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# **BY-LAWS** ARTICLE I

# **General Rules for Field Archery Games** The following applies to all NFAA approved rounds

### A. Terms:

- 1. Round Prescribed number of targets for the game being shot.
- 2. Stake Shooting position.
- 3. Target Target face.
- 4. Target butt Any object against which the target is placed.
- 5. Shot This term in connection with the stake number, i.e., "4<sup>th</sup> shot", shall be used in referring to the different shots on any course.
- 6. Spot Aiming center.
- 7. Inside Out A scoring term describing an arrow that does not touch the outer separating line of the applicable scoring area.
- 8. Timber Warning call to other archers who may be in danger zone, announcing that you are ready to shoot.
- 9. Stabilizer A device extending away from the archer (back of the bow).
- 10. Counterbalance A device extending parallel to or toward the archer (face of the bow).
- 11. String dampening device A device made to stop the forward motion of the string.
- 12. Chronograph An electronic device used for the measurement of arrow speed.
- 13. Bow scale A device used for the measurement of peak draw weight.
- B. Definitions:
  - 1. Style Refers to the type of shooting equipment used by the archer, i.e., Freestyle, Freestyle Limited, Barebow, Bowhunter Freestyle, Freestyle Limited Recurve, or Traditional.
  - 2. Division Refers to the separation of competitive archers by category, i.e., Professional, Senior Professional, Master Senior, Silver Senior, Senior, Adult, Young Adult, Youth and Cub. Note: All divisions are available for both male and female.
  - 3. Class and/or Flight Refers to the separation of competitive archers according to skill level.
  - 4. Scratch Score Refers to an archer's score before it has been adjusted by his/her handicap.
  - 5. Net Score Refers to an archer's score after his/her scratch score has been adjusted by his/her handicap.
  - 6. Handicap Refers to the number of artificial points an archer receives to adjust his/her scoring ability to the common level of perfect.
  - 7. Handicap Differential Refers to the difference between an archer's scratch score and perfect.
  - 8. Guest Competitor and Guest Participant. Guest Competitor Refers to an NFAA member shooting at an event outside of their respective State or Section. Guest Participant – Refers to non-NFAA member archers who may participate in sectional tournaments, state NFAA tournaments including the mandated NFAA indoor and outdoor state championships but who may not win awards nor claim titles such as "champion". Non-NFAA member participants shall participate while observing all NFAA tournament requirements, rules and regulations. There will be no guest division, style, or class. Guest participants will not be listed on the scoreboard or tournament report other than the report will state the number of guest participants but no reference to names or scores. Sections and states have the option to honor the guest participant section of this item.
  - 9. Age An archer's age will be determined by their actual birth date and their physical age as of the first day of their competition in any tournament.

## C. Targets:

- 1. They shall not be placed over any other larger targets nor shall there be any marks on the target butt or foreground that could be used as points of aim.
- 2. All target butts must be so placed that the full face is exposed to the shooter.
- 3. In all National and Sectional tournaments using official NFAA rounds, the following target configuration shall be used according to the target diameter:

20 cm. target faces: Sixteen target faces shall be used for the 35/30/25/20 foot and the 11 yard shots. The target butt shall be constructed to hold the targets in a 4 by 4 configuration.

35 cm. target faces: Four 35 cm. target faces shall be used. The target butt shall be constructed to hold the targets in a 2 by 2 configuration.

50 cm. target faces: Two target faces shall be used for the 35-yard fan (Field rounds) and 36-yard fan (Hunter rounds). The target butt shall be constructed to hold the targets either side-by side or one above the other.

65 cm. target face: One target shall be used.

- 4. In all National and Sectional tournaments using official NFAA rounds where Group 4 Animal faces are specified, four Group 4 Animal faces will be used and the target butt shall be so constructed as to encompass the targets in a 2 by 2 configuration. The four faces presented shall be of the same design. Where Group 3 Animal faces are specified, two Group 3 Animal faces will be used, either side-by side or one above the other. The two faces presented shall be the same design.
- 5. An archer shall not deface his/her target in any manner to include punching a hole, enhancing the X or any other portion of the target in an effort to gain sighting/aiming advantage. Any target so defaced shall be removed by the tournament chairman. Repeated offense shall be grounds for removal of the offender from the tournament. Note: The tournament chairman may have the archer's name placed on the target, as in indoor tournaments, however, the name will not be on or in the scoring area of the target.

## D. Shooting Positions:

- 1. Yardage shall be shown for all shooting position stakes.
- 2. It shall be permissible to use two or more shooting position stakes at any or all one-position targets, provided the stakes are equidistant from the target.
- 3. All shooting positions shall be plainly visible. When ground level markers are used in place of traditional stakes, a sign should be posted listing the various positions for each target.
- E. Conduct & Disciplinary Actions:
  - 1. No alcoholic beverages or controlled substance (drugs) may be carried or consumed on any range or practice area during shooting hours at any NFAA sanctioned or owned tournament. Anyone caught breaking this rule will be immediately disqualified and not allowed to complete the tournament.
  - 2. Littering the grounds of any tournament will not be permitted. Host will provide trash receptacles. Please keep our ranges clean.
  - 3. Un-sportsmanlike conduct on the ranges or tournament grounds will not be tolerated.
  - 4. A competitor not following the established tournament rules, improper conduct, or creating a safety hazard, may be disqualified immediately. Disciplinary actions from warnings to disqualifications are at the Tournament Chairman's discretion.
  - 5. Verbal abuse or slander directed toward a Tournament Official while conducting their duties will result in immediate disqualification of the shooter from the tournament.

- 6. Any disqualifications of a competitor should be documented in a written report that is signed by the Tournament Chairman, following the completion of the day's events. The report will be available for review by the Tournament Committee.
- F. The use of personal stereo or radio equipment for music or self-coaching is not permitted while on the shooting line in competition (or official practice).

# **ARTICLE II** NFAA Shooting Styles and Equipment Rules

## A. General

- 1. A conventional bow of any type may be used provided it subscribes to the accepted principal and meaning of the word "bow" as used in archery competition, i.e., an instrument consisting of a handle (grip) riser and two flexible limbs, each ending in a tip with string nock. The bow is braced for use by a single bowstring attached directly between the two string nocks only. In operation it is held in one hand by the handle (grip) riser while the other hand draws, holds back and releases the string. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers or release aids.
- 2. Compound bows may be used, provided:
  - 2.1 Basic design includes a handle riser (grip) and flexible limbs.
  - 2.2 Total arrow propelling energy is developed from a flexing of the materials employed in limb construction.
  - 2.3 Weight reduction factor is of no consequence.
  - 2.4 Bows which develop any portion of arrow propelling energy from sources "other than the limbs" shall not be allowed. This is not to be construed to mean that compound bows which employ other sources of arrow propelling energy, not specifically listed in this paragraph, will be allowed.
  - 2.5 The cables of the compound bow shall be considered as part of the string and all applicable string rules except color requirements shall apply.
- 3. The maximum peak draw weight allowed in NFAA competition shall be 80 pounds, with a maximum arrow speed of 300 feet per second, with a variance of 3%. See By-Laws Article IV, Section D, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 1.9.
- 4. Any device that would allow the mass weight, or the draw weight of the bow to be relieved from either or both arms, at full draw, shall be declared illegal.
- 5. All overdraws shall be designed in such a fashion as to prevent the arrow from falling off the shelf causing an unsafe condition.
- 6. Maximum arrow shaft diameter allowed in NFAA competition will be 0.422 inches, with point diameter not to exceed 0.425 inches. The shaft diameter will include any wrap placed on the arrow and will include the size of the nock and the nock insert.
- 7. No archer shall draw a bow with the bow hand above the top of the head when drawing on a horizontal plane, parallel to the ground. A warning will be given on the first instance. Second instance will require removal of archer from event.
- 8. Crossbows may be used as a separate style/division at National level Indoor events. They are optional at all other events and facilities at the discretion of respective responsible National, Sectional, State, Club, and Tournament officials.
- 9. Lighted nocks are not allowed.
- 10. All requests for rulings on equipment must be accompanied by an example of the item in question to the assigned committee and for examination by the Board of Directors prior to voting.
- B. Barebow:
  - 1. Archers shooting Barebow style will use bow, arrows, strings, and accessories free from any sights, marks or blemishes that may be used as a sighting aid.
  - 2. An adjustable arrow plate may be used provided it does not extend more than  $\frac{1}{4}$ " above the arrow.

- 3. The use of stabilizers shall be permitted. The rear stabilizer shall not touch any part of the body.
- 4. One consistent nocking point only is permitted and may be held by one or two nock locators, which shall be snap on type, shrink tubing, thread or dental floss, tied or served on the serving. Nocking point locators shall not extend more than one half inch (1/2") above or below the arrow nock when at full draw.
- 5. Only one adjustable draw check and level mounted on the bow, neither of which may extend above the arrow and a mechanical type arrow rest and cushion plunger are permitted.
- 6. Only gloves, tabs, or fingers shall be permitted, except in the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers.
- 7. All arrows shall be identical in length, weight, diameter and fletching, with allowance for wear and tear. Powder on the arrow points shall be permitted as a visual aid.
- 8. The ends or edges or laminated pieces appearing on the inside of the upper limb shall be considered a sighting mechanism.
- 9. No device of any type, including arrow rest, that may be used for sighting, may be used or attached to the archer's equipment.
- 10. The pylon (string clearance bar) will be allowed in this style if it is not located in the sight window.
- 11. Any part of the arrow rest extending more than <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch above the arrow is deemed illegal in the Barebow style.
- C. Freestyle:
  - 1. Any type of sight and its written memorandum may be used.
  - 2. Any release aid may be used provided it is hand operated and supports the draw weight of the bow and is not attached to the bow other than the bowstring. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers or release aids.
  - 3. The rear stabilizer shall not touch any part of the body.
- D. Freestyle Limited:
  - 1. Any type of sight and its written memorandum may be used.
  - 2. Release aids shall be limited to gloves, tabs and fingers. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers.
  - 3. The rear stabilizer shall not touch any part of the body.
- E. Freestyle Bowhunter:
  - 1. A maximum of (5) five fixed reference points: Points of attachment shall not be considered reference points. A line running vertically from its top attachment in the pin guard to its bottom attachment in the pin guard would be legal. Sighting reference points, string peep (with or without a lens) and/or kisser button may not be moved during a round. Scopes, clickers and draw checks are not allowed. A round or oval housing around the points of reference is not considered a scope as long as no lens is used. No additional pin guard may be used. A sight pin consisting of a housing with a hole through it, that does not contain a fixed reference point within the hole, is not allowed.
  - 2. Release aids will be permitted. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers or release aids.
  - 3. A pinguard mounted on the sight, and a level mounted anywhere will be legal in this style of shooting, provided that there are no additional marks or blemishes on either of these items that could be used for sighting.
  - 4. A string of suitable material with a center serving and end servings of the same or different color than the string may be used. One consistent nocking point only is permitted. Nocking point locators shall not extend more than ½ inch above or below the arrow nock when at full draw. Brush buttons and string silencers properly attached will be legal.
  - 5. One anchor point only is permitted.

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- 6. All arrows shall be identical in size, length, weight, and fletching with allowances for wear and tear.
- 7. Brush buttons, string silencer, positioned no closer than midway between the nocking point and where the string touches the wheel/cam, and bow quiver installed on the opposite side of the sight window, with no part of the quiver or attachments visible in the sight window are legal. One straight stabilizer, coupling device included if used, which cannot exceed 12 inches at any time, as measured from the back of the bow, V-bar, counterbalance and string dampeners may be used.
- 8. An archer will not be permitted to change the draw weight of the bow during a round.
- 9. During a round no adjustments may be made to the bow and its related equipment unless equipment failure is recognized.
- F. Traditional:
  - 1. This style of shooting is for those who wish to compete with the Recurve or Longbow.
  - 2. No device of any kind, including arrow rest, that can be used for sighting will be used or attached to the archers' equipment.
  - 3. There shall be no device, mechanical or otherwise, in the sight window except the arrow rest, arrow plate or plunger button.
  - 4. No part of the rest or arrow plate may extend more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch above the arrow.
  - 5. No clickers, drawchecks or levels will be allowed. No laminations, marks or blemishes on the face of the bow or in the sight window will be legal.
  - 6. The string may be of any color but must have a single color center serving. One single nocking point is permitted. One or two nock locators may be used. Brush buttons and string silencers, properly placed may be used. Any other marks or string attachments will be illegal.
  - 7. One anchor point only is permitted.
  - 8. The archer shall touch the arrow when nocked and drawing the arrow with the index finger against the nock. Finger position may not be changed during competition. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers.
  - 9. Gloves, tabs or fingers shall be the only legal releases. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers.
  - 10. All arrows shall be identical in length, weight, diameter and fletching with allowance for wear and tear.
  - 11. One straight stabilizer, coupling device included, if used, which cannot exceed 12 inches at any time as measured from the back of the bow.
  - 12. No written memorandum will be allowed.
  - 13. Bow Slings are permissible.
  - 14. During a round no adjustments may be made to the bow and/or its related equipment unless equipment failure is recognized.
  - 15. For all tournaments below the Sectional level, all traditional archers may shoot at Youth distances at the discretion of each State or Club.
- G. Freestyle Limited Recurve:
  - 1. Any type of sight and its written memorandum may be used, providing the sighting mechanism has no magnification. Levels, string peep sights, marks, ties or string attachments to the string and electronic devices are not allowed. A kisser button may be used.
  - 2. Release aids shall be limited to gloves, tabs and fingers. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers.
  - 3. This style is limited to use of recurve bow or longbow.
- H. Crossbow
  - 1. A foot stirrup is allowed, even if not original manufacturer's equipment.
  - 2. The use of mechanical spanning (cocking) aids is permitted.

