

Archery Canada ASA Rules

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GENERAL RULES:

1. All Canadian ASA tournaments must be registered with Archery Canada and will consist of two (2) rounds of twenty (20) individual 3-D targets contested over a one- or two-day period as determined by the Tournament Director.

Clubs also have the choice to organize a two-day tournament with sixty (60) individual 3-D targets. Two rounds on day one and one on day two.

Each round will be a “Shotgun” start.

2. Severe Weather – In accordance with Archery Canada’s Severe Weather Policy ASA Tournament Organizers have the obligation to delay or cancel a tournament round in case of severe weather, lightening 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 pulled. All scorekeepers shall retain the score cards in their possession and no shooter is to have possession of their own card. The Tournament Director in consultation with the event host will have two hours to exercise one of the following options based upon the weather and the availability of ranges: (1) resume shooting that day within two hours of that day’s suspension (but not less than 30 minutes) and complete the round that day; or (2) complete the round the next day if there are five or fewer targets for every group on the range to be shot; or (3) cancel all scores from that round.
3. If a competition round is canceled all competitors will still receive a score for that round using the following criteria: If a class has a completed required round but does not complete a required second round a score will be given to the entire class based on the average of all scores posted in the completed round.
4. No competitions may be decided solely on the results of a partially completed round, unless the Tournament Director is proceeding under Shooting Time Allowed.
5. Each registered shooter will receive a Range Assignment Card (“Shooter Card”) with their Archery Canada Member Number, Start Days & Times, and Range & Target Assignment. Each shooter is responsible for having their Range Assignment Card with them, and shooting at the time, target, and range designated unless instructed otherwise by a tournament or range official. All assignments are on a first registered / first assigned basis by shooting class.
6. Unless required by a rule in the “Classes” section herein or approved by the Competition Panel, a shooter may change their shooting class only one time during the tournament season.
7. 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

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- result in loss the of accreditation as decided by the Competition Jury, 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.
8. As per Archery Canada Rules, 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. Any archer wishing to do so during competition may leave the range under Shooting Time Allowed “F” to use an area a minimum of ten (10) meters from the entrance to the range.
 9. Littering the grounds will not be tolerated. Anyone littering will be subject to disqualification from the tournament.
 10. Shooters may only compete in one class at a tournament.
 11. No one may practice on any target to be used for tournament shooting. Anyone practicing in non-designated practice areas, including parking areas and the special Known Distance Competition Range will be subject to disqualification.
 12. Anyone using the Practice Range will be required to shoot from the designated stake provided. Anyone shooting from behind the stake may be subject to losing their privileges and disqualification from the event.
 13. Organizers have the right to publish a “Final date for Refunds” deadline and Registration Deadlines. 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.
 14. 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.)
 15. Dress Code: Out of respect for other competitors all shooters are required to maintain a presentable appearance.
 - 14.1. All hate symbols and hate speech on clothing, personal effects and your person is strictly prohibited, whether worn on the person or not.
 - 14.2. Shorts and skirts must be longer than finger-tip length while standing normally.
 - 14.3. Men and women are required to wear upper garments fully covering the front and back of the body, including the midriff, when at full draw.

- 14.4. Shirts with collars are required, but sponsored staff shooters may wear manufacturer's issued competition clothing which may include Henley style collars, mock turtle necks or jerseys approved by Archery Canada or the Provincial Archery Association. Tee shirts are acceptable but must be in good taste and not have holes or been cut.
- 14.5. Men's shirts must have short or long sleeves.
- 14.6. Due to safety considerations, footwear must be worn at all times. Shoes may be different styles but shall cover the entire foot . Bare feet, open-toed sandals, Croc's with holes, or flip-flops are not allowed while competing on the ranges. Exceptions due to an injury or disability may be pre-approved by the Competition Committee, but safety will be a primary consideration in making a determination.
- 14.7. Clothing which bears wording, insignias, innuendo or images determined to be offensive, inappropriate, or disrespectful to the Organizers and the sponsors is not allowed. If an archer does not have a shirt to change into they will be required to turn the offensive shirt inside out if they wish to remain on the premises, or they will be required to leave.

