, D loop bowstring, string silencers, bowstring weights, and any other attachments are permitted, provided none of the attachments are electric or electronic.

5.1.6 Arrow Rest and Draw Check

An adjustable arrow rest may be used. If the pressure point of the rest is located more than 6 cm behind the throat of the handle (pivot point), it must include an overdraw protection device.

5.1.7 Draw check indicators, whether audible or visual, are permitted.

5.1.8 Sight and Aiming Devices

5.1.8.1 A bow sight attached to the bow is permitted under the following conditions:

- It may allow for windage and elevation adjustments and may include a levelling device, magnifying lenses, prisms, or multiple sight pins.
- Sight points may use fibre optic pins and/or be illuminated by an electric light or chemical glowstick. Glowsticks must be encased so as not to disturb other athletes.
- The sight may not extend more than 12 inches from the nearest point of attachment to the bow.

5.1.8.2 Multiple sight pins are permitted on all 3D courses at Archery Canada events, provided they are not modified to estimate distance.

5.1.9 Stabilizers and Torque Compensators

Stabilizers of any length and torque flight compensators are permitted.

They may not:

- Serve as a string guide;
- Touch anything except the bow;
- Present any danger or obstruction to other athletes.

5.1.10 Arrows

Arrows of any type may be used provided they conform to the general meaning of the word "arrow" as used in target archery and do not cause undue damage to targets, faces, or butts.

5.1.11 An arrow consists of a shaft with a tip (point), nock, fletching, and, if desired, cresting. There is no maximum shaft diameter limit. All arrows must be marked with the athlete's name or initials. All arrows used in the event must be identical in pattern and colour of fletching, nocks, and cresting. Tracer nocks (lighted nocks) are not allowed.

5.1.12 Arrow Weight and Speed

- Arrows must weigh at least five (5) grains per pound of bow draw weight.
- A tolerance of five (5) grains is allowed for scale differences.

- The 5 grains per pound limit does not apply if the bow-arrow combination produces less than 280 feet per second (FPS).
- If equipment testing is requested, the competitor must choose one method of testing—either arrow weight or speed—not both.
- If the measured arrow speed exceeds 280 FPS, the 5 grains per pound rule applies.
- A 3% tolerance is allowed for chronograph differentials.
- Archers should check the bow manufacturer’s recommendations and not shoot arrows lighter than the manufacturer’s stated minimum.

5.1.13 Release Aids and Finger Protection

Any release aid, glove, finger tab, or other form of finger protection may be used, provided it is not attached in any way to the bow.

5.1.14 Accessories

Accessories such as arm guards, chest protectors, bow slings, belts, back, bow, or ground quivers are permitted.

5.2 Hunter Division — Equipment Rules

5.2.1 Unless otherwise stated below, the same equipment permitted in the Unlimited Division may be used.

5.2.2 Bow and Sight

Any type of bow permitted under the Unlimited Division may be used.

The bow may use any commercially available hunting sight, including slider sights, provided the following conditions are met:

- The sight shall not incorporate any lens, whether magnifying or not.
- It may include one or more pins.
- Sight pins may be fibre optic and/or illuminated by an electric light or chemical glowstick; glowsticks must be encased so as not to disturb other athletes.
- Multiple pins must be set at usable distances or gaps within the aiming window.
- Windage and elevation adjustments may be made during competition.
- A levelling device may be incorporated.
- The sight must not extend more than twelve inches (12”) from the nearest point of attachment to the bow.

5.2.3 Stabilizers

5.2.3.1 A single front stabilizer or a system that includes quick releases, enhancers, and/or weights may be used, but the total length must not exceed eighteen inches (18”) from the tip of the stabilizer or system to the point of attachment on the front of the riser.

5.2.3.2 A single rear stabilizer of up to twelve inches (12”) in total length (including weights) may also be used, regardless of the point of attachment on the bow. *AC Interpretation:* The Bee Stinger Hunter Counter Slide is permitted.

5.2.4 Secondary Vibration Dampers

Secondary vibration dampers are permitted under the following conditions:

- They may extend no more than two inches (2”) from their point of attachment.
- These vibration dampers are not considered counterweights, and no weight may be added to them.

5.2.5 Determining Distance

Marked distances will not be supplied to archers in paper or digital form.

5.2.5.1 Archers may use rangefinders to determine target distances (Indoor and Outdoor). To ensure fairness and consistency:

- There shall be no discussion of yardage by any Known Distance archer or group while at the shooting stake or until after all arrows have been scored at the target.
- No discussion of yardage may occur between Known and Unknown Distance archers who have yet to shoot the target.

5.3 Known Division — Equipment Rules

5.3.1 Archers in the Known Division may use any type of bow or equipment recognized under another approved Archery Canada 3D Division.