- 3. A fixed or universally adjustable butt hook/plate may be used provided: (1) It does not rest on and is not supported by the shoulder; and (2) It does not encircle any part of the body or limbs.
- 4. An adjustable palm rest or handle is allowed provided it does not extend beyond or envelop the wrist.
- 5. Balance weights, extension rods (stabilizers), and torque flight compensators are allowed provided they do not interfere with another competitor and that they do not touch anything but the crossbow.
- 6. String attachments are allowed (separate string loops, archery type nock-sets, or center nocking points) so long as they are not made from hard solid materials.
- 7. A kisser button may be mounted on the stock to check head position, and a liquid level may be used in the line of sight.
- 8. An eye blinder may either be attached to the person or the crossbow, and tinted lenses (filters) may be a part of the crossbow sight, but must be capable of being checked at any time by a tournament official. Prescription spectacles, shooting spectacles and tinted glasses may NOT be fitted with micro-hole lenses or similar devices, nor marked in any way which could assist in aiming.
- 9. Prod bracing strings (bastard strings) may be used. Slings and straps to steady the crossbow may NOT be used. Attachments are NOT allowed that are designed to guide the string along the track/stock, i.e. any form of sledge, bead or another attachment designed to control lateral string movement along the track.
  - 9.1 A track cover may be used to keep the track dry.
  - 9.2 All clothing shall be loose fitting and shall not give support to any part of the body. A track suit may be worn.
  - 9.3 A competitor may wear a maximum of two belts, one firm fitting to support clothing and a second loose fitting to support a quiver.
  - 9.4 Following items are not allowed: 1) Pistol Crossbows. 2) Electronic Equipment or Components while on the shooting line except as specifically otherwise listed.
    3) Compound prods and prod assemblies with mechanical moving parts. 4) Attachments designed to guide the string along the track/stock. 5) Slings or Straps to steady the Crossbow. 6) Magnifying Sights. 7) Micro-hole lenses, similar devices, or marks in prescription eye wear. 8) Corrective Lenses as part of the Crossbow. 9) Vertical Crossbows (vertically mounted prod assemblies). 10) Special shooting gloves.
  - 9.5 The wearing of finger protection for spanning the Crossbow is permitted, but must be removed during the act of shooting.
- 10. Crossbow bolts/arrows will be made from any safe material and of such design as not to cause unreasonable damage to target butts.
  - 10.1 Points shall have a minimum weight of 80 grains weight and be of either bullet or field point shape. The minimum total weight of the bolt shall be that recommended in the manufacturer's literature.
  - 10.2 Slip-over Points (point diameter larger than shaft diameter) are not permitted. Minimum bolt length 355 mm (12 inches). Maximum bolt length 610 mm (24 inches)
  - 10.3 Bolts must be fitted with fletches. There is no restriction as to size or number. All bolts in a set shall be made to the same specifications and colors.
  - 10.4 All bolts being shot in an end must have identical fletch sizes and colors with respect to each bolt.
- 11. There is no distinction between Recurve and compound, draw weight, or sighting systems.
- 12. All crossbows must be fitted with a mechanical trigger mechanism. Electrical, electronic, pneumatic, or hydraulic triggers are not permitted.
- 13. All track style crossbows must have a single operational bolt retainer which prevents the bolt from slipping forward when the crossbow is pointed toward the ground. Front

mounted bolt retainers are not allowed. Crossbows fitted with "Over and Under tracks" are not permitted.

- 14. The prod (bow limbs) may be made of any material and may be of either one or two piece construction. In the case of metallic prods, the limbs shall be bound with a suitable tape to prevent personal injury in the case of failure. Prod assemblies may be either recurve or compound.
- 15. Target Crossbows may not exceed a draw weight of 95 pounds as published by the manufacturer. The maximum bolt/arrow speed shall be 300 fps plus or minus 3%.
- 16. Bow strings and servings must be made from non-metallic materials. Bow strings may be either connected directly to the limb tips or by means of axle pins (fixed or pivoting, metallic or synthetic.
- 17. Target Crossbows may not employ a magnification sight. The sighting system shall have no more nor less than two separate open or dioptre (aperture) sight units. The maximum distance from front sight to rear sight shall be 720mm measured between the sighting elements. The length of the front sight tube may not exceed 60mm, and the length of the rear sight unit may not exceed 150mm inclusive of antiglare tube and eye-shield (if fitted). Laser sights are not permitted. Lighted fiber optic sight pins are allowed in 2012-2013 on a trial basis. Rule is to be in effect starting 8 February 2012 and will be reviewed at the next Director's meeting.
- 18. Pistol Crossbows and Vertical Crossbows are NOT legal for competition.
- 19. Maximum diameter of arrow/bolt shaft is 27/64 inches (2712).
- 20. No crossbow will be cocked before the shooter is at the shooting stake/shooting line. If so equipped, the safety must then be placed in the ON position.
- 21. Range finding devices are not permitted in competitions.
- 22. Binoculars or spotting scopes may be used for spotting bolts.
- 23. Crossbow shooters may only span the crossbow when actually at the shooting line/peg.
- 24. The act of loading a bolt in a spanned crossbow must be performed with the crossbow directed at the ground immediately in front of the shooting line in the direction of the target. Loading a bolt in an elevated crossbow is not permitted.
- 25. Elevating a crossbow (with or without an arrow) above the target is not permitted.
- 26. If a spanned and loaded crossbow is lowered during the act of shooting, it must not be turned aside from the direction of the target. In such cases the safety catch, if so equipped, must be applied.
- 27. If a defect occurs in the crossbow during shooting, the crossbow shooter must stop shooting immediately.
- 28. At the signal to stop shooting, the crossbow must immediately be lowered, the arrow removed, and the string lowered (unlatched).
- 29. At no time should anyone pick up or handle another individual's crossbow/equipment without receiving permission to do so.
- 30. At no time should an individual leave the peg/shooting line with a spanned and/or loaded crossbow.
- 31. In the interest of personal safety it is strongly recommended that the fingers of the hand which loads the bolt be kept straight and pointing away from the path of the bowstring.
- 32. When loading a cocked crossbow, the shooter should always work above the string and never load the arrow by coming up from the bottom of the crossbow.

# **ARTICLE III** Divisions of Competition

### A. Adult:

Is provided for male and female archers.

B. Junior:

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- Is provided for male and female archers in age groups of NFAA Young Adult (15 through 17 years of age), NFAA Youth (age 12 through 14), NFAA Cub (under 12 years of age).
  - 1.1 No archer may compete with or against archers of another junior division in any official National or Sectional championship tournament.
  - 1.2 Archers may elect to compete in any higher division, junior or adult, with written parental consent. An NFAA form in triplicate shall be provided for parental or guardian signature. One copy must be filed with NFAA Headquarters and one copy with the state association Secretary. Once this option has been exercised the archer may not revert back.
  - 1.3 The NFAA Cub, Youth and Young Adult archers are eligible for 20 pins and other awards in the same manner as adult division.
  - 1.4 Archer's date of birth must appear on his/her official membership card. Any Junior archer who has a birthday during a tournament will be allowed to complete that tournament in the age group that he/she started in.
  - 1.5 Recognized shooting styles for Junior Division archers shall be only the following styles:

NFAA Young Adult, Youth, Cub: Freestyle Bowhunter Freestyle Barebow Freestyle Limited Recurve

- 2. Cub:
  - 2.1 This classification is established for archers under 12 years of age.
  - 2.2 Cub shooting positions shall be marked with black stakes.
  - 2.3 The Cub's handicap must be established entirely on the Cub course and is not applicable to or from any other course.
  - 2.4 Cub official target units are shown in Appendix 3.
  - 2.5 The cub archers shall receive distinctive 50 point progressive merit patches. They shall be awarded on official 28 target rounds for one consecutive score of one 50-point increment between 50 and 550. Applications for cub merit patches shall be made to the state association secretary. Patches are furnished free of charge by the NFAA.
  - 2.6 Cub members of the NFAA are eligible for patches for a perfect 20 score on their distances shot -10, 15, 18, 20, 25 and 30 yards. Patches would have designated distances on face. Application for patch should be submitted within 30 days by the eligible archer for the award, accompanied by the proper fee, to the State Secretary or Chairman.
  - 2.7 All Cubs shall shoot at 10 yards on all Indoor Rounds where adults shoot at 20 yards.
- 3 Youth:
  - 3.1 The youth classification is established for archers ages 12 through 14.
  - 3.2 The handicap must be established entirely on the youth (50 yard maximum) course and is not applicable to or from any other course.
  - 3.3 Any and all official NFAA units or rounds shall not contain shots over 50 yards. Group 1 animal faces shall be shot from the closest walk-up animal stake only.
  - 3.4 Youth official target units are shown in Appendix 4.

The youth archers shall receive distinctive 50 point progressive merit patches. They shall be awarded on official 28 target rounds for one consecutive score of one 50-point increment between 50 and 550. Applications for youth merit patches shall be made to the state association secretary. Patches are furnished free of charge by the NFAA.

3.5 The shooting positions for youth archers shall be marked blue.

4. Young Adult:

- 4.1 The young adult classification is provided for archers 15 through 17 years of age and for those younger that have waived into this division.
- 4.2 The young adult must establish his handicap entirely on the 80 yard (adult length) course and it is not applicable to or from any other course.

### C. Senior:

A Senior Division for archers ages 50 and older, a Silver Senior Division for archers age 60 and older, and a Master Senior Division for archers age 70 and older shall be provided at National and Sectional (Indoor and Outdoor) tournaments. Any archer may compete in only one Division; however, those age 50 and older may compete as either an Adult or Senior, those age 60 and older may compete as either an Adult, Senior or Silver Senior, and those age 70 and older may compete as either an Adult, Senior or Master Senior.

## D. Professional:

- 1. Membership:
  - 1.1 Archers wishing to join the Professional Division must submit validated proof of minimum score proficiency as shot at an NFAA Indoor Blue Face or Outdoor Field event; State, Sectional or National levels will be the only considerations for an approved qualification score. Validated proof shall be an NFAA stamped score card or verified, posted, and official event results. The Archer must submit a score that may not be less than 96.5% of the winning score in the respective division they wish to join as averaged over the last 6 National events for that division.
    - 1.1.1 All current pro's would not need to qualify unless their membership lapses for more than 60 days \*unless medically excused (injury, illness, military deployment, etc.) A returning Pro may use past champion's provisional (Member of US National team, NFAA National event winner) to avoid the qualification score if they lapsed. Provisional claim cannot be more than 5 years past.
  - 1.2 Archers who are NFAA members in good standing shall be eligible for NFAA Professional Division membership, however, those archers under 18 shall be required to file written permission from his/her parent or guardian. An NFAA form in triplicate shall be provided for Parent or Guardian signature.
  - 1.3 Archers from any other archery organization who wish to compete in the NFAA Professional Division must pay NFAA membership, plus Pro dues and compete in a NFAA Professional Division, at all NFAA Sectional and National tournaments and NFAA sanctioned tournaments.
  - 1.4 Archers from any other archery organization that compete in a Semi-Pro division, where the description of that division by the other archery organization is classified as nonprofessional, shall be recognized by the NFAA as nonprofessional archers
  - 1.5 Archers must provide an application listing a member of the Professional division in good standing as a mentor for professional membership. Their first year of membership will be a probationary period pending fulfillment of membership requirements.
    - 1.6 Upon payment of Pro dues, the NFAA Professional archer accepts that he/she must abide by the Code of Ethics and the Dress Code.
  - 1.7 The Professional Division shall have the following designation for Senior Professional levels: A Senior Division for archers ages 50 and older, a Silver Senior Division for archers age 60 and older, and a Master Senior Division for

archers age 70 and older shall be provided at National and Sectional (Indoor and Outdoor) tournaments. Any archer may compete in only one Division; however, those age 50 and older may compete as either an Adult or Senior, those age 60 and older may compete as either an Adult, Senior or Silver Senior, and those age 70 and older may compete as either an Adult, Senior Silver Senior, or Master Senior. Silver Senior and Master Senior Divisions shall not seek contingency support, shall not seek guaranteed prize funds (only shoot for entry fees), nor shall they seek awards more than Medals. (Silver and Master Pro divisions are exempt from Silver Bowls.) The only recognized Divisions shall be Freestyle Men and Freestyle Women for Silver Senior and Master Senior.

