



AC 16.2 - Minimum number of participants at small events

Background:

ref rules AC 4.8.3.6

Archery Canada has been asked to clarify what represents to “participate” in an event, in particular to meet the requirements for the minimum number of three archers participating in an event subject to rule:

AC 4.8.3.6 The results of events registered with Archery Canada will be recognized only if at least three athletes participate.

Response:

Regarding participation

The intent of the rule and term “participate” refers to:

- an athlete shooting at an event
- with the intent of completing the event,
- recording a score for the event, and
- participating in shooting and scoring with the other athletes.

The intent to complete an event is a requirement for participation. To begin an event and subsequently to withdraw without substantial reason is unsportsmanlike, can be disruptive and may be unfair to other participants.

It is understood that circumstances may change during an event. Many things can occur which prevent an athlete from finishing an event, such as irreparable equipment failure or medical issue. So to “participate” means to substantially be active in an event but not necessarily completing the event due to just cause when unforeseen circumstances arise.

Regarding minimum number of participants

There are expectations that must be met should an event proceed with only a few athletes participating:

1. Organizers must make a registered/sanctioned event available to all members and promote the event so as to promote fair competition by registering and promoting the event well before the competition date (AC 4.8.3.2). The current rule applies:



AC 4.8.3.2 UNDER REVIEW An event must be registered with the Archery Canada at least 7 days in advance of the tournament start date.

1. All sanctioned events must accommodate at least 10 athletes (AC 4.8.3.3). The current rule applies:

AC 4.8.3.3 Organizers must be able to accommodate at least ten athletes.

1. Prior to beginning an event with only 3 participants, if the organizers or officials perceive that one or more athletes is not intending or unlikely to finish the event in the spirit of good sportsmanship, then the event should be cancelled immediately.
2. During an event with only 3 participants, if an athlete must withdraw before the end of the event due to unforeseen circumstances and this results in fewer than 3 athletes completing the event, then:
 - a. the Judge or Director of Shooting must explain those circumstances in writing in the tournament report, and
 - b. the score of all participants must be reported and all scorecards held or submitted as usual.