Determining Distance

5.3.2 Marked distances will not be supplied to archers in paper or digital form.

Archers shall use rangefinders to determine target distances. To ensure fairness and consistency:

- There shall be no discussion of yardage by any Known Distance archer or group while at the shooting stake or until after all arrows have been scored at the target.
- No discussion of yardage may occur between Known and Unknown Distance archers who have yet to shoot the target.

5.3.3 Equipment Inspection Note: During equipment inspection, limb bolts and movable sight parts may be marked to verify compliance.

5.4 Barebow Division

Bow

5.4.1 Archers may use any type of bow that meets the common definition of a bow in target archery: a handle/riser with a grip (no shoot-through type) and two flexible limbs each ending in a string nock. The bow is braced with a single string attached directly to the string nocks. It must be held in one hand, while the other hand draws and releases the string.

5.4.2 The bow must be bare except for the arrow rest, and free from protrusions, sights, sight marks, or laminated pieces in the bow window that could aid aiming. The unbraced bow with permitted accessories must pass through a 12.2 cm diameter ring (+/- 0.5 mm).

5.4.3 Multi-coloured bow risers and trademarks located on the riser or inside the upper/lower limb are permitted, but areas within the sight window that could be used for aiming must be taped over.

5.4.4 Riser braces are allowed, provided they do not consistently touch the athlete's hand or wrist.

Bowstring:

5.4.5 Any number of strands is permitted. The bowstring may have multi-coloured strands and serving, with a centre serving for the drawing fingers, and one or two nocking points. No lip or nose marks are permitted, and the string must not assist aiming via markings or peepholes.

Arrow Rest

5.4.6 An arrow rest is permitted and may be adjustable with multiple vertical supports.

- 5.4.7 Pressure buttons, pressure points, or arrow plates are permitted if they do not provide aiming assistance. The pressure point may be placed no further back than 2 cm from the pivot point of the grip.

Draw Check and Shooting Technique

- 5.4.8 Draw check devices are not permitted.
5.4.9 Face walking and string walking are permitted.

Stabilizers and Vibration Dampeners

- 5.4.10 No stabilizers are allowed.
5.4.11 Vibration dampeners are permitted and may be installed by the manufacturer or attached directly to the riser or weight(s). Any combination of weight(s) and dampener(s) must pass through a 12.2 cm diameter ring without flexing. Manufacturer angled stabilizer inserts are allowed; angular brackets or connectors are prohibited. Weights/dampeners may be added above or below the grip but must not assist aiming or distance estimation.

Arrows

- 5.4.12 Arrows of any type may be used, provided they comply with the common meaning of the word "arrow" as used in target archery and do not cause undue damage to target faces or butts.
- 5.4.13 An arrow consists of a shaft with a tip (point), nock, and fletching; crestring is optional.
- The arrow shaft diameter must not exceed 9.3 mm, and the tip/point diameter must not exceed 9.4 mm.
 - Arrow wraps are permitted but must not extend more than 22 cm from the nock groove toward the tip.
 - All arrows must be marked with the athlete's name or initials.
 - All arrows used in any end must be identical in appearance, including fletching, nocks, wraps, and crestring, if any.
 - Tracer nocks are not permitted.

Finger Protection

- 5.4.14 Finger protection in the form of finger stalls or tips, gloves, a shooting tab, or tape to draw and release the string is permitted, provided they do not incorporate any device that assists the athlete in holding, drawing, and releasing the string.
- A separator between the fingers to prevent pinching the arrow may be used.
 - An anchor plate or similar device attached to the finger protection (tab) for the purpose of anchoring is permitted.
 - The stitching must be uniform in size and colour.
 - Marks or lines may be added directly to the tab or on tape placed on the face of the tab. These marks must be uniform in size, shape and colour and may have up to two different lengths.
 - Additional memoranda are not permitted.
 - On the bow hand, an ordinary glove, mitten or similar item may be worn but must not be attached to the grip of the bow

Accessories

- 5.4.15 Permitted accessories include arm guards, chest protectors, bow slings, finger slings, belts, back/hip/ground quivers.

- 5.4.16 Devices to raise a foot or part of the foot are allowed, attached or independent of the shoe, provided they do not obstruct other athletes and do not protrude more than 2 cm past the shoe footprint.
- 5.4.17 Limb dampeners are permitted.

5.5 Traditional Division (Youth, 50+)

Bow

- 5.5.1 Archers may use any type of traditional recurve or longbow.

Draw and Release

- 5.5.2 The bow must be shot using gloves, finger tabs, or other finger protection.
- 5.5.3 Release aids of any kind are not permitted.

Sights and Stabilizers

- 5.5.4 No sights are permitted on the bow.
- 5.5.5 Stabilizers are not allowed.