- 2. Code of Ethics:
  - 2.1 The professional archer must conduct himself at all times in a manner that will bring respect and honor to himself, archery, and the NFAA.
  - 2.2 A professional archer shall make every effort to comply with all tournament rules and regulations both published and intended.
  - 2.3 A professional archer shall not allow his name or likeness to be used in such a manner as to misrepresent any product, nor shall he make claims that tend to misrepresent any product and mislead purchasers as to the actual value or quality of such products.
  - 2.4 A professional archer shall make every effort to protect the amateur standing of amateur archers.
  - 2.5 NFAA Pro Executive Committee will consider the disciplinary action taken for a violation of the Code of Ethics by another Professional organization.
  - 2.6 The Pro Executive committee may investigate and act on any allegations pertaining to any professional archer as they feel necessary.
- 3. Dress Code:
  - 3.1 General.

The professional archer shall present himself in clean, neat attire, acceptable to public view.

3.2 Not acceptable.

Jeans or Denim of any color are not allowed during any competition. Professional archers shall wear slacks, shorts or skirts. Shorts and skirts may not be shorter than the archer's fingertips when rested at their side. The waist of the attire must not fall below the waistline. Shirts/tops shall be of a collared design. Archers may also wear uniforms provided by sponsors. Shirts must have a standard collar, Henley collar or mock collar. T-shirts, swimming suits, cut-offs and obscene or vulgar slogans or pictures on clothing are prohibited.

- 3.2.1 Open toed shoes/flip flops/sandals are unacceptable while competing.
- 3.2.2 Dress codes are not enforced during practice.
- 3.2.3 Dress codes shall be enforced for all State, Sectional, and National events, and those events sanctioned by the NFAA.
- 3.2.4 In the event of inclement weather, over wear (rain gear, cold gear) is permissible and will not violate dress code as long as it holds within the spirit of the rule.
- 3.2.5 Violations to the dress code will be enforced by the Pro Executive Committee (PEC) and may result in a reprimand, probation, suspension, or as outlined in this article, Section 4. Violations can be brought to the Pro Chair or Pro Rep or a member of the PEC by the Tournament Chair or any competitor.
- 3.2.6 Archers removed from competition will not be eligible for refunds or entry fees in whole or part.

- 3.2.7 Archers removed from competition for dress code may not makeup arrows missed for score if they return to competition after meeting dress code.
- 3.2.8 Archers may petition the PEC for exemption only in cases of extreme hardship (i.e. lost/stolen luggage etc.). Petition must be filed not less than 6 hours prior to competition start. In these cases the decision of the PEC is final.
- 3.2.9 At State and Sectional and sanctioned events the dress code shall be enforced by the State Pro Rep or Sectional Pro Rep.
- 4. Disciplinary Action:
  - 4.1 Disciplinary action may be taken against any professional member upon proof of violation of the Code of Ethics. Disciplinary action will be determined by the Code of Ethics committee and may result in a reprimand, probation, suspension, disqualification from a tournament in progress, or expulsion from the Professional Division. The following items are subject to immediate disqualification from a tournament in progress and may be subject to further disciplinary action.
    - 4.1.1 Obvious witnessed intoxication while shooting.
    - 4.1.2 Verified cheating.
    - 4.1.3 Blatant violation of code of ethics or dress code.
  - 4.2 The Pro Executive Committee will have the ability to enforce the code of ethics with possible disciplinary action. Disciplinary action may consist of a written warning, fine or suspension.
  - 4.3 A Pro Division member having paid annual dues shall not alter his competitive style for that calendar year, unless a physician's statement is furnished documenting the injury or disability of the archer in which case the alternate shooting style may be shot.
  - 4.4 Should a Professional archer wish to resign during the calendar year, he/she may do so in writing to NFAA Headquarters. When a Professional archer wishes to return to a non-professional division, he/she may do so with no delay provided he/she has not earned in excess of \$300 at NFAA sanctioned shoots within the past 12 months.
- 5. Tournament Sanction:
  - 5.1 Tournament sponsors wishing sanction of their tournament by this division shall furnish the NFAA Executive Secretary a letter of guarantee verifying an obligation to make payment of the advertised purse. Sanction fee would be \$50.00; \$40.00 of which will be added to the Pro Division tournament guarantee fund and \$10.00 to the NFAA treasury. This division may furnish a consultant for advisory assistance for said sanction fee if requested.
  - 5.2 Must be negotiated with NFAA 3 months prior to shoot date.
  - 5.3 Upon sanction, a notice will be sent to the Pro Division membership.
  - 5.4 The decision to negotiate a "sanction tournament" will be at the discretion of the Executive Secretary, the Pro Division Chairman and the NFAA President.
- 6. Equipment Rules:
  - 6.1 Participants in tournaments sanctioned by the Pro Division will abide by the equipment rules of the NFAA.
- 7. Tournament Competition:
  - 7.1 Members of this division will not compete for awards other than money and/or merchandise in tournaments below the state level. At the state championship they will be required to compete in the Pro Division if one is available. However, members are encouraged to support all types of tournaments by purchasing a scorecard for the regular registration fee.

- 7.1.1 A NFAA Pro may compete for trophy awards at the state level with the adult shooters, providing there is no pro division recognized at that tournament.
- 7.1.2 The NFAA Pro Division recognizes only the Freestyle, Freestyle Limited, and Freestyle Limited Recurve styles of shooting.
- 8. Pro Chairman:
  - 8.1 The Chairman of the Pro Division will be nominated by the Pro Division members present at Indoor Nationals. The chairman shall be elected in odd numbered years by a mail ballot of all NFAA Pro members. His/her term of office will be two years beginning July 1 of the election year. The mail ballots will be sent by NFAA Headquarters to the Pro members within 30 days of the nominations and sent back to NFAA Headquarters by return mail within 60 days of the nominations. All ballots not returned will be treated as abstentions.
  - 8.2 The Chairman of the Pro Division may be removed for cause, from office by a majority vote of the NFAA Council.
  - 8.3 The Pro Chairman will attend the Bi-annual Board of Directors meeting where he/she serves as chairman of the Pro Agenda Committee. His/her travel will be paid by the Pro Division.
  - 8.4 Duties:
    - 8.4.1 To chair and conduct a Pro Division meeting at the Indoor and Outdoor National Tournament.
    - 8.4.2 To coordinate the Pro Tournament schedule.
    - 8.4.3 To enforce the professional code of dress and ethics.
    - 8.4.4 Assist the tournament chairman at the National Championship Tournaments on Pro Division matters.
    - 8.4.5 Compute awards for the National Championships and provide a list of pro winners to the tournament chairman and forward one to NFAA Headquarters.
    - 8.4.6 Assign a five person Pro Executive committee. The Committee will consist of one appointed member from each of the Professional Division styles and the Pro chairman. The Pro Chairman will be a non-voting member of the committee, but will appoint the other members.
- 9. Sectional Representative:
  - 9.1 The Sectional Pro Representative will be nominated and elected by the sectional pros at the Indoor or Outdoor Sectional Championship. The term of office shall be two (2) years. The Sectional Pro Representative will serve as Pro Advisor to the Councilman, and shall be a voting member at the Sectional Board meetings.
    - 9.1.1 The Sectional Councilman will conduct the election at the Indoor or Outdoor Sectional Championship. Nominations will be made in writing to the Sectional Councilman no later than one (1) week prior to the Sectional Indoor or Outdoor Championship. The Councilman may also take further nominations from the Pros present.
    - 9.1.2 The election of the Sectional Pro Representative will be the first order of business at the Indoor or Outdoor Sectional Championship. Immediately following the election, the elected Sectional Pro Representative will chair and conduct that Pro meeting.
    - 9.1.3 The Sectional Pro representative may appoint an alternate to serve as Pro Advisor to the Sectional councilman at multiple sites for Sectional Indoor/Outdoor championships. The appointee must be a Pro member.
    - 9.1.4 If an alternate Pro representative is appointed for multiple sectional sites, he/she will report minutes or forward any items that pertain to the Professional Division to the Sectional Pro representative.

- 9.1.5 The Sectional Professional Representative will act as a liaison between the Pro Chairman and the State Professional Representatives and individual Professional Division members.
- 9.2 Duties:
  - 9.2.1 To chair and conduct a Pro Meeting at the Sectional Indoor and Outdoor Tournament.
  - 9.2.2 To present, in writing, to the Sectional Councilman all proposals, Pro agenda items, etc., for consideration by the Sectional Council at their annual Sectional meeting. Such proposals/agenda items to be in the Councilman's hands no later than three (3) weeks prior to the annual sectional meeting.
  - 9.2.3 To enforce the professional code of dress and ethics in the section.
  - 9.2.4 Assist the tournament chairman at the sectional championship on Pro Division matters as requested.
  - 9.2.5 Compute awards for the sectional pros.
    - 9.2.5.1 Give list of pro winners to Sectional Councilman to be forwarded to NFAA Headquarters.
    - 9.2.5.2 The sectional pro purse shall consist of \$50.00 pro purse fee plus \$5.00 forwarded from headquarters for each pro member of that section.
  - 9.2.6 Act as mediator for pro division problems in his section working closely with the Sectional Councilman.
  - 9.2.7 Should a problem arise, the sectional pro representative will contact the Sectional Councilman and the Pro Chairperson, who in turn will contact the NFAA Director of the State involved in order to resolve the problem.
- 10. Purse Allocation:
  - 10.1 The prize fund will be divided by each style and division as determined by its membership. The prize fund will be distributed at Sectional tournaments according to the number of members by style and division in that section. The prize fund at National tournaments will be distributed according to the number of members by style and division in the Professional Division.
  - 10.2 If no competitors from a style/division attend a Sectional or National tournament, the prize fund from their membership will be distributed proportionately based on attendance at that tournament.

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- 11. Purse Distribution
  - 11.1 Shooters Place Distribution % Table:

Shooters	Place	Distribution %
1 - 3	1	100%
4 - 6	2	65-35%
7 - 9	3	50-30-20%
10 - 12	4	45.5-26-17-11.5%
13 - 15	5	41.9-23-15.5-10.7-8.9%
16 - 18	6	38.3-20.8-14.7-10.2-8.7-7.3%
19 - 21	7	35.3-19.2-14.1-9.9-8.5-7-6%
22 - 24	8	32.7-18.1-13.5-9.6-8.3-6.8-5.8-5.2%
25 - 27	9	30.6-17.1-13-9.3-8.1-6.7-5.7-5-4.5%
28 - 30	10	28.7-16.1-12.5-9.1-8-6.6-5.6-5-4.4-4%
31 - 33	11	27.1-15.1-12-8.9-7.9-6.5-5.5-5-4.4-4-3.6%
34 - 36	12	25.6-14.2-11.5-8.8-7.8-6.5-5.4-4.9-4.4-4-3.6-3.3%
37 - 39	13	24.2-13.4-11-8.7-7.7-6.4-5.4-4.9-4.4-4-3.6-3.3-3%
40 - 42	14	22.9-12.7-10.7-8.6-7.6-6.4-5.4-4.9-4.4-4-3.6-3.2-2.9-2.7%
43 - 45	15	21.8-12.1-10.3-8.5-7.5-6.3-5.4-4.9-4.4-4-3.6-3.2-2.9-2.6-2.5%
46 - 48	16	20.9-11.7-10-8.4-7.4-6.3-5.4-4.9-4.4-3.9-3.5-3.1-2.8-2.6-2.4-2.3%
49 - 51	17	20-11.4-9.7-8.3-7.3-6.2-5.3-4.8-4.3-3.9-3.5-3.1-2.8-2.6-2.4-2.3-2.1%
52 - 54	18	19.5-11-9.4-8.2-7.2-6.2-5.3-4.8-4.3-3.9-3.5-3.1-2.7-2.5-2.3-2.2-2-1.9%
55 - 57	19	19-10.8-9.2-8.1-7.1-6.1-5.2-4.7-4.2-3.8-3.4-3-2.7-2.5-2.3-2.2-2-1.9-1.8%
58 - 60	20	18.4-10.5-8.9-7.9-6.9-6.1-5.2-4.7-4.2-3.8-3.4-3-2.7-2.5-2.3-2.1-2-1.9-1.8-1.7%
61 - 63	21	18-10.3-8.7-7.8-6.9-6.1-5.2-4.6-4.2-3.7-3.3-2.9-2.6-2.4-2.2-2.1-2-1.9-1.8-1.7-1.6%
64 - 66	22	17.6-10.1-8.5-7.7-6.8-6-5.2-4.5-4.1-3.5-3-2.8-2.6-2.4-2.3-2.2-2.1-2-1.8-1.7-1.6-1.5%
67 - 69	23	17.2-9.9-8.3-7.6-6.7-5.9-5-4.4-4-3.3-2.9-2.7-2.6-2.4-2.3-2.2-2.1-2-1.9-1.8-1.7-1.6-1.5%
70 - 72	24	16.8-9.8-8.2-7.5-6.6-5.8-4.9-4.3-3.9-3.1-2.9-2.7-2.6-2.4-2.3-2.2-2.1-2-1.9-1.8-1.7-1.6-1.5-1.4%
73 - 75	25	16.5-9.7-8.1-7.4-6.5-5.7-4.8-4.2-3.8-3-2.8-2.7-2.6-2.4-2.3-2.2-2.1-2-1.9-1.8-1.7-1.6-1.5-1.4-1.3%
76 - 78	26	16.2-9.5-7.9-7.2-6.3-5.5-4.6-4-3.1-2.9-2.8-2.7-2.6-2.5-2.4-2.3-2.2-2.1-2-1.9-1.8-1.7-1.6-1.5-1.4-1.3%
79 - 81	27	16-9.4-7.7-7-6.1-5.3-4.4-3.8-3.3-3-2.8-2.7-2.6-2.5-2.4-2.3-2.2-2.1-2-1.9-1.8-1.7-1.6-1.5-1.4-1.3-1.2%
82 - 84	28	15.9-9.3-7.6-6.9-6-5.1-4.2-3.7-3.2-3-2.8-2.7-2.6-2.5-2.4-2.3-2.2-2.1-2-1.9-1.8-1.7-1.6-1.5-1.4-1.3-1.2-1.1%

- 11.2 The Pro Chairman, NFAA President and NFAA Vice President shall determine the distribution of all outside prize money.
- 12. Guarantee Fund/Pro Bonus:
  - 12.1 Funds are accrued in the NFAA Professional Division guarantee fund to stimulate professional archery competition.
  - 12.2 Tournament sponsors wishing support from this fund shall contact the NFAA Councilman, Pro Chairman or NFAA Executive Secretary at least 6 months prior to the event.
  - 12.3 The fund will guarantee for prize money at a sanctioned event in the form of a NFAA Pro Bonus. The amount of this bonus will be based on past performance by established tournaments or will be set by the Council on all new tournaments. The Pro Bonus at these tournaments will be for NFAA Pros only.
  - 12.4 A minimum purse of \$6000 for the National Indoor Tournament and a minimum of \$6000 for the National Outdoor Tournament, will be guaranteed by the NFAA Pro Division and funded from the Pro Guarantee fund only.