16. Spectators & Guests:

- 15.1. Spectators are not allowed on the tournament ranges until the range official begins the competition.
- 15.2. Providing information or coaching is strictly prohibited and may result in the disqualification of the shooter.
- 15.3. Spectators and guests are to avoid conversations while anyone is shooting.
- 15.4. All cell phones and electronic devices are to be silenced to avoid disturbing the competitors.
- 15.5. Each club competition site 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. Any breach shall prohibit that pet from future ASA attendance. Note: Service animals are permitted 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.
- 15.6. Video and digital image cameras are not allowed on tournament ranges without prior approval from ASA for the working press or film production. Still photography is allowed, but the use of flash equipment during competitions is prohibited.
- 15.7. On any range conducting unknown competition spectators may not have range finders. If a spectator is found with a rangefinder they will be asked to surrender it to a range official; the device will be logged and returned at the end of the day; refusal to surrender may result in removal..
- 15.8. Spectators may assist by carrying items such as stools, umbrellas, ice chests, food, drinks, or other items for the convenience of shooters, but must stay clear of the shooting stakes and lanes at all times.
- 15.9. Due to safety considerations it is required that all spectators wear footwear to fully cover the foot.

- 15.10. If a spectator displays unsportsmanlike conduct, they will be removed from the range and the Archery Canada ASA Director or Provincial Director or shoot director will determine whether they are eligible to remain and/or attend future events.
- 15.11. At no time will guests or spectators wear any article bearing an image or language to be considered vulgar or offensive. If they do not have a shirt to change into they will be required to turn the offensive shirt inside out if they wish to remain on the premises, or they will be required to leave.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE

16. 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.
17. The Chair of the Competition Jury (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.
18. The Chair will appoint as required up to four additional impartial and knowledgeable Panel 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. Panel members may be identified from the following list (not in any order and not limited to the following):
 - An accredited judge or RSO who is present but not competing or officiating;
 - A knowledgeable Archery Canada, Provincial Association or Club Staff or Director;
 - An impartial, knowledgeable competitor who is not an involved party to the complaint or observed infraction.

APPEALS

19. The Competition Panel 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 Panel is final.
20. Any grievance or appeal must be filed in writing with the Competition Panel within one (1) hour of completion of a round, along with a \$50.00 appeal fee. If the Panel 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.
21. A general inquiry for an interpretation of a rule may be submitted in writing to the Competition Panel. The Panel will review the submission at their earliest convenience, and a written response will be provided. No fee is required for this review.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT OR OTHER CODE OF CONDUCT (THE 'CODE') VIOLATIONS

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 Panel.

22. The Competition Panel shall use the following procedure to address the incident that violated or potentially violated the Code:
 - 22.1. The Panel 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.
 - 22.2. The Panel will attempt to secure a statement from the person(s) accused of the violation;
 - 22.3. The Panel 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.
23. The penalty determined by the Competition Panel 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.
24. The Competition Panel does not have the authority to determine a penalty that exceeds the duration of the Event.
25. A full written report of the incident and the Competition Panel's decision shall be submitted to the Club, Provincial Association or Archery Canada by the Chair of the Competition Panel following the conclusion of the Event. If the Competition Panel 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.
26. Decisions made pursuant to this Procedure may not be appealed.
27. 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.

SHOOTING RULES:

30. ASA adheres to a maximum arrow speed in each competition class as measured by the official on-site chronographs with a three percent (3%) margin of error rounded up to the nearest whole number. Refer to the section "CLASSES" for the maximum speed allowable in each class. Each competitor understands and agrees that they may be required to shoot through the designated on-site chronograph and an arrow shot through the chronograph during or after a tournament round that exceeds the maximum arrow speed for their class will result in the disqualification of that round's score.

31. All targets will be 3-D targets manufactured by Delta McKenzie Targets that feature the ASA Pro 12-Ring™ set at maximum distances as shown in the “CLASSES” section of these rules. ASA strives to adhere to the maximum recommendation, but range conditions may create target positions that may exceed the maximum. All targets will be placed vertical to the horizon and all groups are to insure that the targets are returned to this position after removing their arrows. No target will be placed with the head of the target quartered toward the shooter (“front-angled”), and the head of the target may not be quartered away (“rear-angled”) max 15 degrees from the shooter at an angle greater than that which would promote damage to the target or create glance-offs. The entire 8, 10, & 12-ring scoring areas will be visible from the stake and shooters may have a range official remove any limbs or debris that blocks their view of these scoring areas to the target.
32. Arrows of any type may be used provided they subscribe to the accepted principle and meaning of the word arrow as used in target archery, have not been altered (except cut to size) from the manufacturer’s original specifications and do not cause undue damage to the targets. An arrow consists of a shaft with a field or glue-in point, nock, fletching which may only consist of individual vanes used to stabilize the arrow and which may not be connected to each other by any means above the shaft and cresting. The maximum diameter of arrow shafts will not exceed .422”; the field or glue-in point for these arrows may have a maximum diameter of .425”
33. Shooters are required to be on their assigned target fifteen (15) minutes before the shotgun start to provide range officials sufficient time to insure that all participants are in groups of no less than three (3) shooters. Each group will “draw lots” to determine who will shoot first, second, third, etc. The shooters will alternate being the first shooter at each subsequent stake, with their shooting order maintained throughout the round. Any shooter who does not shoot the first target with their assigned group, except as may be permitted in Shooting Time Allowed “D”, will not be allowed to shoot that round and will receive a score of zero.
34. It is recommended and desirable that groups have no more than five shooters, however, individual tournament circumstances may require a maximum of six shooters on a stake. Groups must have a minimum of three shooters and if a group of three experiences a breakdown that leaves only two shooters in the group, the range official will be the second scorer and accompany the group as a scorer until the third shooter returns.
35. Groups will proceed under “Free Pull” and each group will signal their completion of the target by standing five (5) steps inside the shooting stake toward the target. They will remain there until the groups on each side are finished and have also moved five steps forward. Any group proceeding to the target too soon will receive a warning for the first offense and the penalty for any subsequent offense will be a score of zero (“0”) for the entire group. The following rules will be monitored, judged and adhered to by each group among themselves during each day’s competitions.