Shooting Technique

- 5.5.6 String walking and face walking are prohibited.
- 5.5.7 A single anchor point must be used consistently.
- 5.5.8 While shooting, the archer must touch the arrow with the index finger against the nock.

5.6 World Archery - Traditional (Summary)

Note: This is a summary of the WA Traditional Division rules. At any event using this category, the World Archery Rule Book must be consulted for full, precise rules.

Bow

- 5.6.1 A bow of any type, which complies with the common meaning of the word bow as used in target archery, consisting of a handle/riser (no shoot-through type), a grip and two flexible limbs, each ending in a tip with a string nock where a single string is attached directly between the two string nocks. In operation, the bow is held in one hand by its handle (grip) while the fingers of the other hand draw and release the string. The riser is of laminated construction and includes wooden laminates or is made of one piece of wood. The bow may be a take-down type and may incorporate factory-installed metal fittings in the riser for limb attachment, stabiliser bushings, etc. Bows may have adjustable limbs for poundage and tiller adjustment. The bow, as described above, will be bare, except for an arrow rest, as described in Article 5.6.4. and free from protrusions, sights or sighting marks, blemishes or other reference marks within the bow window area, which could be used for aiming. Weights inside the bow riser are permitted if installed during the manufacturing process and not post-construction. Any such weights will be completely invisible on the exterior of the riser and be covered by laminates applied during the initial construction with no visible holes, plugged holes, covers or caps, with the exception of the original manufacturer's inlay or insert logo.

Multi-coloured bow risers and trademarks located on the inside of the upper and lower limbs are permitted. However, if the area within the sight window is coloured in such a way that it could be used for aiming, then it will be taped over. Limb dampeners directly attached to the limbs are permitted. See

World Archery Rule Book 4: Interpretation: 2019 - 15 Aug - Bow Window Interpretation: 2022 - 22 Jan - Clarification Traditional Division Interpretation: 2022 - 30 May - Wooden laminates on Traditional Bow Interpretation: 2022 - 9 August - Traditional Bow Riser.

Bowstring

- 5.6.2 A bowstring may be of multi-coloured strands and serving. It may have a centre serving to accommodate the drawing fingers and one or two nocking points, to which may be added serving(s) to fit the arrow nock as necessary and to locate the nocking points. At each end of the bowstring, there is a loop which is placed in the string nocks of the bow when braced. No lip or nose mark is permitted. The serving on the string will not end within the athlete's vision at full draw. The bowstring will not in any way assist aiming through the use of a peephole, marking, or any other means.
- 5.6.3 String silencers are allowed if positioned at least 30 cm from the nocking point.

Arrow Rest

- 5.6.4 Only non-adjustable rests are allowed: plastic self-adhesive rests, feather rests supplied by the manufacturer, or the bow shelf.
- 5.6.5 If using the shelf, covering material may be used but must not exceed 1 cm in height or 3 mm in thickness.
- 5.6.6 No other arrow rest types are permitted.

Draw Check, Finger and String walking

- 5.6.7 No draw check devices may be used. See WA interpretation: 2024 - 13 November - Use of Thumb
- 5.6.8 A single anchor or face walking is permitted. String walking is not permitted.

Arrows

- 5.6.9 Arrows must comply with the general meaning of "arrow" in target archery and must not damage targets unduly.
- 5.6.10 Arrow components: shaft, tip/point, nock, fletching, and optional cresting.
- 5.6.11 Maximum shaft diameter: 9.3 mm; maximum tip/point diameter: 9.4 mm. Arrow wraps are excluded from the shaft diameter limit but may not extend more than 22 cm toward the point from the nock groove.
- 5.6.12 All arrows must be marked with the athlete's name or initials and must be identical in appearance for each end.
- 5.6.13 Tracer or electronically lighted nocks are not allowed.

Finger Protection

- 5.6.14 Finger protection in the form of finger stalls or tips, gloves, a shooting tab, or tape to draw and release the string is permitted, provided they do not incorporate any device that assists the athlete in drawing and releasing the string.
- Markings added by the athlete, whether or not uniform in size, shape and colour, are not permitted in the traditional division.
 - An anchor plate or similar device attached to the finger protection (tab) for the purpose of anchoring is not permitted.
 - When shooting, the index finger or middle finger will be within 3 mm of the nock or touch the nock (split finger or 3 fingers under).

- When shooting split finger, a finger separator between the fingers to prevent pinching may be used.
- WA Interpretations: Thumb Ring 2021; Traditional Division Clarification 2021

Accessories

- 5.6.15 Permitted accessories include: arm guards, chest protectors, bow slings, finger slings, belts, back/hip/ground quivers, limb dampeners, and devices to raise a foot (provided they do not obstruct others and protrude ≤ 2 cm past the footprint).
- 5.6.16 Arrow quivers may not be attached to the bow.