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13.	Tournament Default:	
	In the event of a default of a sanctioned event, the fund shall gua	rantee payment of NFAA
	Pro Bonus Money only.	
14.	Professional Dues:	
	The NFAA Professional fees being \$125.00 per member for	the calendar year. The
	following guidelines will be used in disbursing membership dues	:
	National Indoor Championship Prize Fund	\$25.00
	National Field Championship Prize Fund	27.50
	Sectional Indoor Championship Prize Fund	10.00
	Sectional Field Championship Prize Fund	10.00
	Pro Point Prize Fund	20.00
	Tournament Guarantee Fund	2.50
	NFAA Administration Cost	5.00
	General Expense Fund	20.00
	Professional Scholarship Fund	5.00
		Total \$125.00

# ARTICLE IV Tournaments

- A. National Tournaments
  - A National Outdoor Championship Tournament, National Indoor Championship Tournament, and a National Marked 3-D Championship Tournament shall be provided annually, at a time and place to be determined by a 2/3-majority vote of the NFAA Council. A National Unmarked 3-D Championship Tournament may also be provided annually, at a time and place to be determined by a 2/3 majority vote of the NFAA Council. An annual National Outdoor Target Championship to be held at NFAA Headquarters with two rounds. Day 1 – NFAA 900 Target Round, Day 2 – NFAA Classic 600 Target Round.
    - 1.1 The selected host and the NFAA Director of the host's state will be notified of acceptance of the bid within 30 days of the Council's decision. This notification will include a contract sent to the accepted host. The contract, signed by the host, must be returned to NFAA Headquarters within 60 days. If no contract is received within 60 days, the NFAA Council will consider other bids for the tournament.
  - 2. At all National tournaments, the opening ceremonies shall, when possible, begin with the singing or playing of the National anthem and the salute to the flag.
  - 3. The NFAA Council shall also establish entry fees, awards, and any or all other conditions.
    - 3.1 Awards for Indoor and Outdoor Nationals shall be silver bowls for championships of all classes, styles and divisions regardless of participation numbers.
  - 4. At the National Outdoor Championship Tournament all flight awards will be presented at the tournament site immediately upon completion and tabulation of scores.
  - 5. At the National Outdoor Championship tournament the Championship Field Round target and the Championship Hunter Round target will be used.
  - 6. All unused targets ordered by hosting clubs for National tournaments must be purchased by the host club at cost price, or returned postage paid to NFAA Headquarters. The Chairman's report for National tournaments shall include an accounting of targets ordered, targets used, and targets unused.
  - 7. Protests arising at this tournament will be discussed and ruled upon by a committee consisting of the Tournament Director, NFAA President, One (1) councilman, and two (2) Directors, available at the tournament. The Councilman and Directors will be chosen at random by the Tournament Director. A list of the members of this committee shall be posted in public view.

- 8. Any individual wishing to file a protest against another archer must inform that individual in the presence of a tournament official that a protest will be filed. Both individuals have the right to be present at the meeting of the protest committee. All protests must be submitted within one hour after the end of the day's shooting or, if indoors, the line on which the alleged offense occurred. A \$50.00 National and \$25.00 Sectional protest fee must accompany the written protest at National and Sectional tournaments, which will be refunded if the protest is upheld. No protest that is filed after the time limit will be considered or acted on.
- 9. A competitor not following the established tournament rules, improper conduct or creating a safety hazard may be disqualified immediately.
  - 9.1 A competitor using equipment not deemed legal for NFAA competition may be disqualified after review by the committee with the archer in question present, after that days shooting is complete.
  - 9.2 At National-level tournaments, archers who shoot at other than their scheduled time will not be eligible for awards.
  - 9.3 For tournaments without a timer, a competitor who is not present at their assigned target before their group has scored all the arrows of that target will take a no score for that target. Exceptions will be for equipment failure experienced during practice that is reported to and approved by the tournament chairman or circumstances caused by tournament officials. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure they are at their assigned target on time or to seek the assistance of the tournament director to help them arrive at their target on time.
- 10. The Host club must be covered by NFAA insurance or a policy of equal or greater coverage.
- 11. A range inspection will be conducted by the NFAA Director of the host state. If any change is required, then the host club shall be consulted.
- 12. The Host club shall provide a practice range which consists of a single shooting line with the practice butts angled or in a "V" shape.
- 13. The Professional Division shall only shoot for score the last 3 days of the event, with the animal round to be held the final day of the event.
- 14. The NFAA Indoor Round will be shot at the NFAA National Indoor.

B. Sectional Tournaments:

- 1. A Sectional Outdoor championship tournament shall be provided annually, also a sectional 3-D championship tournament may be provided annually in each section, with the time, place and rounds to be determined by members of the Board of Directors within the section. All bids submitted for Sectional tournaments will be sent to the host state Director at least 15 days before contracts are signed, and copies must be available at NFAA Headquarters for inspection.
- 2. Sectional Indoor championship tournament may be provided annually by the same procedure.
- 3. At all Sectional tournaments, the opening ceremonies shall, when possible, begin with the singing or playing of the National anthem and the salute to the flag.
- 4. Sectional tournaments shall consist of official NFAA rounds. If Field and Hunter rounds are shot, the Championship Field Round target and the Championship Hunter Round target will be used.
- 5. The entry fees, awards, and any or all other conditions for these tournaments, except late registration, shall be established by NFAA.

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- 5.1 Late registration will be at the discretion of the NFAA Directors of that section. At sectional tournaments, where late fees have been established, clubs hosting Sectional tournaments may retain the full value of the late registration fee.
- 5.2 Host club may keep up to fifty (50) percent of registration fee for archers who do not show.

- 6. An archer may choose to shoot in several Indoor and Outdoor Sectional tournaments of his choice, but only may compete for awards in that section of his residence.
- 7. A protest committee shall be assigned at each sectional site, consisting of three NFAA members, one of which shall be a Councilman, or Director or Director designee.
- 8. In the case of multiple sectional sites, the ruling shall be forwarded to the Sectional Councilman if not present at the site.
- 9. The Host club must be covered by NFAA insurance or a policy of equal or greater coverage.
- C. State Association Approved Tournaments:

The NFAA affiliated states may provide any number of outdoor and indoor tournaments, up to and including the state championship level.

- D. Tournament Officials:
  - 1. Tournament Chairman:

At all NFAA sanctioned tournaments a Tournament Chairman shall be appointed and it shall be his duty to:

- 1.1 See that the requirements of NFAA sanction are fulfilled, through the NFAA Director, NFAA Councilman, or designated NFAA administrator.
- 1.2 See that a target captain and two scorers are appointed for each group.
- 1.3 Designate the order in which groups are to shoot or assign the stakes from which each group is to start, depending on which system is used.
- 1.4 Have the option to set a time limit, either by target or by round, when such tournament must be completed.
- 1.5 See Article IV, Section A, Paragraph 8 for protest filing procedures.
- 1.6 Inspect or designate an official of the tournament to inspect any Barebow and Bowhunter Freestyle equipment at any time during an NFAA sanctioned event that they feel necessary.
- 1.7 Disqualify any competitor not following the established tournament rules, improper conduct or using equipment not deemed legal for NFAA competition.
- 1.8 Appoint Line Judges as deemed necessary. Judgments made by Line Judges shall be final.
- 1.9 Assure that an official chronograph and official bow scale, defined in Article I, Section A, Paragraphs 12 and 13, respectively, are available at the tournament site. The official tournament bow scale and chronograph shall be used for enforcement of the peak draw weight and arrow speed limits specified in Article II, Section A, Paragraph 3. These devices shall be made available, without charge, to any registered competitor for the duration of the tournament. At the discretion of the Tournament Chairman, the requirement for these devises may be waived at state and club events.
- 2. Target Captain:

At all NFAA sanctioned tournaments a Target Captain shall be appointed by each group and it shall be his/her duty to:

- 2.1 Report any archer in his/her group violating the rules set forth in the NFAA Bylaws.
- 2.2 Rule on all questions on his/her target subject to appeal to a Line Judge.
- 2.3 Acknowledge equipment failure of any archer in his/her group.
- E. Official Rounds:
  - 1. The NFAA recognizes as official those rounds described in By-Laws Article VI.
  - 2. NFAA Sanctioned Round: The NFAA shall grant official sanction to any of the above NFAA Official Rounds when said round is conducted by the NFAA or through its recognized state affiliate; when said round is held on an NFAA approved facility using official NFAA targets; and when said round conforms to By-laws Articles I, IV, and VI.

- 3. NFAA Handicap Round: The NFAA recognizes as official for recording on the NFAA handicap card any 28 target Field Round or 28 target Hunter Round or 14/14 combination of same.
- F. Standard Facing for Championship Field Ranges:
  - 1. 20cm Faces: 16 faces 4 across and 4 up/down
  - 2. 35cm Faces: 4 faces 2 across and 2 up/down
  - 3. 50cm Faces: A minimum of 1 face per target. A minimum 2 (side by side) faces per target at 35 and 36 yards.
  - 4. 65cm Faces: 1 face per target.
  - 5. Animal Group 1 and 2: 1 face per target with bonus spots.
  - 6. Animal Group 3: 2 of the same face per target with bonus spots.
  - 7. Animal Group 4: 4 of the same faces per target with bonus spots.
  - 8. See Appendix 4 for target face size/group needed.
- G. Flighting for National and Sectional Tournaments:
  - The method of determining flights at National and Sectional tournaments shall be printed in the contracts and on the registration forms.
    - 1. The NFAA flight system will be used at National and Sectional tournaments.
      - 1.1 Flights will be provided in each division and shooting style as follows: 1 to 15 shooters, one flight; 16 to 30 shooters, two flights; 31 to 45 shooters, three flights; 46 to 60 shooters, four flights; 61 or more shooters, five flights; and so forth. (See Appendix 1)
      - 1.2 An optional alternate flight system for tournaments with 200 shooters or less (see Appendix 1).
    - 2. For Outdoor Nationals archers will be arranged in flights according to their final score, whether it is a 3 day, 5 day or 3/5 day National format. For Outdoor Sectionals archers will be arranged in flights according to their final score and X count.
    - 3. For Indoor Nationals and Sectionals, archers shall be arranged in flights according to their final score and may include X count.
    - 4. Equal division of the number of archers in each flight will be maintained, except that the last flight will record a lesser number (for two flights) or an unequal number (for three or more flights) as may be required. When two or more tie scores appear at the flight break, the archers tied will be placed at the bottom of the upper flight, without disturbing the remaining flights as originally established.
    - 5. The flight system does not apply to the Professional Division.
- H. National and Sectional Divisions of Competition:
  - Divisions of competition and styles of shooting to be recognized at National and Sectional tournaments (see Appendix 4 for standard nomenclature): Professional, Adult, Senior, Silver Senior, Master Senior, NFAA Junior (Cub, Youth and Young Adult).
  - 2. Styles of shooting to be recognized shall be

**PRO or PRO SENIOR, SILVER SENIOR, MASTER SENIOR** Freestyle

**YOUNG ADULT, YOUTH, CUB** Freestyle Bowhunter Freestyle Barebow Freestyle Limited Recurve **ADULT, SENIOR, SILVER SENIOR, MASTER SENIOR** Freestyle

Freestyle Limited Barebow Bowhunter Freestyle Traditional Freestyle Limited Recurve Crossbow (Adult only)

3. A Crossbow Division may be provided at National level NFAA and NFAA-owned Indoor events – Adult divisions only. Shooting Rules: (See Article II, Section L.)