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36. Except as may be required due to an approved medical exemption, each shooter must touch the appropriate “shooting stake” for their class. Shooters may elect to stand or kneel, but no ground may be added or removed, and the use of foreign objects is prohibited. A shooter will receive a warning from the group for failure to touch the stake on the first offense. The penalty for the second offense is a deduction of five

points from their target score with any subsequent offense receiving a score of zero. Anyone that deliberately does not attempt to shoot from the designated shooting stake, or that deliberately stands on or bends the shooting stake, shall not only receive a score of zero for that target but will be in violation of Competition Panel Rules paragraph 22 “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” and will be referred to the Competition Panel for action including suspension..

37. Each shooter must be able to draw their bow under control and without undue difficulty. If in the opinion of the Range Official a shooter is struggling or resorting to “Sky Drawing” to draw their bow, the Range Official will contact the Tournament Director to determine if they will be required to decrease the poundage to allow them to properly draw and shoot the bow, regardless of arrow speed, to continue to participate.
38. A shooter who feels that another competitor’s equipment is not in conformity with the class rules must report the issue to the range official before the equipment in question leaves the range.
39. In consideration of time no shooter may glass the target from the shooting stake after taking their shot. Shooters may glass the target prior to shooting, but are reminded of the time restriction after assuming their position at the stake. A shooter will receive a warning from the group for the first offense. The penalty for the second offense is a deduction of five points from target score and each subsequent offense will receive a score of zero.
40. Coaching is strictly prohibited. Anyone receiving coaching will receive a five-point deduction for that target and the person providing coaching will be asked to leave the range.
41. As a courtesy to fellow competitors there will be no talking to spectators or other groups while other competitors in the group are shooting. Spectators are not permitted to be near the shooting stake and shall remain on the main trail at all times. Contact with spectators is prohibited in the shooting area during the round.
42. Cell phones and other electronic devices are to be silenced and their use is prohibited except by prior arrangement with the Range Official and their shooting group due to a personal situation. A phone’s camera may be used, but posting pictures will only be allowed upon completion of competition.
43. After a shooter sets their sight and draws the bow the sight may not be reset after a letdown. A shooter may only letdown two (2) times on a target. Upon a third letdown, or upon resetting their sight, the shooter will receive a score of zero for that target.
44. Each target has two (2) 12-rings. At each target the lower 12-ring will be in play initially for all shooters and a shooter may elect to have the upper 12-ring scored by announcing their intention to shoot for it. Upon announcing their election to shoot the upper 12-ring the scorekeepers will acknowledge and note this election, and the lower 12-ring will no longer be in play for that shooter **on that target only**. The shooter’s decision to stay with the lower 12-ring, or to call the upper 12-ring cannot be changed after coming to full draw.
45. On any range shooting unknown distances, all shooters (regardless of class) with movable sites are required to keep their yardage indicator covered before and after setting. A shooter will receive a warning from the

group for the first offense. The penalty for the second offense is a deduction of five points and subsequent offenses will receive a zero.