This summary is intended to highlight key restrictions and allowances. Always refer to the current WA Rulebook for complete equipment specifications, interpretations, and event-specific requirements.

5.7 World Archery — Longbow Division (Summary)

Note: This is a summary of the WA Longbow Division rules. At any event using this category, the World Archery Rule Book must be consulted for full, precise rules.

Bow

- 5.7.1 Bow The bow will correspond to the traditional form (shape) of a longbow (or American Flat Bow), conforming to a limb design that, when strung, the bowstring will not touch any other part of the bow but the string nocks. The bow may be a two-piece take-down, having two sections of similar length (take-down within the grip/arrow rest area), and may be made from any material or combination of materials. The shape of the grip (grip area only) is not restricted, and a centre shot is allowed. The bow will be free from protrusions, sights or sight marks, marks or blemishes or laminated pieces (within the bow window area), which could be of use in aiming. The bow will be not less than 150 cm in length. This length is measured on a strung bow between the string nocks all along the outside (back) of the limbs.
- 5.7.2 Bow String A bowstring may be of multi-coloured strands and serving. It may have a centre serving to accommodate the drawing fingers and one or two nocking points to which may be added serving(s) to fit the arrow nock as necessary and to locate the nocking points. At each end of the bowstring, there is a loop which is placed in the string nocks of the bow when braced. The serving on the string will not end within the athlete's vision at full draw. The bowstring will not in any way assist aiming through the use of a peephole, marking, or any other means.
- 5.7.3 String silencers are also permitted, provided they are located no closer than 30 cm from the nocking point.

Arrow Rest

- 5.7.4 If present, the bow's arrow shelf may be used as the rest.
- 5.7.5 The shelf may be covered with any material, but coverage must be limited to the shelf only.
- 5.7.6 Material protecting the vertical part of the bow window may rise no more than 1 cm above the arrow and be no thicker than 3 mm.

Draw Techniques

- 5.7.7 String walking and face walking are not permitted.

Weights, Stabilisers, and Dampeners

- 5.7.8 No weights, stabilizers, or vibration dampeners are allowed.

- 5.7.9 Weights installed during bow manufacturing are permitted if fully concealed in the riser laminates; post-construction weights are prohibited.

Arrows

- 5.7.10 Only wooden arrows are permitted.
- 5.7.11 Arrows consist of a wooden shaft, tip/point, nock (attached or self-nock cut), fletching (natural feathers only), and optional cresting.
- 5.7.12 Maximum shaft diameter: 9.3 mm (excluding arrow wraps, which may not extend more than 22 cm toward the point).
- 5.7.13 Maximum tip/point diameter: 9.4 mm.
- 5.7.14 All arrows must be identical for each end and marked with the athlete's name or initials.
- 5.7.15 Arrow points must be field-type, bullet, conical, or cone-shaped for wooden arrows.
- 5.7.16 Arrows must not cause undue target damage. See WA Interpretation: Bamboo Arrows 2019

Finger Protection

- 5.7.17 Finger protection (stalls, tips, gloves, tabs, or tape) is allowed if it does not aid holding, drawing, or releasing the string.
- 5.7.18 Anchor plates or similar devices attached to the finger protection are not permitted.
- 5.7.19 Shooting must follow either:
- 5.7.20 Mediterranean release: one finger above the nock (separators allowed), or Fingers under nock: index finger no more than 2 mm below the nock, continuous surface, no split-finger shooting.
- 5.7.21 Only a single fixed anchor point may be used. The athlete must choose one method; both cannot be used simultaneously. See WA Interpretation: Thumb Ring 2021

Accessories

- 5.7.22 Permitted accessories include arm guards, chest protectors, bow slings, finger slings, belts, back/hip/ground quivers, limb dampeners, and foot-raising devices (must not obstruct others and may protrude ≤ 2 cm past footprint).
- 5.7.23 Arrow quivers may not be attached to the bow.

This summary highlights key equipment allowances and restrictions. Always consult the current World Archery Rulebook for full specifications and interpretations.

5.8 Accessories For All Divisions

- 5.8.1 These rules apply to all athletes in all divisions. Where noted, they also apply to coaches, spectators, or other persons on the course, except Officials.

Electronic and Electrical Devices

- 5.8.2 Any electronic or electrical device attached to an athlete's equipment is prohibited, except as noted within specific division rules.
- 5.8.3 Laser sights or any device projecting a light or aiming dot onto a target are prohibited.
- 5.8.4 Electronic communication devices (e.g., mobile phones) are not permitted at World Ranking Events, Continental or World Championships, except with dispensation from the World Archery Medical Committee to monitor a medical condition. At other events, such devices may only be used for medical monitoring or sport promotion via social media.