- 4. At all Sectional and National Tournaments, a Guest Class, with no awards provided, will be provided for any Adult, Cub, Youth, Young Adult archer, not a member of NFAA who provides proof of membership in any other IFAA Affiliated National Association. All professionals must be NFAA Professional Members.
- I. Outdoor Shooting Rules:
  - 1. Archers shoot in groups of not less than 3 or more than 6; 4 to be the preferred number. No group of less than 3 shall turn in an official score.
  - 2. By mutual agreement the foursome shall decide which two shall shoot from which side of the shooting stake.
    - 2.1 On targets 1 and 15 the archers shall change their order of shooting. Those who shot first shall shoot last and those who shot last shall shoot first. Those archers who had been shooting from the right side shall shoot from the left side and those who had been shooting from the left side shall shoot from the right side. If you shot bottom targets you will switch to the top and if you shot top you will switch to the bottom.
    - 2.2 The archer must straddle an imaginary shooting line, which is marked by the distance stake and parallel to the target face, while shooting the required arrows. No archer may advance to the target until all arrows have been shot by the group, except for yardages that are 32 yards or less and when there are more than four archers in a group on 35 cm. targets or smaller. Archers may elect to shoot at a clean target after all previous shooters in the group have shot and had their arrows scored.
  - 3. When shooting at butts with multiple target faces, the first 2 shooters will shoot the bottom target faces. When target faces are placed side by side (i.e. 50 cm.) the archer on the left will shoot the left target face; the archer on the right will shoot the right target face. On fan positions the same applies, except each archer will shoot two arrows at each target. Any arrow striking the wrong target shall be considered a miss and may not be re-shot.
    - 3.1 20 cm. Targets will be shot vertically. The shooter may elect to shoot top to bottom in order or bottom to top in order.
    - 3.2 20 cm. Targets. Each archer must choose one column of four target faces on his or her side of the shooting stakes. An archer must not shoot at a column that has already been shot by another archer.
  - 4. One group shall not hold up the following groups while looking for lost arrows. Enough arrows shall be carried so that each archer may continue shooting, and return later to find missing arrows. If one or more open targets in front and two or more groups back up, the delaying group shall allow backed up groups to shoot through.
  - 5. No archer may practice on any shot of a course to be used for tournament shooting later the same day. Special practice targets should be supplied. The first target of each round may be used as practice at the discretion of the tournament chairman. The maximum number of arrows allowable will be determined by the round being shot.
  - 6. An archer leaving the range for any reason other than an emergency situation or an equipment failure may be privileged to return to his/her group and complete the unfinished round or subsequent rounds. He/she will not be privileged to make up any arrows missed in the interim. If deemed an emergency, or an equipment failure, then in the presence of the tournament official he/she will be allowed to shoot missed targets.
  - 7. In the case of an equipment failure the archer may have the needed time, as granted by a tournament official, for equipment repair or replacement and may shoot arrows required to assure that the proper sight settings are accurate, within the 45 minute maximum time limit. Then, in the presence of the tournament official, be allowed to shoot the targets missed. This occurrence of repair or replacement may not happen more than once in any tournament day.
  - 8. No archer may shoot (compete) in any one tournament more than one time unless advertised as a multiple registration tournament.

- 9. In case of inclement weather, the tournament shall continue unless the range has become unsafe as determined by the Tournament Chairman or appointed Tournament Officials. Unsafe conditions shall be called if lightning is within the vicinity of the tournament facility. A pre-determined signal will be sounded to halt competition. An archer leaving the range without approval shall be subject to the requirements of Article IV. H. 6.
- 10. Tripods for spotting scopes and tripods for binoculars shall not be permitted during outdoor competition at National or Sectional Tournaments.
- 11. At all NFAA outdoor sanctioned tournaments, a (3) let down rule will be applied per arrow. A fourth let down will be counted as a shot arrow.
- 12. The targets at all official NFAA outdoor rounds must be shot in numerical sequence. Archers are not allowed to intentionally skip a target(s) and return later to shoot the skipped target(s). Any intentionally skipped target(s) may not be re-shot and shall be scored as zero.
- 13. A disabled archer shooting from a chair or wheelchair will place the chair legs or wheels straddling the distance marker or shooting line.
- J. Scoring:
  - 1. All arrows must remain in the target butt until all arrows are scored. In all NFAA Rounds, an arrow shaft need only touch the line to be counted in the area of next higher value. They may then be withdrawn.
  - 2. The status of all arrows shall be determined and recorded before touching or withdrawing any arrows from the target butt.
  - 3. The target group, which generally consists of four archers, will select a score caller, two scorekeepers, and a target captain. The target captain shall be the judge of disputed arrows on his/her target. In the case of a group of three archers, a scorekeeper will also be the target captain. When a captain's arrows are in question, the majority of the group shall decide the status of the target captain's arrows. When a line judge has been appointed by the tournament director and an appeal is made to the line judge, the line judge's call will be final.
  - 4. Off-ground skids or glances into the target shall not be counted. Arrows striking objects over the shooting lane may be re-shot.
  - 5. Arrows passing through the face, but still in the butt, may be pushed back and scored as hits in the circles through which they went. This does not mean that they may be withdrawn and then stuck back through the target.
  - 6. Arrows believed to have passed through the target may be re-shot with marked arrows, which will not be scored if the doubtful arrows are found in the butt.
  - 7. Unsuspected pass-throughs: in any instance where arrows are found to have obviously passed through in such a manner they cannot be properly scored and their location and the condition of the butt convince the target captain that the arrows did indeed pass through a scoring area, the archer may return and re-shoot from the obvious distances or furthest distances involved.
  - 8. Witnessed bounce outs, believed to have hit the target in the scoring area, will be re-shot.
  - 9. An arrow embedded in the nock of another arrow (generally known as a Robinhood) will be scored the same as the arrow it skewered.
  - 10. All shoot offs for ties will take place at the practice range, on the longest yardage commensurate with age. Field or Hunter faces may be used at the discretion of the tournament director. Score, Spots & X's will be used. After one end, if still tied, repeat the end..
  - 11. An archer who shoots arrows at the target in excess of the prescribed number shall lose the arrow or arrows of higher value in all NFAA rounds. A penalty of one point will be assessed for each arrow shot over the prescribed numbers.
  - 12. Any arrow(s) shot from other than a pre-designated position in the designated order shall be scored as "0" (zero).

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- 13. A dropped arrow is one which falls while being transferred from the quiver to be nocked on the string, or in preparation for a shot; or which falls from the string during a controlled letdown. (A dropped arrow may be re-shot).
- 14. Scorecards must be signed as correct by scorekeeper and archer. Once submitted a scorecard cannot be retrieved for purposes of changing totals. An archer who has signed and submitted a scorecard as correct which has incorrect total(s) may be disqualified.
- 15. Occurrence of equipment repair or replacement may not happen more than once in any tournament day.

## K. Awards:

- 1. At Sectional and National Tournaments, awards shall be given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in all divisions and styles. At state level and below the unit system may be used. The unit rule is defined as follows: One award for one through three archers; two awards for four through six archers; three awards for seven or more archers in a class.
- 2. At National and Sectional tournaments, archers must complete the prescribed number of targets for the tournament to be eligible for an award. No award can be won with an incomplete score, except in the case of emergency.
- 3. Archers awarded the temporary custody of prizes and trophies shall be responsible for their return in good order to the Executive Secretary at least two weeks before the next annual tournament.
- 4. Ties for 1<sup>st</sup>, in Championship Flight at any National Tournament will be broken by a shoot off. All other ties will receive duplicate awards. Ties for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the professional division will be broken by a shoot off.
- 5. At Sectional and National Outdoor Tournaments, "X" count may be kept and used to break ties.
- L. Use of Handicaps:
  - 1. All handicaps as provided under "Handicapping" shall be recognized.
  - 2. The NFAA shall issue official NFAA handicap cards.

# **ARTICLE V** The NFAA Handicap

## A. General:

- 1. Essence of the NFAA Handicap System. Handicapping is the great equalizer among sportsmen of differing abilities. The National Field Archery Association presents this archery handicap system in the conviction that, when faithfully operated, it results in equitable handicaps no matter where archers live and play. The handicap system does not exclude the use of both handicap and/or scratch shooting in the same tournament. The national system of handicapping must meet two main requirements, which are:
  - 1.1 Simple enough for operation by the small, modestly equipped club as well as the largest state association.
  - 1.2 Thorough enough to produce fair, uniform handicapping the country over.

2. Handicap Name:

The handicap produced by this system is termed an "NFAA Handicap". Such a handicap should be identified on a card or elsewhere as "NFAA Handicap" or as "Computed under NFAA Handicap System".

- 3. Purposes:
  - 3.1 Provide fair handicaps for all archers, regardless of ability.
  - 3.2 Reflect the archer's inherent ability as well as his recent scoring trends.
  - 3.3 Automatically adjust his handicap down or up as his game changes.
  - 3.4 Disregard freak low scores that bear little relation to the archer's normal ability.
  - 3.5 Make it difficult for the archer to obtain an unfairly large handicap increase at any revision period.

- 3.6 Make a handicap continuous from one shooting season to the next without need of adjustment.
- 3.7 Encourage the archer to keep his game near its peak.
- 3.8 Establish handicaps useful for all archers, from championship eligibility to informal games.
- 3.9 Make handicap work as easy as possible for the handicapper.
- B. Establishing a Handicap:
  - 1. An archer's handicap shall be computed on the official NFAA field and/or hunter round, and shall be computed by the following table:
    - Best score of 2, scores 80% of average differential.
    - 2 best scores of 5, scores 80% of average differential.
    - 3 best scores of last 7, scores 80% of average differential.

The first and second methods shall be computed only for those archers who have not recorded the minimum of seven scores need for a full handicap.

- 2. An archer's handicap shall be derived only from those scores shot within the last twelve (12) months.
- 3. All handicaps must be established during a tournament held on official NFAA targets, approved NFAA 2-Star Ranges or higher, and where official NFAA field or hunter rounds are shot.
- 4. The differential is the difference between the actual average and perfect. (Example: Last 7 scores are 430, 415, 440, 440, 450, 460 and 410. The best 3 scores are 440, 450 and 460. Average = 450. 560 minus 450 = 110. 80% of 110 equals 88, which is the handicap.)

C. Handicap Procedure:

- 1. A new archer, or one who holds an expired handicap card, shall be issued a handicap card in the most expedient manner upon the payment of established fees, and must shoot two official scores to establish handicap.
- 2. No archer shall be issued a handicap card unless the archer is a member in good standing of the NFAA and a state association chartered and recognized by the NFAA.
- 3. Each person will be responsible for keeping a current handicap in the proper place on the handicap card.
- 4. If a person shoots more than one style, he must be handicapped in each style.

# D. Handicap Cards:

- 1. Handicap cards will be made available online by NFAA upon receipt of dues from members. The card shall have provisions to indicate NFAA State and Club Membership, all styles of shooting, and shall provide space for recording scores for all recognized styles of shooting.
- 2. Handicap shall be concurrent with membership, i.e., expiration of membership in the NFAA shall void handicap.
- 3. Handicap card shall be issued by the NFAA in conjunction with direct NFAA membership applications, provided an affiliated state association exists in the area where the archer resides.
- 4. The handicap and membership card shall carry the NFAA ID number, full name, expiration date, and affiliated state of the archer.
- 5. Handicap and membership cards of military personnel in transit or on temporary duty shall be recognized.
- E. Scores to be Recorded on Handicap Cards:
  - 1. All scores recorded on the handicap cards shall be the actual scores for the field and/or hunter rounds.
  - 2. All scores shot in tournaments using field and/or hunter rounds may be recorded.
  - 3. All recording on the handicap card shall be on the basis of each 28 targets, i.e., a tournament of 28 targets field and 28 targets hunter each score is to be recorded. If a 14 field and 14 hunter the combined total shall be recorded. If a 28 field and 14 hunter the round that is completed shall be recorded. No fractional round shall be recorded.

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- F. Lost or Misplaced Handicap Cards:
  - 1. An archer who has been handicapped but cannot submit a handicap card or statement from his club secretary showing his/her true handicap is required to compete without handicap for that tournament.
  - 2. An archer may not submit club secretary evidence of handicap to the state handicap officer or NFAA board member for more than 14 consecutive days. The archer must apply for a replacement handicap and membership card. The application must be accompanied by the fees established by the NFAA and the state association. The replacement card shall run concurrent with his/her previous card as recorded in the records of the state association and/or records of the NFAA.
- G. Administration of Handicaps:
  - 1. Handicap shall be administered through the state association chartered and recognized by the NFAA. If no chartered or recognized association exists, the NFAA shall administer the system.
  - 2. The state association shall maintain a satisfactory control to insure that handicap is properly administered.
  - 3. The state associations shall agree no archer is denied a handicap card upon proper application and payment fees, regardless of race, creed or color.
  - 4. The state association shall agree that no member in good standing with the NFAA is denied a handicap card.
  - 5. State associations may not impose additional requirements for handicap.
  - 6. Non-compliance with these requirements shall be grounds for immediate suspension of recognition by the NFAA. The state association must submit within 30 days a brief, showing cause why the offending association's charter and recognition should not be revoked by the NFAA Board of Directors Council.
  - 7. The use of non-official targets shall not be construed as a permissive to negate the provisions of the handicap article.