46. For safety considerations, and to insure a timely competition, no archer will go behind a target to look for a lost arrow or for any other reason except to retrieve an arrow that is visible to the group. Shooters are expected to carry enough arrows to complete the round. A shooter will receive a warning from the group for the first offense. The penalty for each subsequent offense will be to receive a score of zero for that target.
47. A group or individual may not approach the next shooting stake until the group occupying that stake has fully cleared the area. Anyone advancing to the competitor's area of any other stake and/or interfering with another group will receive a score of zero for that target. Anyone found examining or touching the equipment of another shooter without permission shall be in violation of Competition Panel Rules paragraph 21 "Unsportsmanlike Conduct."
48. Only one arrow, per shooter, per target will be shot from their designated stake. Anyone shooting the wrong target, or from the wrong stake, will receive a "0" for the target which should have been shot. Groups, or individual shooters, may be allowed to shoot a target out of sequence by the range official to help expedite the round.
49. An arrow that drops while being nocked onto the string in preparation for a shot may be picked up and shot with no penalty. If in the process of letting down an arrow drops off the bow, or is jarred off by hand contact with bow, it may be picked up and shot with no penalty. The shooter is responsible for maintaining control of the arrow at all times and an arrow must not be released or otherwise propelled by the string or it will be scored a zero.
50. Releasing an arrow by pointing the bow at the ground in front of the shooter is dangerous and if an arrow is intentionally released at the ground, the shooter shall not only receive a score of zero for that Pro/Am competition, they will be in violation of Competition Panel Rules paragraph 21 "Unsportsmanlike Conduct" and will be referred to the Competition Panel for possible further disciplinary action.
51. A shooter whose arrow makes contact with an "outside agency" during its flight will be allowed to reshoot that arrow. Outside agencies are defined as animals, and limbs or other debris that may fall or travel into the path of the arrow. Fixed or stationary impediments such as trees and bush, and any limbs or foliage that were still in contact with stationary impediments are not considered an outside agency.
52. Shooters are permitted to receive assistance from only one shooter in their group. Assistance will be limited to holding nothing larger than a golf-style umbrella.
53. Binoculars are allowed and there are no magnification limits. They may be checked at random by a tournament official if requested by another competitor. In Unknown Classes, if the official determines that any markings are inappropriate, including being pre-marked by the factory, and are being used by the shooter as a mechanical device for range finding, the glasses will be confiscated and presented to the Competition Panel under the Shooting Rule on range finding.
54. The projection of a light or reference point while shooting, either directly or by reflection, onto a target is prohibited. This prohibition includes lighted nocks which may be used but which must go dark prior to the

next shooter assuming the stake. Anyone in violation of this prohibition will receive a score of zero for that round.

55. Except as may be required due to an approved medical exemption the use of any device or outside agency (including stabilizer bar or prop stick) that allows the mass weight of the bow to be relieved from either arm while shooting is prohibited. Anyone in violation of this rule shall receive a score of zero for each target where the violation occurred.

Known Distance & Unknown Distance Competition: In the “Classes” section all classes have been designated as Known or Unknown. In all classes shooters may carry “target cards” reflecting a picture or rendering of the specific targets being shot, but no marks or notations of any type may be made on these cards. The use of a phone app is prohibited in all classes.

- For all Unknown Distance competition classes range finding is prohibited: All distances will be judged by the naked eye which may be aided by the use of binoculars. No equipment, including but not limited to sights, binoculars, spotting scopes or personal communication device apps will be used in a manner inconsistent with this prohibition. Using any part of the shooter’s body is prohibited, which includes “gapping techniques” that may also use equipment, or the “stepping off” of the distance to or from any target. In addition, the prohibition on marks or notations includes carrying, or making, any additional notes about yardages or features of any target on a competition range. Exchanging target information with spectators or other shooting groups at any time during the tournament is strictly prohibited. Target information may only be discussed among members of a shooting group after all members of that group have shot the target. Violations will be referred to the Competition Jury.
 - For all Known Distance competition classes: Shooters may use range finders and are required to share their information if requested by another competitor in their group.

SHOOTING TIME ALLOWED:

56. Each twenty (20) target round will be shot by the Unknown Classes in three hours and thirty-minutes, and in Known Classes in three hours and fifteen minutes. It shall be the final determination of the Tournament Director to cancel, postpone or delay a round, as well as determine the appropriate time frame for completion of the round in the case of inclement weather or other extenuating circumstances such as the number of shooters assigned to the range.
57. Each group will be responsible for monitoring and adhering to the pace of shooting:
- A. Upon commencement of the round by a verbal announcement by the range official the first shooter at each target will be allowed two minutes in Unknown Distance and one minute in Known Distance to shoot their arrow.
 - B. Each remaining member of the group will be allocated one minute to shoot.
 - C. Each group will be permitted four minutes to score the target, pull arrows and reach the next stake at which point the time allotment procedure repeats.
 - D. Any group or individual that fails to adhere to their specified time limit will receive a warning from the range official for the first offense. The penalty for a subsequent offense is a deduction of five points from target score for the group or individual. Any further offenses will result in disqualification.
58. After the allotted time the range official may call time and shooters may complete the target being shot. Further shooting will cease and scores will be totaled on targets completed and a zero recorded for each incomplete target.