- 5.8.5 To use a device for monitoring a medical condition, the athlete must first inform the Chair of Judges and demonstrate how the device/app functions. For international events, approval must be obtained from the World Archery Medical Committee.
- 5.8.6 In all cases, an electronic communication device may be carried solely to contact the Organizing Committee in an emergency. At all other times, it must remain switched off.

Distance and Angle Estimating Devices

- 5.8.7 Athletes may not use rangefinders, devices, or equipment added or modified to estimate distances or angles beyond what is allowed in the division rules.
- 5.8.8 Written memoranda or electronic storage devices used for estimating distances or angles are prohibited.
- 5.8.9 Athletes may carry a copy of the World Archery Rules or any portion thereof.

Binoculars and Visual Aids

- 5.8.10 Binoculars, scopes, or other visual aids may be used only if they contain no visible scales or marks that could assist in estimating distance or angles. Marks that move with focus adjustment must be covered so they cannot be seen or felt.
- 5.8.11 Prescription glasses, shooting spectacles, and sunglasses are permitted but must not contain micro-hole lenses or other markings that assist in aiming.
- 5.8.12 If covering the non-sighting eye or a lens is necessary, plastic, film, tape, or an eye patch may be used.

Cameras and Recording Devices

- 5.8.13 Cameras or electronic devices containing cameras may be used only to record images on the course or practice area.
- 5.8.14 Flash, communication, or sound functions must remain off during shooting.
- 5.8.15 These rules also apply to all other persons on the course (e.g., coaches, spectators), except Officials.

Umbrellas

- 5.8.16 Protective shade from environmental conditions may include an umbrella which may be held by another member of the group. This is not permitted under WA rules.

5.9 Fixed Pins

- 5.9.1 For the Fixed Pins Division, the same equipment for the Unlimited Division is permitted except:
- 5.9.2 Bow sight must be fixed and:
- Use pin, cross-hair, or circle style pins:
 - Circle-style pins are permitted if the circles are of one size.
 - Must have a minimum of 3 pins:
 - The pins are set at usable distances/gaps in the aiming window.
 - Shall not incorporate any lens, whether magnifying or not;
 - May incorporate a levelling device;
 - Sights must not be adjusted on the range during competition, whether or not the sight can be moved without the use of tools. [AC INTERPRETATION: MOVABLE FIXED PIN SIGHT](#)

5.10 Non-Competitive Division

- 5.10.1 Archers with equipment that falls outside the published rules may participate in a Non-Competitive category.
- 5.10.2 If the equipment falls outside the published rules because the equipment item is new, the equipment should be documented and a request for Interpretation be submitted to Archery Canada. AC 22.16.1

6. Shooting Rules and Etiquette

Shooting Positions

- 6.1 Competitors must shoot, stand, or kneel at the shooting peg (See Section 3, rule 3.2) according to their categories without compromising safety.
- 6.2 Organisers shall assign the target at which each group starts shooting.
- 6.3 Outdoor 3D Rounds: Athletes may stand or kneel within ~1 m beside or behind the peg. Permission from a Judge is required to shoot outside this area.
- 6.4 Indoor 3D Rounds: Athletes must shoot from the designated shooting position. Multiple shooting positions may exist at one station; athletes move to the corresponding position for each target.
- 6.5 Each shooting stake or position shall accommodate only one athlete at a time.

Waiting and Group Conduct

- 6.6 Athletes waiting to shoot must stay well behind the shooting position, unless assisting with shading.
- 6.7 Groups shall consist of 3–4 athletes, or in exceptional circumstances, 5 as directed by a Judge.
- 6.8 Athletes in a group shoot one at a time at the shooting position.
- 6.9 The furthest shooting positions are shot first unless otherwise directed by an official.
- 6.10 Athletes shooting from the same position shall rotate the shooting order from target to target.
- 6.11 Groups may be combined across categories when practical.
- 6.12 When the shooting peg is free, the group may move forward to the secondary waiting area, identified by the picture of the target, until the target is ready.

Shooting Procedure

- 6.13 For all divisions: One arrow per target in individual competition at National Championships.
At local and provincial events, Organizers may permit two arrows per target.
- 6.14 Binoculars may be used to examine the target before shooting. Use is not permitted after shooting.
- 6.15 No athlete may approach the target until all athletes in the group have finished shooting, unless permitted by a Judge.
- 6.16 An arrow shall not be considered to have been shot if:
 - The athlete can touch it with his bow without moving his feet from their position, provided the arrow has not rebounded;
 - The target falls over. The Judges shall take whatever measures they deem necessary and permit time for shooting the relevant number of arrows;
 - The arrow is a witnessed pass-through or bounce-out and the majority of the group cannot agree on the score before the archers advance to the target:

- Note: A pass-through is defined as an arrow passing completely through a target, with target material 360 degrees around the arrow, leaving both an entrance and exit hole.
- (Indoor 3D only) - Two arrows that, in the opinion of a Judge, have collided, and both arrows have missed their intended targets. No athlete may disclose target distances to anyone on unmarked courses until after scoring.