# ARTICLE VI Official NFAA Rounds

- A. Field Rounds:
  - 1. Standard Unit: A standard unit shall consist of 14 targets. Twice around the unit makes a round or two such units make a round. At the following distances four arrows shall be shot from the same stake:
    - 15, 20, 25, 30 yards at a 35 cm. target
    - 40, 45, 50 yards at a 50 cm. target
    - 55, 60, 65 yards at a 65 cm. target

The following are four position shots, each arrow to be shot from a different position or at a different target: 35 yards at a 50 cm target, all from the same distance, but from different positions.

- 45, 40, 35, 30 yards at a 50 cm. target
- 80, 70, 60, 50 yards at a 65 cm. target
- 35, 30, 25, 20 feet at a 20 cm. target
- 2. Championship Field Target:
  - Four target sizes shall be used. The outer ring diameter shall be 65 cm., 50 cm., 35 cm., and 20 cm. The spot shall be two black rings with white X in center ring, two white rings and two outside black rings. (X-ring used for tiebreakers only). The rings have the following diameters:

Target diameter	65 cm	50 cm	35 cm	20 cm
Outer black ring	65 cm	50 cm	35 cm	20 cm
Inner black ring	52 cm	40 cm	28 cm	16cm
Outer white ring	39 cm	30 cm	21 cm	12 cm
Inner white ring	26 cm	20 cm	14 cm	8 cm
Outer black ring	13 cm	10 cm	7 cm	4 cm
X-ring	6.5 cm	5 cm	3.5 cm	2 cm

- 2.1 Multiple targets may be used at all distances.
- 3. Shooting Positions:

The prescribed distances in this section are to be adhered to without variation. Each NFAA chartered club with an approved field course shall mark the distances on the shooting positions of all NFAA Rounds, except 3-D unmarked. In laying out the course any order may be used as necessary to fit the terrain.

4. Shooting Rules:

Each archer shall shoot 4 arrows at each of the 14-target layouts in a unit. In 10 cases this shall mean shooting the four arrows from a single stake at a single target. In the other four it may mean either shooting one arrow from each of four stakes at a single target or it may mean shooting all four arrows from a single stake but at four separate targets, or one arrow from each of four stakes at either two (2) or four (4) targets.

- 5. Scoring: (For Championship Field Target, 2 above)
  - 5.1 The scoring is 5 points for the spot, 4 for two white circles and 3 outside black rings.
  - 5.2 In all NFAA Rounds, an arrow shaft need only touch the line to be counted in the area of next higher value.
  - 5.3 In non-Professional Divisions, the X-Ring is used for tiebreakers only as determined by the Tournament Chairman.
  - 5.4 In all Professional Divisions, scoring is 1 bonus point for the X (total 6), five points for the spot, four for the two white rings, and three points for the outside black rings. Archers will track X's in a separate column, i.e., 20 with 3X which will carry over to a final column and would be totaled as 23.
- 6. Alternate Expert field Scoring: The scoring is five points for the spot, four for the second circle, three points for the third circle, two points for the fourth circle and one point for the fifth circle. The x-ring is used for tie breakers only.
- B. Hunter Rounds:
  - 1. Standard Unit:

The 14 targets form a unit. Twice around the unit makes a round, or two such units make a round.

2. Championship Hunter Targets

The target has two white rings with black X in center ring, and two outside black rings. (X-ring is used for tie breakers only). 20 cm. targets will be shot vertically either from bottom to top in order or top to bottom in order.

The rings have the following diameters:

<b>Target Diameter</b>	65 cm	50 cm	35 cm	20 cm
Outer black ring	65 cm	50 cm	35 cm	20 cm
Inner black ring	39 cm	30 cm	21 cm	12 cm
Outer white spot	13 cm	10 cm	7 cm	4 cm
X-Ring	6.3 cm	5 cm	3.5 cm	2 cm

The following shows the vardage distances with the target sizes that are to be used: 70-65-61-58 yards at a 65 cm. target, with 13 cm. white spot 64-59-55-52 yards at a 65 cm. target, with 13 cm. white spot 58-53-48-45 yards at a 65 cm. target, with 13 cm. white spot 53-48-44-41 yards at a 50 cm. target, with 10 cm. white spot 48 yards at a 50 cm. target, with 10 cm. white spot 44 yards at a 50 cm. target, with 10 cm. white spot 40 yards at a 50 cm. target, with 10 cm. white spot 36-36-36 yards at a 50 cm. target, with 10 cm. white spot 32-32-32 yards at a 35 cm. target, with 7 cm. white spot 28-28-28 yards at a 35 cm. target, with 7 cm. white spot 23-20 yards at a 35 cm. target, with 7 cm. white spot 19-17 yards at a 35 cm. target, with 7 cm. white spot 15-14 yards at a 35 cm. target, with 7 cm white spot 11 yards at a 20 cm. target, with 4 cm. white spot 2.1 Multiple targets may be used at all distances.

3. Shooting Positions:

Where one stake is used, a stake at least eighteen inches above ground is recommended. On the two-stake shots use stakes that extend twelve inches above ground and stakes that are not over six inches above ground for the four-stake shots.

4. Shooting Rules:

In shooting the Hunter round the archer will observe the following shooting positions:

- 4.1 1 stake Shoot four arrows from the same stake.
- 4.2 2 stakes Shoot two arrows from each stake.
- 4.3 4 stakes Shoot one arrow from each stake.
- 4.4 Any arrow shot from the wrong stake will be scored "0" (zero).
- 5. Scoring: (For Championship Hunter target, 2 above)
  - 5.1 Scoring is five points for the spot, four for center ring, and three for the outer ring.
  - 5.2 In all NFAA Rounds, an arrow shaft need only touch the line to be counted in the area of next higher value.

5.3 In non-Professional Divisions, the X ring is used for tiebreakers only as determined by the Tournament Chairman.

5.4 In all Professional Divisions, scoring is 1 bonus point for the X (total 6), five points for the spot, four for center ring, and three for the outer rings. Archers will track X's in a separate column, i.e., 20 with 3X which will carry over to a final column and would be totaled as 23.

## C. Animal Round

1. Standard Unit:

The 14 targets form a unit. Twice around the unit makes a round or two such units laid out differently make a round. Once the maximum and minimum distances are known, then the target distance can be laid out anywhere within these distances and be according to NFAA rules.

- 2. Targets: 2.1
  - The targets for this round are animal targets with the scoring area divided into two parts. The high scoring area is oblong while the low scoring area is the area between the high scoring area and the "hide and hair" line or "feathers", as the case may be. The area between the "hide and hair" line to the outside of the carcass is considered a non-scoring area. A bonus dot (valued one point) is located in the middle of the high scoring area and colored white on dark targets and black on light targets. This bonus dot will be mandatory at NFAA National and Sectional Field Championships and optional at other events. An arrow shaft need only touch the scoring line to be counted in the next higher value. See Appendix 6 for a picture of an Animal Round Target.

- 2.2 The high scoring area of Group No. 1 (plus or minus 1/8") is 8 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches wide by 14 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches long with rounded ends. Targets in this group are the black bear, grizzly bear, deer, moose, elk, and caribou. A bonus 6.5 cm dot (valued one point) is located in the middle of the high scoring area and colored white on dark targets and black on light targets.
- 2.3 The high scoring area of Group No. 2 (plus or minus 1/8") is 6 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches wide by 10 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches long with rounded ends. Targets in this group are the small black bear, antelope, small deer, wolf, and mountain lion. A bonus 5 cm dot (valued one point) is located in the middle of the high scoring area and colored white on dark targets and black on light targets.
- 2.4 The high scoring area of Group No. 3 (plus or minus 1/8") is 4 ¼ inches wide by 6 <sup>3</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub> inches long with rounded ends. Targets in this group are the coyote, raccoon, javelina, turkey, fox, goose, wildcat, and pheasant. A bonus 3.5 cm dot (valued one point) is located in the middle of the high scoring area and colored white on dark targets and black on light targets.
- 2.5 The high scoring area of Group No. 4 (plus or minus 1/8") is 2 inches wide by 3 3/8 inches long with rounded ends. Targets in this group are the turtle, duck, grouse, crow, skunk, woodchuck, jack rabbit, and rockchuck. A bonus 2 cm dot (valued one point) is located in the middle of the high scoring area and colored white on dark targets and black on light targets.
- 3. Shooting Positions:
  - 3.1 The following chart gives distances and target groups:

Positions	Group	Targets	Max Yds	Min Yds	Spread Yds
3 walk-up shots	1	3	60	40	20
3 walk-up shots	2	3	45	30	15
4 one position shots	3	4	35	20	15
4 one position shots	4	4	20	10	10

3.2 The shooting position shall be marked with its exact distance for the National and Sectional level tournament and may be marked at tournaments below that level.

- 3.3 Each target in Group 1 is a five-yard walk-up. In a 14-target unit, there are three targets in this group. Select your distances between 60 and 40 yards for the first stake, move up five yards for the next stake and five more yards for the third stake.
- 3.4 Each target in Group 2 is a three-yard walk-up. In a 14-target unit, there are three targets in this group. Select your distance between 45 and 30 yards for the first stake, move up three yards for the next stake and three more yards for last stake.
- 3.5 Each target in Group 3 is one distance. In a 14-target unit, there are four targets in this group. All arrows shall be shot from the single stake at a distance selected between 35 and 20 yards. If two target faces are side-by side, the archer on the left shoots the left target. If two target faces are one above the other, the first two archers shoot the bottom target.
- 3.6 Each target in Group 4 is one distance. In a 14-target unit, there are four targets in this group. All arrows shall be shot from the single stake at a distance selected between 20 yards and 10 yards. The first two archers shoot the bottom target faces, and the archer on the left shoots the left target.
- 4. Shooting Rules:

A maximum of three marked arrows may be shot, in successive order, and the highest scoring arrow will count. In the case of walk-up targets the first arrow must be shot from the farthest stake, the second arrow from the middle stake, and the third arrow from the nearest stake, in order to be scored. No archer shall advance to the target and then return to the stake to shoot again in the event of a missed arrow.

- 5. Scoring:
  - 5.1 21, 20 or 18 for the first arrow

- 17, 16 or 14 for the second arrow
- 13, 12 or 10 for the third arrow
- 5.2 In all NFAA Rounds, an arrow shaft need only touch the line to be counted in the area of next higher value.
- D. NFAA International Round:
  - 1. Standard Unit:
    - 1.1 The NFAA International Round is a 20-target (ten targets per unit) variable distance round designed for use in areas where the availability of land is restricted or limited. The round is ideally suited for public parks and recreational facilities. The NFAA International Round course requires a minimum of space and can be readily constructed on any level or gently rolling plot of ground. A 20-target course will adequately handle up to 80 participants at one time. The International Round may be laid out on a roving type range, or on an established "Field Round" course. However, whenever possible it is recommended that it be laid out in a progressive order, 20 yards through 65 yards.
    - 1.2 Permanent type roving ranges are subject to course approval by the NFAA Director. Non-permanent park type range shall not be subject to approval by the NFAA Director.
    - 2. Targets:
      - 2.1 Targets shall conform to the specifications of the NFAA Hunter Round.
      - 2.2 Distance: The distances and corresponding target sizes for the International round are shown in Appendix 3.
      - 2.3 All distances must be measured to the exact yardage.
    - 3. Shooting Position:
      - 3.1 Each target shall have two shooting positions.
      - 3.2 The two shooting positions shall be parallel to the target butt.
      - 3.3 Shooting positions will provide sufficient area to enable two archers to safely shoot simultaneously at one target butt.
      - 3.4 The distances shall be written on markers which are visible to the archer.
      - 3.5 Each distance marker shall show the number of the target and the distance to be shot.
      - 3.6 If more than one unit is needed, the shooting positions for the targets shall be numbered from 1 to 20.
  - 4. Shooting Rules:
    - 4.1 Three arrows area shot at each distance
    - 4.2 All other rules for shooting the official Field Round shall apply to the International Round including a maximum distance of fifty yards for youth.
  - 5. Scoring:
    - 5.1 The scoring on the targets shall be the same as for the Championship Hunter Round.

In all NFAA Rounds, an arrow shaft need only touch the line to be counted in the area of next higher value.

# E. NFAA Indoor Round:

1. Standard Unit:

Shall consist of 60 arrows, shot as three games, at a distance of 20 yards. Each game shall consist of four ends of five arrows per end.

- 1.1 Half way through the scoring portion on the Indoor Round, archers shooting bottom targets will move their target face to the top, and archers shooting top targets will move their target face to the bottom.
- 2. Targets:
  - 2.1 The target shall be 40 cm. in diameter and shall be of a dull blue color. The spot shall be two white rings with blue X in center ring. All inscribed scoring rings shall be white.

- 2.2 The bullseye shall be 8 cm. in diameter with a 4 cm. X-ring.
- 2.3 The Tournament Director may allow the archer to use the Five Spot Target. (See paragraph 5 below for description of target and method of scoring).
- 2.4 The Tournament Director may substitute the Vegas 3 spot face or the Vegas 40 cm face as official faces in place of the 40 cm blue target or the Five Spot Targets, with scoring as follows: 10 through 1 on the single spot target, 10 through 6 on the three spot target. 5 ends of 3 arrows will be shot per game. Tournament Director will decide if 2, 3, or 4 Games will be used, scoring 300, 450, or 600, respectively. A time limit of 2 minutes per end will be used.
- 3. Shooting Positions:

Shooting positions will provide sufficient area to enable two archers to safely shoot simultaneously at one target butt.