59. Equipment failure does not need to be visible and must be reported to a tournament official prior to leaving the range to be given additional time to make up targets. Once a shooter is at their assigned target an equipment failure may not be called without shooting their first target. Prior to reporting to their range an equipment issue must be reported to a tournament official who will confirm the problem and notify their range official. Once the equipment failure is confirmed the shooter will be allowed a forty-five (45) minute grace period to make an equipment replacement or repair. Upon their return they will be allowed to make up any targets missed after completion of the round in the presence of two scorers, designated by the range official, who will be responsible for scoring and completing the shooter's score card. Each shooter is limited to one (1) repair or replacement of equipment grace period per tournament to be eligible to make up targets. A shooter with a second equipment issue will be allowed to repair or replace their equipment but will not be allowed to make up missed targets. If the equipment failure occurs during the act of shooting and the arrow is propelled by the string, the arrow will be scored as shot.
60. Any shooter leaving the range for a personal time-out must first check-in with the range official and must then check back with the official within five minutes and complete the round. Shooters are allowed a maximum of two personal time-outs per round.

SCORING RULES:

Scorecards will be available at the entrance to each range. Shooters will pick up their Official Colored Scorecard for that day, along with a white non-official scorecard. The properly completed official coloured scorecards must be turned in by the group within fifteen minutes of completion of shooting, and prior to leaving the range with the exception of shooter who is making up targets due to an equipment failure or other approved leave, to receive credit for that day's competition.

SCORE KEEPING:

61. Each group will designate two members of their group as "Scorekeepers" who will record all scores for the group and maintain each other's "official" scorecard (no one is allowed to maintain their own official scorecard.) Except for their own official scorecard one scorekeeper will maintain the Official Scorecards and one will maintain the White scorecards. It is recommended that the scores are reviewed after a minimum of five targets for accuracy.
62. All information on the scorecard must be accurate with all information completely and properly filled in. Information blocks and signatures that are incorrect or incomplete will result in a deduction of ten points. If the score was incorrect the ten (10) point deduction will be taken from the correct score.
63. If the number of 12 Rings™ is left blank it will be scored as zero.
64. Any score changes must be initialed by the scorer and the shooter and no changes may be made to the official score card after the scorekeeper and shooter have signed the scorecard. If a shooter changes his scorecard after it has been signed by the scorekeeper, the shooter will receive a score of zero for that tournament and will be submitted to the ASA Competition Committee for further action.

65. Scorekeepers will maintain the official coloured scorecard for each shooter and be responsible for recording each arrow on the corresponding target number and maintaining the running total. Scorekeepers will confirm with the shooter that their total score and number of 12 Rings™ is correct at the end of the round.
66. The completed Official Colored Scorecard must be reviewed and signed as correct by the Scorekeeper and the shooter and initialed on the back. Any shooter turning in an “Official” card on which they are both the shooter and scorekeeper will receive a score of zero for that day.

SCORING

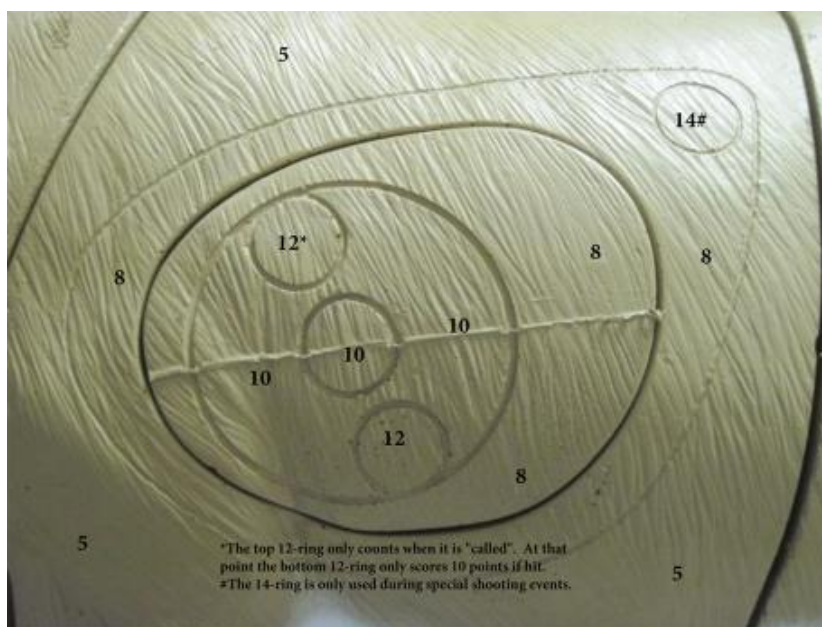
67. All arrows must remain in the target until all arrows are scored:
- i. The arrow shaft must be touching a portion of the next highest scoring line to be scored for the higher value.
 - ii. Scorers are allowed to use their binoculars and may also reflect or shine a light on the target at the time of scoring to aid in the process.
 - iii. The status of any doubtful arrows must be determined before drawing any arrow from the target.
 - iv. The score is based on the status of the arrow while all other arrows remain in the target.
 - v. Arrows may not be removed until a scoring judgment has been made and no changes may be made to the score after removal of an arrow.
 - vi. Targets may not be moved or dislodged for scoring purposes, and shall be returned to their proper upright position upon removal of the arrows.
68. Scorers will agree on a score for each arrow and call out the results to be recorded on the respective shooter’s scorecard by their Scorekeeper. If the two designated scorers cannot agree on a score another member of the group will break the tie other than the shooter whose arrow is being scored. In classes with only three shooters in the group the shooter will receive the higher score of the two scorers. ASA Range Officials will not make arrow calls except when a group has only two shooters or during special competitions.
69. Target “Pass Through” or “Rebound” without striking another arrow:
- i. Arrows passing through the front of, but still in, the target will be pushed back and scored;
 - ii. If the group agrees that an arrow passed through the targets insert seam the shooter will be given a score based on the point of pass through not to exceed eight (8) points;
 - iii. If the group agrees and confirms that the arrow actually passed through the target due to the high number of arrows that had been shot at the target, the range official is to be notified and the shooter will be allowed to take the score where the “pass-through” occurred as determined by the group up to a maximum score of ten (10) points; and
 - iv. If the group agrees that the arrow rebounded out of the target without striking another arrow the shooter will be allowed to take the score where the rebound up to a maximum of ten (10) points.
- Special Note:** A score of 12 will not be permitted under sections 2, 3 or 4 of this rule.
70. An arrow that “glances off” and goes past the target will be scored as a “0” (includes glancing off a plastic leg.
71. Any arrow embedding (“Robin Hood”) in the nock of another arrow will be scored the same as the arrow it is embedded in.