Control of Shooting and Timing

- 6.17 Judges are responsible for controlling the shooting procedure to ensure safety, fairness, and the orderly conduct of competition. This includes regulating shooting order, ensuring correct rotation of athletes, and managing interruptions such as equipment failure, medical issues, or other disruptions, in accordance with these rules.
- 6.18 In Outdoor 3D Qualification Rounds, each athlete is allowed 120 seconds to shoot their arrow. Timing starts when the previous athlete releases their arrow. For the first athlete in the shooting order, timing does not begin until the group is ready to shoot. In Indoor 3D Rounds, Officials may warn groups taking excessive time; repeated violations may result in 5-point deductions.

Finals, Elimination Rounds, and Matches

- 6.19 In Finals/Elimination Rounds, no extra time is allowed for equipment failure or medical issues.
- 6.20 Medal Matches and Mixed Teams: Shooting order and timing are controlled by a Judge or electronic timing system. Teams alternate according to prescribed rotations, and only one athlete per team may be on the peg at a time.
- 6.21 Athletes or teams not present when the match is called to the shooting position shall be declared the loser of that match.

Undue Delay


- 6.22 If a judge observes or receives a report of undue delay affecting a group or other groups during the Qualification Rounds, the judge may observe and time groups of athletes in the potentially affected area. Should the observed athletes exceed the time limit, the judge will advise the athletes and in Championships, note the warning on the scorecard.
- 6.23 A Judge, having observed an athlete exceed the time limit, or cause undue delay despite the above procedure, shall caution the athlete and give a second written warning indicating the time and date of the warning;
- 6.24 At the third and all subsequent warnings during that stage of the competition, the athlete shall lose the highest scoring arrow at the target;
- 6.25 The time limit may be extended in exceptional circumstances.
- 6.26 The judge's decision as to whether there is undue delay under this section is final

Equipment Failure and Medical Exceptions

- 6.27 Up to 30 minutes outdoors (15 minutes indoors) allowed for equipment repair with majority group agreement.
- 6.28 If an athlete cannot continue due to medical or equipment issues, they must remain with the group until scoring is complete to be eligible for subsequent rounds.
- 6.29 Equipment may only be exchanged or re-checked as permitted under Article 24.5. Violations may lead to disqualification.

7. Scoring – 3d Rounds

- 7.1 At all Registered events, two score cards (or one scorecard and an electronic tablet when used) must be completed for each archer for each course. Scorecards must have the archer's name, Province/Club, membership number, and the name of each scorekeeper.
- 7.2 Double Scoring is required. Scorecards must be split between two athletes, so that each scorekeeper has one card for each archer. Both scorekeepers must agree on a score, compare and record the score before the arrows are pulled from the target. Within a group, archers can decide on their roles.
- 7.3 When all archers have shot their arrows, the group will proceed to the target together for scoring, having left their bows at the shooting stakes.
- 7.4 Athletes may delegate the calling of the score for their arrows to another athlete on the target, but they remain responsible for ensuring that the correct value is called.
- 7.5 None of the arrows or 3D target shall be touched until all arrows on that butt have been recorded and scores checked.
- 7.6 Other athletes in the group shall check the value of each arrow called. A mistake on the scorecard may be corrected before the arrows are drawn, provided that all the athletes on the target agree on the correction. The correction must be witnessed and initialled by all the athletes on the target.
- 7.7 Targets must be scored by both scorekeepers before arrows are pulled. Any other disputes concerning entries on a scorecard must be referred to a Judge.
- 7.8 Arrows are scored according to shaft position; touching a dividing line scores the higher value.
- 7.9 Scorekeepers shall record, on the scorecard, the value of each arrow as called by the athlete to whom the arrows belong, and if the scorecard permits, record if a 10 or a 11 was scored for that target. Scoring must begin at the target number where the group starts shooting (e.g., if shooting begins on target 15, scoring on the card also begins at target 15). When required by the course layout, targets shall be entered in descending order.
- 7.10 A cumulative total will be maintained on paper scorecards after each target.
- 7.11 A discrepancy between two scorecards discovered after the arrows have been drawn from the target may be corrected only by a judge if he finds sufficient evidence of what the correct scores (arrow values) should be. Otherwise, the lower value recorded on the two scorecards will be awarded.
- 7.12 At the end of the round, the total of the round, the total of 10's and 11's scored will be entered into the spaces provided and both the archer and the scorekeeper will verify and sign both cards. (or sign and verify the one card against the tablet in the case of when electronic scoring is used)
- 7.13 Organizers are not required to accept or record scorecards that are unsigned, missing the sum total, missing the number of 10s and 11s (for 3D), or containing calculation errors. While officials may note errors or missing signatures at the time of submission and ask athletes to correct them, athletes are ultimately responsible for their scorecards. If a paper scorecard is not submitted or remains unsigned and uncorrected, the athlete (individual, team, or mixed team) may be disqualified. All corrections must be completed before the next stage of competition.
- 7.14 Discrepancies in sum totals:

Indoor 3D Round  Target # _____

Name: _____ Date: _____ Guest: _____
 ACP: _____ Location: _____ Course #: _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Men		<input type="checkbox"/> Women	
<input type="checkbox"/> 21+	<input type="checkbox"/> 50+	<input type="checkbox"/> U21	<input type="checkbox"/> U18
<input type="checkbox"/> Barebow	<input type="checkbox"/> Compound Unlimited	<input type="checkbox"/> U18	<input type="checkbox"/> U16
<input type="checkbox"/> Recurve	<input type="checkbox"/> Compound Fixed Pins	<input type="checkbox"/> U13	<input type="checkbox"/> U10
<input type="checkbox"/> Longbow	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter	<input type="checkbox"/> Compound	<input type="checkbox"/> Traditional
<input type="checkbox"/> Korian 30	<input type="checkbox"/> Compound	<input type="checkbox"/> Compound	
<input type="checkbox"/> 60+	<input type="checkbox"/> Compound		

Begin scoring on the correct target number
Score 11-10-9-8-5-M

1	Score	Com.	8	Score	Com.	15	Score	Com.
2			9			16		
3			10			17		
4			11			18		
5			12			19		
6			13			20		
9			14					

	Score	11s	Signatures
Total			Archer _____ Score 1 _____ Score 2 _____

50yd Max 60+, 50+, CU, CFP, Hns, K30, U21C, U18C
30yd Max BB, IN, LR, 50+TR, U21T, U18T, U15C, U13T, U10C, U10T

Age on Dec 31 of this year: 60+ 60 or more, 50+ 50 or more, 21+ any age, U21 20 or less, U18 17 or less, U15 14 or less, U13 12 or less, U10 9 or less

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- Two paper scorecards: the lower sum total is used.
 - One paper and one electronic scorecard: the electronic total is used if the paper card contains a total; if 10s/11s are missing on the paper card, they are not registered. If the paper card has no total, the athlete may be disqualified.
- 7.15 In the case of an athlete pulling arrows before they are recorded by the scorekeepers:
- If the arrow belongs to the archer pulling the arrow, it will score a Miss (0) on that target;
 - If the arrow does not belong to the competitor pulling arrows, the arrow will score according to the majority decision of the group.
- 7.16 For witnessed pass-throughs and bounce-outs for Canadian 3D, if the majority of the group cannot agree on the value of a witnessed pass-through or bounce-out before the archers advance to the target, the arrow shall not be considered to have been shot. See Article 6.16 regarding shooting witnessed pass-through or bounce-out.
- 7.17 An arrow embedded in a background portion of a 3D target that does not touch body colour or a line defining the separation between the body part and background is scored as a Miss (0). An arrow hitting another arrow in the nock and remaining embedded therein shall score according to the value of the arrow struck.
- 7.18 An arrow which happens to be touching the 3D target but is embedded in a backing other than the target, is a glance-off and scored as a Miss (0).
- 7.19 At the end of the tournament, the Organizing Committee will publish complete official results.

Scoring Zones

7.20 There are different scoring configurations in 3D Archery. The most common are IBO, ASA and some targets incorporate both in a Universal format. Archery Canada (& World Archery) are based on IBO with Scoring zones are as follows (see Figure X):

- 7.21 11 – Small circle centered within vital area (~25% of 10 ring)
- 7.22 10 – Large circle inside vital area
- 7.23 8 – Remaining vital area
- 7.24 5 – Body colour outside vital area
- 7.25 0 – Miss (includes horn/horn, background, or glance-off)