- 4. Shooting Rules:
  - 4.1 An archer must straddle the shooting line or distance marker. A disabled archer shooting from a chair or wheelchair will place the chair legs or wheels straddling the shooting line or distance marker.
  - 4.2 The time limit shall be four minutes per end.
  - 4.3 The method of breaking ties will be at the discretion of the tournament director.
  - 4.4 In the event of equipment failure, the archer will have fifteen minutes repair time without holding up the tournament. One practice end will be allowed. The archer shall be allowed to shoot any arrows he or she did not shoot during the fifteen minutes repair time, after the final end.
  - 4.5 Two ends of practice will be allowed at all Indoor National and Sectional Tournaments and be optional at State Level and below.
- 5. Scoring:
  - 5.1 The scoring is 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 from the spot out.
  - 5.2 X-rings shall be counted and used as tie breakers and will be considered part of the official score.
  - 5.3 Archer shall record X's and numeric values of each arrow in each scoring box before touching or drawing any arrows from the target. No archer may touch the target face before all arrows are scored. Example:

Arrow Score		<b>End Score</b>	X's			
Х	Х	Х	5	5	25	3
Х	Х	Х	Х	5	25	4
Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	25	5
Х	Х	Х	Х	4	24	4

- 5.4 An arrow cutting two rings shall be scored in the ring of greater value. Scoring is determined by the position of the shaft. In all NFAA Rounds, an arrow shaft need only touch the line to be counted in the area of next higher value.
  - 5.4.1 In the event the scoring ring has become distorted due to torn or missing paper, the scorer shall visually reconstruct the natural arc of the scoring ring to determine the value of the arrow(s).
- 5.5 Witnessed bounce outs or arrows passing completely through the target will be reshot.
- 5.6 Hits on the wrong target will be scored as misses.
- 5.7 When an arrow is dropped while the archer is in the act of shooting, he/she may shoot another arrow in place of the dropped arrow if any portion of the dropped arrow is within ten feet of the shooting line.
- 5.8 If an archer shoots more than the prescribed number of arrows in an end, the excess arrow or arrows of higher value will not be scored. A penalty of one scoring ring (1 point and 1 X if applicable) will be assessed for each arrow shot over the prescribed number of arrows.

- 5.9 If an archer shoots less than the prescribed number of arrows in one end he/she may shoot his/her remaining arrows if the omission is discovered before the end is officially completed; otherwise they shall be scored as misses.
- 5.10 When using the NFAA Indoor Five Spot Target:
  - 5.10.1 An archer may shoot the 5 spot target in any order and shoot as many arrows into any spot as the archer desires, not to exceed the prescribed number of arrows per end.
  - 5.10.2 Scoring shall be five points for the combined four cm. X-ring and 8 cm. white ring and four points for the combined twelve cm. and sixteen cm. blue rings.
- 5.11 When using the Vegas 3-spot target:
  - 5.11.1 An archer may shoot the 3-spot target in any order, and shoot as many arrows into any spot as the archer desires, not to exceed the prescribed number of arrows per end.
- 5.12 The target group, which generally consists of four archers, will select a score caller, two scorekeepers, and a target captain. The target captain shall be the judge of disputed arrows on his/her target. When a captains arrows are in question, the majority of the group shall decide the status of the target captains arrows. When a line judge has been appointed by the tournament director and an appeal is made to the line judge, the line judges call will be final
- F. Flint Bowman Indoor Round:
  - 1. Standard Unit:
    - 1.1 56 arrows shall be considered one round.

TARGET NUMBER	DISTANCE	NO. OF ARROWS	TARGET SIZE
1	25 Yards	4	35 cm
2	20 Feet	4	20
3	30 Yards	4	35
4	15 Yards	4	20
5	20 Yards	4	35
6	10Yards	4	20
7	30, 25, 20, 15 Yds	1 each	35

- 1.2 Top row target centers shall be spaced 48 inches from the floor. Bottom row target centers shall be spaced 30 inches from the floor.
- 2. Targets:

The targets are standard 20 cm. and 35 cm. field target faces placed in two rows on each butt. The center of the upper row shall be 48 inches from the floor. The center of the lower row shall be 30 inches from the floor and directly below the upper targets.

- 3. Shooting Positions:
  - 3.1 This round is to be shot on a 30-yard range with shooting lines marked parallel to the target line at distances of 20 feet, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 yards.
  - 3.2 Starting at the 30-yard line, and proceeding toward the target line, the shooting lines are to be numbered 3, 1, 5, 4, 6 and 2.
  - 3.3 There shall be a separate lane for each butt and the archer shall go from one shooting line to his next shooting line in the lane for the butt on which his two targets are placed.
  - 3.4 The targets on the butt in the second lane shall be reversed from those in the first lane. Those in the third lane shall be exactly as those in the second lane.
- 4. Shooting Rules:

If an archer starts out on a high target, as in lane one, he shoots his second end on the low target in the same lane. The archer continues to shoot at the targets in this lane until he has

shot at seven targets. For his second target score, he should go to another lane in which the targets are in reverse from the one he started on.

- 5. Scoring: Scoring shall be the same as the Field Round.
- 6. 20-Yard Flint Round:

Target Number	Distance	No. of Arrows	Target Size
1	50 ft.	4	35 cm
2	20 ft.	4	20
3	60 ft.	4	35
4	45 ft.	4	20
5	40 ft.	4	35
6	30 ft.	4	20
7	60, 50, 40, 30 ft.	1 each	35

- 6.1 Because of the inability of many clubs to obtain the necessary space for a 30-yard indoor round, the NFAA has provided rules for a 20-yard round as follows:
- 6.2 Rules: Rules for the 20-yard round are the same as for the Flint Indoor Round.
- G. NFAA 900 Target Round

## 1. Standard Unit:

- 1.1 Adults/Young Adults
  - 1.1.1 30 arrows at 60 yards
  - 1.1.2 30 arrows at 50 yards
  - 1.1.3 30 arrows at 40 yards
- 1.2 Youth
  - 1.2.1 30 arrows at 50 yards
  - 1.2.2 30 arrows at 40 yards
  - 1.2.3 30 arrows at 30 yards
- 1.3 Cubs
  - 1.3.1 30 arrows at 30 yards
  - 1.3.2 30 arrows at 20 yards
  - 1.3.3 30 arrows at 10 yards
- 2. Targets:
  - 2.1 The target face should conform to the specification of the current 122 cm target face that will retain stability of size, shape, and color under adverse weather conditions.
  - 2.2 The target face is divided into five concentric color zones arranged from the center outward as follows: Gold (yellow), Red, Blue, Black and White with ten concentric rings arranged to divide each color.
  - 2.3 A scoring line, not more than one-tenth inch in width shall be provided between rings. An arrow shaft need only touch the line to be counted as the higher score value.
  - 2.4 When all the archers shooting at a target mat so desire; the full target face will be used so that all archers may score arrows that fall outside the 6 ring.
- 3. The Target Range:
  - 3.1 The target field shall be laid out so that shooting is from South to North. A Maximum deviation of 45% is allowed for local tournaments if required by terrain or safety.
  - 3.2 Range distances shall be accurately measured from the shooting line on the ground perpendicular to the gold on the target face.
  - 3.3 Target lines and shooting lines shall be plainly and accurately marked on the ground, and shall be no more than six inches in width. Target lines or shooting lines may be arranged to require the shooters to move forward from the longest distance to shorter distances while the targets remain stationary, or to require the target butts to be brought forward from longest to shorter distances while the

shooters use a stationary line. There shall be a 3-yard waiting line behind the shooting line.

- 3.4 Individual target lanes shall be suitably and plainly marked either by center lines, or by lines designating the side boundaries of each lane. Pegs, chalk lines, paint lines, or mowed strips are suitable markings.
- 3.5 All safety precautions and limited access to the shooting area must be enforced.
- 3.6 At least every other target butt should have a small flag, of a size and color easily visible from the sixty-yard line, mounted at least two feet above the top of the target butt.
- 4. The Target Butt and Target Backstop:
  - 4.1 The target butt (backstop) shall be of any suitable material that will not damage arrows or allow them to pass through or bounce out frequently.
  - 4.2 Target backstops shall be securely anchored to the ground to prevent accidental toppling.
  - 4.3 Target identification shall be by means of numerals, at least eight inches high, made of a suitable material, so as to be easily visible from sixty yards and be mounted at the base of the targets.
- 5. Shooting Positions:
  - 5.1 The shooting area is an area starting at the waiting line and which runs parallel to and adjacent to the target line, and extending to a safe distance behind the target butts.
  - 5.2 An archer shall stand so that there's one foot on each side of the shooting line.
  - 5.3 When two shooting line groups are used, archers will alternate first up to shoot on the target. An AB, BA system will be used alternating end by end so that each archer will have an equal time shooting at a target without arrows in it.
- 6. Shooting Rules:
  - 6.1 An END consists of six arrows shot for score.
  - 6.2 There will be a five-minute time limit to shoot six arrows, with a 30 sec. warning before the time limit expires. The Director of Shooting (DOS) shall signal the start and finish of each end and shall use tournament control signals needed for safety.
  - 6.3 NFAA shooting divisions and styles shall be used for award presentation.
  - 6.4 Any kind of arrow may be used provided they do not damage the target face or target butt unreasonably.
  - 6.5 Any type of spotting aid may be used provided it does not cause an obstruction or interference to other shooters.
  - 6.6 Initial target assignments may be made according to any system designated by the tournament officials. There shall not be less than three nor more than five archers assigned to each target in use. Four is customary.
  - 6.7 Archers shall be re-assigned targets after each round on the basis of their total score in division and style for rounds completed.
  - 6.8 There shall be two practice ends or 45 minutes of open practice before the first scoring end in the competition.
  - 6.9 There shall be no practice permitted after a break or delay unless such postponement exceeds forty-five (45) minutes. In such cases the amount of practice shall be one practice end at the present scoring distance.
  - 6.10 A whistle system shall be used to control the archers shooting line, rotation and timing for scoring per end shot: Two (2) blasts to come to the shooting line, one (1) blast to start timing of shooting for score, three (3) blasts to go forward to score, and four (4) or more for emergency stop of all shooting.
  - 6.11 Equipment failures must be recognized by an official and 45 minutes will be allowed for repaire. There will be one practice end, at the distance that the equipment failure occurred.

- 6.12 A mis-shot arrow may be re-shot if the archer can touch the arrow with their bow without moving their feet at the shooting line.
- 6.13 If an arrow should hang from the target face, shooting shall be interrupted and a judge shall immediately reinsert the arrow in its proper place in the scoring face.
- 6.14 Ties shall be resolved in favor of the archer with the most hits. Then the greatest number of X's, 10's and 9's etc. If still tied, the tie shall be so recorded unless it is for first place. Which will be shot off one arrow at a time. If still tied after two tie breaker arrows, the third will be closest to the center.
- 6.15 Coaching an archer on the shooting line is permitted, providing that such coaching is not distracting to other contestants. Audible coaching of archers on the shooting line is not permitted.
- 7. Scoring:
  - 7.1 Arrows in the standard 122 cm target face shall be scored as follows: Inner Gold 10, Outer Gold-9, Inner Red 8, Outer Red-7, Inner Blue 6, Outer Blue-5, Inner Black 4, Outer Black-3, Inner White 2, Outer White-1; all others shall be scored as an "M" (miss).
  - 7.2 An arrow shaft need only touch the scoring line to be counted in the next higher value. Doubtful arrows must be determined for each end before the arrows or target face have been touched, otherwise the lower value must be taken.
  - 7.3 An arrow that has passed through the scoring face so that it is not visible from the front shall be pushed back through for scoring. If a complete pass –through goes unnoticed until scoring at the target, it shall be re-shot. Arrows passing completely through the target, if witnessed, may be re-shot.
  - 7.4 An arrow that rebounds from the target butt shall be re-shot.
  - 7.5 An arrow embedded in another arrow in the scoring face shall be scored the same as the arrow in which it is embedded.
  - 7.6 Hits on the wrong target face shall score as misses.
  - 7.7 The archer chosen to pull the arrows from the target, normally the first in order of assignment, shall be the Target Captain and shall rule all questions on their target subject to appeal to the Line Judge.
  - 7.8 The Target Captain shall call the value of each arrow so it can be recorded by two score keepers, normally the next two assigned to the target. Scorers should keep a running score and check results after each end to avoid errors. Any archer on a target may request a judge to determine final score of any arrow before any arrows or the target butt are touched.
  - 7.9 Archers are individually responsible for seeing that their arrows are called correctly and are properly entered on the scorecards, and that their scorecards are signed and turned in to the proper officials.
- 8. Field Officials:
  - 8.1 Field Officials shall be appointed by the tournament committee and shall rank in authority as follows: Tournament Director, Director of Shooting, Chairman of Judges, Judges. The Appeals Committee shall have final authority on all protests submitted to them.
  - 8.2 The Tournament Director shall have the responsibility and authority to organize all other officials. The Director of Shooting shall supervise and regulate all practice, timing of ends and the completion of the competition in accordance with regulations and customs; interpret and decide questions of rules; and to maintain safety conditions. The Chairman of Judges and his Judges shall interpret the score of doubtful arrows; enforce timing of ends, shooting rules and sportsmanlike behavior.
  - 8.3 Decisions of the lesser field official shall be final unless immediately appealed to Chairman of Judges.