72. Any arrow rebounding backward off another Arrow (a "Robin Hood" that strikes and damages another arrow and does not proceed toward the target, but bounces back) will be scored the same as the arrow it struck, provided the damaged arrow can be identified.
73. Any arrow deflecting by contact with another arrow already in the target and still proceeding toward the target will be scored where it lies in the target, or a maximum of five (5) points if it is not in the target.
74. Arrows in the corresponding area of the target will be scored with point values of 5, 8, 10, or 12.
75. If time and weather permit, scoring ties for first place that cannot be broken by bonus rings an ASA Official will use the "Closest-to-the-10" tie-break procedure. Each shooter will shoot one arrow and the arrow that is closest to dead-center of the lower twelve ring regardless of score will receive an additional bonus ring added to their score. If for any reason a tie-breaker cannot be held, and for all scores that are tied by score and bonus rings, the sum of the prize money for the tied places will be divided equally between the shooters.
76. Public scoring results will only include name, club/prov, class and score. Personal contact information will not be published. Registration and scoring data will be handled per Archery Canada's privacy policy.

FOAM TARGET IMAGE

*The top 12-ring only counts when it is "called". At that point the bottom 12-ring only scores 10 points if hit.

#The 14-ring is only used during special shooting events



CLASSES:

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The classes delineated below are recognized by Archery Canada. Archery Canada's Provincial/Territorial Archery Associations have the option to combine and/or decline to offer certain classes. The Classes listed reflect maximum arrow speed, maximum yardage, and a designation as either Known or Unknown.

- For all adult classes with an age restriction or requirement will be determined by the participant's age reached on or before December 31st of the calendar year of competition.
- For all Young Adult, Youth and Eagle classes it is based on their age as of January 1st of the competition year.

Archery Canada reserves the right at any time to assign a registered shooter to a higher competition class based on knowledge of the competitor's prior archery experience, performance in other archery competitions, or the individual's established competition level in another organization. If, for example, someone shooting ASA for the first time feels that they are entitled to compete in the Known 40 class, but their previous archery experience, or competition status in another organization, confirms that they are not a novice, then Archery Canada reserves the right to require that individual to compete in a higher class.

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 Archery Canada registrant profile. All participants must comply with the equipment rules applicable to their chosen class to be eligible.

Arrow Rule: Arrows of any type may be used provided they subscribe to the accepted principle and meaning of the word arrow as used in target archery, have not been altered (except cut to size) from the manufacturer's original specifications and do not cause undue damage to the targets. An arrow consists of a shaft with a field or glue-in point, nock, fletching which may only consist of individual vanes used to stabilize the arrow and which may not be connected to each other by any means above the shaft and cresting. The maximum diameter of arrow shafts will not exceed .422" (2700 series); the field or glue-in point for these arrows may have a maximum diameter of .425".