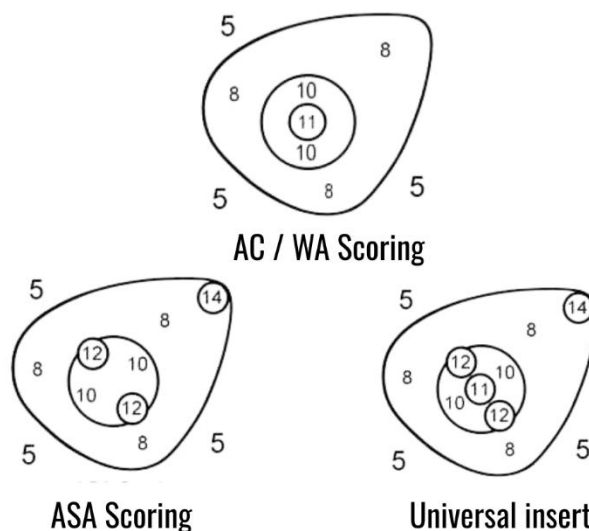


Figure - 3D Archery Scoring zones

Ties

- 7.26 Non-critical ties: Ranked by highest number of 11s, then 10s for 3D.
- 7.27 Critical ties: Shoot-offs used for ties affecting advancement, medal placement, or Grand Prix:
- Individual: single-arrow shoot-off; closest to centre wins. Time limit: 1 minute for 3D.
 - Mixed Team: 2-arrow end; closest arrow determines winner if tied. Time limit: 1 minute.
 - Shoot-offs occur as soon as possible after scoring; athletes not present within 15 minutes forfeit.

8. Rule Violations and Disputes

8.1 Competition Committee

- 8.1.1 A Competition Committee consisting of a Chair and up to 4 additional persons will be responsible to address all rule inquiries, appeals, and any observed instances, or complaints of unsportsmanlike conduct or other Code of Conduct (the 'Code') violations which can occur during a Registered shoot, tournament or Championships (the 'Event'), away from the area of Event, or between parties connected to the Event. They will also review general rule interpretation submissions and serve on the annual Rules Advisory Board.
- 8.1.2 The Chair of the Competition Committee (Chair) will be identified by the organizers in advance of the activity and should be published in any competition materials that are provided to the competitors. The Chair may be the Head Tournament Director, Technical Delegate or a Range Safety Officer for the shoot, tournament or Championships. The Chair must commit to be in attendance for every day of the tournament.
- 8.1.3 The Chair will appoint as required up to four additional impartial and knowledgeable members at their discretion, who are not involved as a subject of the appeal, complaint or observed violations to determine whether a code of conduct violation has occurred. Committee members may be identified from the following list (not in any order and not limited to the following):
 - 8.1.4 An accredited judge or RSO who is present but not competing or officiating;
 - 8.1.5 A knowledgeable Archery Canada, Provincial Association or Club Staff or Director;
 - 8.1.6 An impartial, knowledgeable competitor who is not an involved party to the complaint or observed infraction.

8.2 Dispute Process

- 8.2.1 The Competition Committee will review all appeals and requests for rule interpretations. Protests that could affect the results of the competition must be resolved prior to the next round of competition, or prior to the announcement of final results. All shooters agree that a decision by the Competition Committee is final.
- 8.2.2 Any grievance or appeal must be filed in writing with the Competition Committee within one (1) hour of completion of a round, along with a \$50.00 appeal fee. If the Committee rules in favor of the protest, or the protest/grievance is withdrawn, the fee will be returned. All decisions of the Committee will be final.
- 8.2.3 A general inquiry for an interpretation of a rule may be submitted in writing to the Competition Committee. The Committee will review the submission at their earliest convenience, and a written response will be provided. No fee is required for this review.

8.3 Unsportsmanlike Conduct or Other Code of Conduct (The 'Code') Violations

- 8.3.1 When an incident has been observed by or a complaint reported to a competition official, it will be brought to the Tournament Director who will refer it to the Competition Committee.
- 8.3.2 The Competition Committee shall use the following procedure to address the incident that violated or potentially violated the Code:

- The Committee members will interview and secure statements, documentary evidence or evidence from other media (i.e., photos, screenshots, videos or other recordings) from any witnesses or officials who officiated or observed the alleged violation to the alleged violation.
- The Committee will attempt to secure a statement from the person(s) accused of the violation;
- The Committee will render a decision and determine a possible penalty and may refer to the Archery Canada (or Provincial) Code of Conduct and Complaints and Discipline Policy in their determination.

8.3.3 The penalty determined by the Competition Committee may include any of the following, singularly or in combination:

- oral or written warning;
- oral or written reprimand;
- suspension from future competitions at the Event;
- ejection from the Event; or
- other appropriate penalty as determined by the Competition Jury.

8.3.4 The Competition Committee does not have the authority to determine a penalty that exceeds the duration of the Event.

8.3.5 A full written report of the incident and the Competition Committee's decision shall be submitted to the Club, Provincial Association or Archery Canada by the Chair of the Competition Committee following the conclusion of the Event. If the Competition Committee has deemed the alleged violation to be more than a minor infraction, a report should be made to the Independent Third Party of Archery Canada or to local authorities. A complaint and further discipline may then be applied in accordance with the Discipline and Complaints Policy, if necessary.

8.3.6 Decisions made pursuant to this Procedure may not be appealed.

8.3.7 This Procedure does not prohibit other Individuals from reporting the same incident to Archery Canada or Abuse-Free Sport to be addressed as a formal complaint under the Discipline and Complaints Policy.