

I.A.A. INDEPENDENT ARCHERS ASSOCIATION

2021 OUTDOOR FORMAT AND RULES

Eligibility And Qualifications To Shoot

If an archer's birthday falls after the conclusion date of the IAA Regional Championship, he or she will maintain class standing until the conclusion of the subsequent Regional Championship.

An archer may not drop down in class (max yardage) during a tournament year without permission from the IAA. Lateral moves will be allowed (class of equal yardage) but such move must be stated at Registration.

An archer that wins his/her overall class in the Super Slam, the State Championship, or the Regional Championship MAY be required to move up in class the following year at the discretion of the IAA.

A class must have at least 3 archers to have a winner at the event and 3 eligible archers to award an overall champion.

A Trophy class must have 5 participants to award a plaque and will be awarded on a 1:5 ratio with a maximum of 5 being awarded.

To qualify to win the overall Super Slam an archer must compete in 3 of the 4 legs. If an archer shoots in all 4 legs his/her low score will be dropped for computing overall winner in given class. **3 eligible archers in class are required to declare/award a winner.**

Archer of the Year for each Class will be determined, by the highest 5 event point total in given class. At each event points will be awarded as follows: 1st place = 15pts, 2nd place = 10pts, 3rd place = 5 pts. In addition, all archers in the class will be awarded 1 point per archer they finish ahead of in that event. There must be 3 archers in the event to award a winner.

Any archer that shot a minimum of 6 IAA outdoor events in a class (including "Archer Of The Year" winners) will be eligible to compete in a competition at the IAA Archer Appreciation Day. Qualifying archers will shoot in either a 15 or 20 target course (to be determined prior to event) and will be assigned peer grouping. The winner of each class will be in a shoot off to win the title of the IAA "Champion of Champions". There will be 2 "Champion of Champions"1 from the Trophy classes and 1 from the Money classes.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

No alcoholic beverage may be consumed on any shooting course, range, or practice area by ANYONE during shooting hours. If, in the opinion of a Range Official or the IAA an archer is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, that archer will not be allowed to shoot. Repeated violations may result in suspension and/or ban from IAA events.

Spectators will not distract, interfere with, or assist archers.

Unsportsmanlike conduct WILL NOT be tolerated. Any action considered unsportsmanlike or unsafe to archers or spectators will be grounds for disqualification and/or suspension from IAA Events.

Any disciplinary action will be determined by IAA Board vote if substantial evidence is produced of said violation.

Targets

The approximate maximum distance for each stake shall be as follows:

White Stake – 25 yards

Yellow Stake – 35 yards

Red Stake – 40 yards

Green Stake - 45 yards

Blue Stake – 50 yards

Targets shall be set so they are distinguishable with their vital areas (8 ring) unobstructed

Care shall be taken to not **over** rotate or excessively lean the targets.

Scoring Areas

An 11 ring consisting of a circle within the 10 ring

A 10 ring consisting of a circle within the vital area

A vital area (8 ring) that roughly approximates the heart, lung, and liver area

The remainder of the animal, including the leg or hoof shall be considered the body (scoring as a 5)

An arrow that misses the target shall be scored a zero

*****At each leg of the tournament, targets #5, #10, #15, #20, #25 and #30 (only these six targets) will be designated as having a 14 ring in play. It is each individual archers choice if they want to try for the "14" ring or the "11" ring on any of these designated targets. THE ARCHER MUST STATE TO HIS/HER GROUP THEY ARE TRYING FOR THE 14 RING PRIOR TO THE SHOT. ONCE AN ARCHER STATES THEY ARE TRYING FOR THE 14 RING THEY MUST SHOOT FOR THE 14 RING, THE 11 RING IS THEN DEEMED A 10 (IF ARCHERS ARROW HITS THE 11 RING IT WILL ONLY COUNT AS A 10)*****

EQUIPMENT

Arrows must weigh at least 5 grains per pound of the bows shooting weight

Shooting weight is defined as the bows maximum draw weight as set up at the time of competition

Draw weight shall not be adjusted after entering the shooting course

A maximum arrow diameter of 27/64 will be allowed in all classes.

A maximum draw weight of 40 lbs. will be allowed in the Cub class, 60 lbs. in all Female and Youth classes and 80 lbs. in all others

There is no limit to the number of pins on a sight

Sights that project a laser light or other aiming dot on the target are illegal in all classes

A Verifier or Clarifier style peep sight shall be allowed in all classes that permit the use of sights

Shooting Rules and Etiquette

Shooting groups shall not consist solely of friends and relatives.

Host club will be responsible for grouping archers. ****ANY UNAUTHORIZED ALTERING OF SET GROUPS WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION****

When shooting the archer must touch the appropriate stake with some part of his or her body. Each archer shall be allowed a maximum of 2 minutes to complete his/her shot. Time will begin for the first archer when the previous group clears the target. Time will begin for the next archer when the previous archer releases his/her arrow. **ARCHERS ARE TO CLEAR THE STAKE BEFORE USING BINOCULARS TO CHECK WHERE SHOT WENT.**

Archers **MUST** be sensitive to the time concerns of the groups behind them and make every attempt to shoot in a timely manner. An archer found to be over the allotted time after being warned shall have 5 points deducted from his/her score. An archer that continues to violate the time limit may be disqualified.

After shooting the archer must immediately clear the stake for the next shooter. Using binoculars from the stake **AFTER** the shot is prohibited. Repeated violations will result in a 5 point deduction for each violation.

No more than 1 umbrella may be used to assist a shooter at the stake.

Archers using adjustable sights may not adjust their sight elevation after drawing the bow and sighting the target.

Scoring Arrows

Scores will be tabulated as follows:

14 points (Targets #5, #10, #15, #20, #25 and #30 at each event will be designated as having the "14 ring" in play)

14's and 11's will be tabulated separately

11 Points (11 ring) **If an archer is shooting for the 14 ring, the 11 ring will count as 10 points if hit**

10 Points (10 ring)

8 Points (Vitals)

5 Points (Body)

0 Points (Miss or shooting horn) Scores will be tabulated as follows:

If a target has a back kill area the hosting club will designate which area shall be used. In the event that such a target is not posted, either scoring area can be used

An arrow touching the line of a greater scoring area shall be given the higher score

A pass through or bounce back may be scored if witnessed and agreed upon by the majority of archers in the group.

An arrow released or dropped accidentally will be scored a zero unless the archer is able to retrieve it while touching the stake.

Tie Scores

11s will be used to break ties. The archer with the most 11s will be declared the winner. If this again results in a tie, the first 11 recorded will be used as a tie breaker. (Example: if each archer shot an 11 on the first target, and archer 1 shot a 10 on the 2nd target and archer 2 shot an 11 on the 2nd target archer number 2 shall be declared the winner. **If this results in a tie 14's will be used.** If this again results in a tie a shoot off will be used if feasible, and if not, administrators will use a coin toss.

RANGEFINDERS AND BINOCULARS

Binoculars are allowed in all classes. Rangefinders are allowed in all classes **except HC, AH, MO, and TRD**

Equipment Failures and Leaving the Course

Once an archer begins the shooting course, he/she must finish with his/her group unless given permission by a range official.

In the event of equipment failure a range official must rule that the equipment issue is eligible. Said range official will hold the archer's scorecards until repairs have been made and the archer resumes competition.