Arrow Rule for Women's 40-yard Classes or less, Young Adult, Youth, and Eagle: The maximum diameter of arrows will not exceed 9.3mm or .366, and points will have a maximum diameter of 9.4 mm or .370" (2300 series.)

Open Class Equipment Rules for Adult, Young Adult & Youth: May use any compound or recurve bow, sight, release, stabilizer, or equipment unless specifically prohibited in any other part of these rules or by a ruling of the Competition Committee. ASA reserves the right to review any equipment / accessories and determine its suitability for competition.

Equipment & Accessory Prohibitions (all classes): (1) broadheads or any other point or tip not intended for target use; (2) retaining mechanisms which allow the bow to be mechanically held in the drawn position (except crossbows); (3) laser sights or devices; (4) devices or any outside agency (including stabilizer bar or prop stick) that allows the mass weight of the bow to be relieved from either arm while shooting or that allows for steadying the bow with any part of the body other than the bow hand. ASA retains the right to waive certain equipment restrictions or shooting rules under specific circumstances for physically challenged competitors. All Jr Eagles must be accompanied by an adult and must be able to draw their bow under control and without undue difficulty.

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Class	Ages	Male/ Female	Maximum Distance	Speed cap	Stake Colour	Known/ Unknown
Junior Eagle Open	8 and under	Male	15 yds.***	230	Orange	Known
Junior Eagle Open	8 and under	Female	15 yds.***	230	Orange	Known
Eagle Open	9 - 11	Male	30 yds.	230	BLUE STAKE	Known
Eagle Open	9 - 11	Female	30 yds.	230	BLUE STAKE	Known
Eagle Barebow/Traditional	9 - 11	Male	30 yds.	230	BLUE STAKE	Known
Eagle Barebow/Traditional	9 - 11	Female	30 yds.	230	BLUE STAKE	Known
Youth Open	12 - 14	Male	30 yds.	260	BLUE STAKE	Known
Youth Open	12 - 14	Female	30 yds.	260	BLUE STAKE	Known
Youth Barebow/Traditional	12 - 14	Combined	30 yds.	260	BLUE STAKE	Known
Young Adult Open	15 - 17	Male	40 yds.**	280	RED STAKE	Known
Young Adult Open	15 - 17	Female	40 yds.**	260	RED STAKE	Known
Young Adult Barebow/Traditional	15 - 17	Combined*	30 yds.	260	BLUE STAKE	Known
Open	18 - 49	Male	50 yds.	290	WHITE STAKE	Unknown
Open	18 - 49	Female	50 yds.	280	WHITE STAKE	Unknown
Known 40	18 - 49	Male	40 yds.**	280	RED STAKE	Known
Known 40	18 - 49	Female	40 yds.**	260	RED STAKE	Known
Known 50	18 - 49	Male	50 yds.	290	WHITE STAKE	Known
Known 50	18 - 49	Female	50 yds.	280	WHITE STAKE	Known
Traditional	18 - 49	Male	30 yds.	280	BLUE STAKE	Known
Traditional	18 - 49	Female	30 yds.	280	BLUE STAKE	Known
Barebow	18 - 49	Male	30 yds.	280	BLUE STAKE	Known
Barebow	18 - 49	Female	30 yds.	280	BLUE STAKE	Known
Hunter	18 - 49	Male	50 yds.	290	WHITE STAKE	Known
Hunter	18 - 49	Female	50 yds.	280	WHITE STAKE	Known
Senior Known	50 - 59	Male	50 yds.	290	WHITE STAKE	Known
Senior Known	50 - 59	Female	50 yds.	280	WHITE STAKE	Known
Super Senior Known	60+	Male	40 yds.	290	RED STAKE	Known
Super Senior Known	60+	Female	40 yds.	280	RED STAKE	Known
Senior Traditional	50+	Combined*	30 yds.	280	BLUE STAKE	Known
Senior Barebow	50+	Combined*	30 yds.	280	BLUE STAKE	Known
Non-Competitive	Any age	Combined	any stake	--		Known

* Genders should be split when registration exceeds 5 per gender.

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**For Indoor ASA Championships, 40 yd max will be shooting at 50 yards

*** For Indoor ASA Championships, 15 yd max will be shooting at 30 yards

COMPETITION CLASSES:

Equipment Restrictions Open/Known, Senior, Super Senior Class Equipment Rules for Adult:

May use any compound or recurve bow, sight, release, stabilizer, or equipment unless specifically prohibited in any other part of these rules or by a ruling of the Competition Committee. The Archery Canada ASA Director or Designate reserves the right to review any equipment / accessories and determine its suitability for competition. The following equipment / accessories are prohibited in all classes: (1) broadheads or any other point or tip not intended for target use; (2) retaining mechanisms which allow the bow to be mechanically held in the drawn position (3) laser sights or devices; (4) devices or any outside agency (including stabilizer bar or prop stick) that allows the mass weight of the bow to be relieved from either arm while shooting or that allows for steadying the bow with any part of the body other than the bow hand. Archery Canada ASA Director retains the right to waive certain equipment restrictions or shooting rules under specific circumstances for physically challenged competitors.

Open Class Equipment Rules for Junior Eagle, Eagle, Young Adult & Youth:

May use any compound or recurve bow, sight, release, stabilizer or equipment unless specifically prohibited in any other part of these rules or by a ruling of the Competition Committee. The Archery Canada ASA Director or Designate reserves the right to review any equipment / accessories and determine its suitability for competition. The following equipment / accessories are prohibited in all classes: (1) broadheads or any other point or tip not intended for target use; (2) retaining mechanisms which allow the bow to be mechanically held in the drawn position (3) laser sights or devices; (4) devices or any outside agency (including stabilizer bar or prop stick) that allows the mass weight of the bow to be relieved from either arm while shooting or that allows for steadying the bow with any part of the body other than the bow hand. Archery Canada ASA Director retains the right to waive certain equipment restrictions or shooting rules under specific circumstances for physically challenged competitors.

Hunter Class Equipment Rules for Adult:

May use any compound bow. No pin limit. A moveable sight may be used without being locked down. Magnification is not permitted. Clarifiers or verifiers in the peep are not considered magnification and are permitted. A front stabilizer or a system including quick releases, enhancers and/or weights may be used, but may not exceed eighteen inches (18") in total length from the tip of the stabilizer/system to the point of attachment on the front of the riser. A single rear stabilizer up to twelve inches (12") in length (including weights) may be used regardless of the point of attachment to the bow. A Stability Optimization System (SOS) may be used but must be attached directly to the front or rear stabilizer only..

Traditional for all ages:

Bow must be either recurve or longbow without wheels or cams. No release aid, no sights, a single stabilizer up to 12" in length measured from the point of attachment, no overdraws, no draw checks, must have one finger touching the arrow nock, and must use one consistent anchor point. No marks on the sight window, string, or bow to use as an aiming or judging reference. All arrows must be identical in size, weight, and construction. Barebow Recurve for all ages: Bows must conform to the World Archery definition of a Barebow as found in World Archery Rules, Book 4 (Field and 3D Archery), Chapter 22, Sections 22.3 thru 22.3.10.1

Non-Competitive:

Any Bow setup may be used. (1) broadheads or any other point or tip not intended for target use; (2) retaining mechanisms which allow the bow to be mechanically held in the drawn position (3) laser sights or devices; (4) devices or any outside agency (including stabilizer bar or prop stick) that allows the mass weight of the bow to be relieved from either arm while shooting or that allows for steadying the bow with any part of the body other than the bow hand. Archery Canada ASA Director retains the right to waive certain equipment restrictions or shooting rules under specific circumstances for physically challenged competitors.

Pressure Point ShootDown Procedures:

- A. Should time and weather permit, the Tournament Director may designate Classes (Young Adult or older) for a Pressure Point Shoot Down to determine the final order of finish. For national events, Classes must have a minimum of 10 competitors for Male or unspecified classes, or 6 for Female classes to be designated for a Pressure Point Shoot down.
- B. Designated classes may have a maximum of five participants. If there is a tie for score and bonus rings that would exceed five shooters the "Closest-to-the-10" tie-break procedure (see Scoring Rules paragraph 76) will be used to determine the fifth position.
- C. Prior to the start of the Shoot Down all unknown class competitors will be provided a ten-minute period to judge the targets. Anyone not present for any of the judging period forfeits this opportunity and will be required to adhere to the Shoot Down pace without additional time for judging.
- D. The group will have one minute to shoot their respective target. Anyone not shooting within the allotted one minute will be given a zero for that target. Should weather condition dictate the Tournament Director may elect to extend the time allotted or suspend the use of the clock.
- E. Shooters will remain at their stake until their arrow is scored before moving to the next target.
- F. Shooters are responsible for having enough arrows to complete the initial round of five targets.
- G. Should weather and lighting conditions permit as determined by the tournament director after the initial round, all shooters within ten points of the leader will proceed to a sixth and final arrow with the lowest score shooting first.
- H. Upon completion of the sixth and final arrow there will be a clear order of finish for first, second and third place with bonus rings breaking a tie in total score. If shooters are tied for score and bonus rings for first, second or third the "Closest-to-the-10" tie-break procedure (see Scoring Rules paragraph 76") will be used with the winner receiving an additional bonus ring to break the tie. A coin toss will determine the order of shooting.