- 8.4 Decisions of the Target Captain and /or Judge shall be final unless verbal notice of intent to protest is given to the Chairman of Judges. The verbal protest must be followed by the submission of the protest in writing to the Chairman of Judges prior to one hour after the completion of scoring. The written protest will be submitted to the Appeals Committee, and the Appeals Committee will make a decision, before the handing out of the awards. All Appeals Committee decisions are final.
- H. NFAA 810 Target Round:

The only difference between the 900 round and the 810 Round is the method of scoring. Item 7 as listed above in the 900 Target Round will change to read as follows: Arrows in the standard target face shall be evaluated as follows: Gold-9, Red-7, Blue-5, Black-3, White-1.

- I. NFAA 600 Target Round.
  - 1. The only difference between the 600 Round and the 900 Round is the number of arrows end and the number of ends per distance. All other rules apply.
  - 2. 20 arrows will be shot at each distance in four ends of five arrows for score.
  - 3. The time limit shall be four minutes per end.
- J. NFAA Classic 600 Target Round.

Rules same as the NFAA 600 Round except as follows:

- 1. The NFAA Archery Classic 92 cm Target Face shall be used. At the discretion of tournament management, the center version of the Face may be used utilizing only the 6 through 10 rings. Archers who want to shoot the full 92 cm Target Face must state their desire during registration and will be accommodated by moving them to a target butt with a full face.
- 2. The round is shot starting at the closest distance and progressing to the longest distance.
- K. NFAA 3-D Rules and Regulations: For Marked and Unmarked Tournaments National and Sectional State Optional.
  - 1. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
    - 1.1 NFAA National Marked 3-D will consist of 70 3-D targets or as determined by the NFAA. National Unmarked 3-D will consist of a minimum of 60 3-D targets. Sectional and State (optional) marked and unmarked rounds will consist of a minimum of 30 3-D targets in two or more courses.
    - 1.2 Tournaments may be two or three-day events as required by tournament host. Each day there will be shooting assignments posted with times and ranges for competition for the day.
  - 2. SPECTATORS AND GUESTS (PRESS)
    - 2.1 No spectators are allowed on the tournament ranges during competition, unless allowed by the Tournament Director. (The condition of the ranges, weather conditions or safety factors may not permit this.) Every effort will be made to accommodate the media.
    - 2.2 Cameras are not allowed on unmarked tournament ranges until the last day of the competition.. Marked ranges may have cameras at the discretion of the Tournament Director. The use of a flash camera during competition is prohibited. (Tournament Director may make special exceptions for the working press with official press credentials.)
  - 3. GUEST COMPETITORS:

At the NFAA National tournaments, with a joint agreement between the host organization and the NFAA Council, and at the Sectional tournaments, with a joint agreement between the host organization and the Section Directors, guests will be allowed to compete in the tournaments, however, they must pay the same entry fee as the NFAA members and they will not be eligible for any NFAA awards. These classes (GUEST CLASSES) will be the sole responsibility of the host clubs or organizations for their awards.

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- 4. AWARDS:
  - 4.1 At National tournaments, the Non-Pro classes will compete for Belt Buckles and Medals only.
  - 4.2 At Sectional tournaments, the Non- Pro classes will compete for Plaques, patches and medals.
  - 4.3 At both National and Sectional tournaments, the Pros will compete in the Money Class in their division. Cash awards and a Plaque and patch for first place only.
  - 5. GENERAL SHOOTING RULES AND REGULATIONS
    - 5.1 Prior to the start of each tournament, the archer is required to check in at the registration desk. You should double-check your target assignments and your shooting classification. All archers are responsible for checking to be sure there are no errors in their registration. This will be the only time you can make changes in your classification, and/or shooting time. After the tournament begins, it will not be possible to make changes. <u>Remember it is the shooter's responsibility to get his or her target assignments, range assignment and scorecards.</u> Scorecards may never leave the archery tournament. Scorecards must be double signed by shooter and "scorers" in that group. This signature is a guarantee that the score is accurate and true. If scorecards are turned in not tallied or not properly signed, they will be disqualified and/or the lowest score used for official score. All scorecards must be turned in no later than one hour after the completion of that round.
    - 5.2 Prior to the start of competition, all shooters may be expected to attend a "precompetition meeting". These meetings are for information and special announcements from the Tournament Committee. These meetings will begin forty-five (45) minutes prior to the start of competition, or as announced by the Tournament Committee.
    - 5.3 The NFAA has adopted the 300 ft. per second rule with a 3% margin of error as measured by the official on-site chronographs. Each competitor understands and agrees that they may be required to shoot the designated tournament on-site chronographs. If after shooting 3 arrows through the chronograph after a tournament round, the average speed exceeds 309 ft. per second, then that round score will be immediately disqualified, with no exceptions.
    - 5.4 The NFAA maximum draw-weight of a bow shall not exceed eighty pounds (80) lbs.
    - 5.5 All targets will be 3-D animals placed vertical to the horizon and all archers are required to return the targets to this position after removing their arrows. No target may be place at an angle greater that that which would create a glance-off.
    - 5.6 The NFAA National Marked 3-D maximum distance will be 101 yards, provided targets of adequate size are used. Sectional and State (optional) Marked 3-D maximum distance will be 60 yards. National, Sectional and State (optional) Unmarked 3-D maximum distance will be 50 yards. Distances on marked 3-D courses will be measured with a tape or more accurate measuring device. Handheld range finders will not be used.
    - 5.7 Participants will be assigned in minimum groups of three shooters per target, and shooters are required to be at their assigned target 5 minutes prior to start times..
    - 5.8 Each archer will shoot their arrows with one foot touching the appropriate stake for the division and class in which they are registered.
    - 5.9 No archer will write down distance-to-target information or notes on an unmarked 3-D range, or will refer to written memoranda concerning distance-to-target while shooting an unmarked course.

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- 6. **PROTESTS** 
  - 6.1 All NFAA tournaments will have a "Protest Committee" made up of the Tournament Directors, State Directors and NFAA officials present. This committee will be made up of 5 members present.
  - 6.2 Any grievance or protest must be filed in writing with the Tournament Director within one (1) hour from the completion of that competitive round. This protest must include the names of all parties and witnesses involved with the said grievance. It is the responsibility of the person or persons filing the grievance to have this information written down and signed by all parties involved. There is a \$50.00 cash protest fee. All participants must be available to be interviewed by the Committee at the time of filing. If the committee rules in favor of the protest, or if the protest is withdrawn, the fee will be returned.
  - 6.3 All decisions of the Committee will be final, but a full report of grievance and decision will be submitted to the RIC committee for review. Any agreement acted upon must be signed off on that day, or before the conclusion of the tournament if at all possible, by the parties involved.
- 7. SCORING
  - 7.1 The National marked 3-D will conform to the Western Trail (Redding) format of 2 arrows, scoring 11-10-8 each. Or as determined by the NFAA. Marked and Unmarked Sectional and State (optional) 3-D will shoot a 1 arrow format, scoring 12-10-8-5. National Unmarked 3-D shall use the 1 arrow format scoring 12-10-8-5.
  - 7.2 Scorecards will be picked up at registration, or a designated area, prior to each round of competition. This is usually forty-five (45) minutes before starting time at pre-tournament meeting announcements. Each shooter will receive two (2) score cards for each round. All information on each scorecard must be filled out and correct.
  - 7.3 Each group will designate two (2) members of their group to call scores and two (2) members to record the scores. (If the group has only three (3) shooters, only one (1) will call arrows). Archers will draw for the shooting order in their respective groups and rotate the shooting order.
  - 7.4 All arrows must remain in the target and should not be touched until all arrows are scored. The arrow shaft must touch any portion of the scoring ring, regardless of deformity of the scoring rings or angle of the arrow in the target to be scored the higher value. The status of any questionable arrows must be determined before removing any arrows from the target. If both score callers agree, the score called is final. If there is disagreement in the designated callers, a third caller from the group other than the archer whose arrow is in question will make the final call. If a questionable arrow exists in groups of three, the designated caller will make his call. If the archer whose arrow is in question does not agree, he may have the third party make the final call. In all cases the third call is final.
  - 7.5 Score callers will judge and score each arrow and call out the results to the scorekeepers. This will be recorded on the respective shooters scorecard. Running scores can be checked during the progression of the round to eliminate errors.
  - 7.6 Both completed scorecards must be totaled and signed as correct by the score keepers and the shooter and turned in at the assigned area. Each shooting group must turn in their scorecards together (except when a shooter is permitted to make-up targets due to equipment failure or other approved leave of emergency). Any individual or group that does not turn in their cards before leaving the range (taking cards with them) will receive a score of "X" for that day's score. "X" will be used instead of the number (0) on all cards, symbolizing "NO SCORE".

- 7.7 Arrows passing through the face, but still in the target, will be pushed back and scored.
- 7.8 Any arrows deflected by a foreign object or miss fired will be scored where it lies.
- 7.9 Any arrow embedded in the nock of another arrow (generally known as a "Robin Hood") will be scored the same as the arrow it struck and skewered, even if it falls to the ground and not in said target.
- 7.10 Arrows in corresponding areas of the target will be scored with point values as follows:
  - 12 Highest Score
  - $10 2^{nd}$  Scoring Ring
  - $8 3^{rd}$  Scoring Ring
  - 5 Outside Scoring Area (ANTLERS AND HORNS, NO SCORE)

"X" – NO SCORE

- 7.11 All tied scores will be broken by the number of 12 Rings; except in the case of a first place tie. When this occurs, a sudden death shoot-off will take place. All shooters tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place will shoot one (1) arrow. The arrow which is determined to be the closest to the 12 ring will be declared the winner. If two shooters tie by being the same distance to the 12 ring, they will shoot until the tie is broken. This will be true for all classes. If competitors are not present, ties will be broken by Rule of First Points dropped. [If possible use same ranges when comparing cards to break ties].
- 7.12 A witnessed bounce-out will be re-shot. If an arrow is shot at a target and is suspected by the archer or the group as a pass-through then proceed by letting the next archer in order shoot. Archers not standing at the stake should always observe where the arrow strikes the target for this reason. When all shooters of a group have completed shooting, one (1) "scorer" may proceed to the target. If it is embedded in the target, he will request the group to come to the target, and observe pushing back the arrow to score. If the arrow has passed-through, then the "scorer" has to return to the group so the archer can shoot another arrow at the target to score. As soon as possible, tell Range officials which target you had a pass-through on, so it can be replaced or repaired.
- 7.13 After shooting the last arrow, the group shall stand together away from the shooting stake if shooting in close quarters. This will let others know you are through. When it is safe, all shooters are to proceed to the target to score all arrows before any arrows are pulled from the target. If any shooter pulls arrows from a target before the score callers and the scorekeepers can officially record them to the cards by sight, that shooter automatically receives an "X" for said target.
- 7.14 In consideration of time, no shooter will glass the target while standing at the shooting stake after shooting their arrow. Shooters may glass the target prior to shooting, but still be reminded of the time factor restrictions. After assuming their position at the stake, 2 minutes are allowed to shoot one (1) arrow. The shooter will receive a verbal warning from the group for the first offense. Second warning will be a five point (5) penalty from target score, but no less than an "X". Each subsequent offense will receive same (5) pt. penalty but no less than an "X".
- 7.15 An arrow inadvertently dropped while transferring the arrow from the quiver to the bow in preparation of a shot or an arrow that falls off the arrow rest or accidentally releases from the string in preparation of making a shot may be recovered if within reach of the archer from the appropriate shooting stake.
- 8. EQUIPMENT FAILURE: An archer declaring equipment failure, verified by the group may leave the range to report the equipment failure to a tournament official. Upon reporting to an official, the archer will have forty-five minutes (45) to make necessary

repairs or replacement and re-sight the repaired equipment. The archer will then rejoin the original group and continue shooting the remaining targets. All targets missed will be shot under make up rules with a scorekeeper and witness. Any equipment failure that results in an arrow being released toward a target will be scored as it lies, a missed target may not be re-shot. Each archer is limited to one (1) equipment failure per tournament. If a second equipment failure occurs, the archer will remain with his or her group to act as a scorer or scorekeeper.

- 9. BINOCULARS and RANGE FINDERS:
  - 9.1 Binoculars and spotting scopes will be allowed. They may be checked at random by tournament officials or individuals in your shooting group. You may ask to check theirs as well.
  - 9.2 If any marks are deemed inappropriate by an official, the glasses will be confiscated and presented to the Tournament Director and committee for examination. In addition, any binoculars and or spotting scopes that have been pro-marked by the factory and are being used by the shooter as a range finding device, will be confiscated and will be presented for review to the tournament committee. Penalty for this if found guilty will be disqualification.
  - 9.3 On unmarked ranges, no range finders are allowed. On marked 3-D ranges, range finders would be allowed if announced and advertised as to be used. This would be left as an option to the Tournament Officials.
  - 9.4 An archer may not hold any equipment in line with the target for use as a range finder, and after an archer has set his/her sight, may not let down and re-set the sight. A verbal warning may be given from the group for a first offense. A second offense may be assessed a penalty of 5 points by the group. Each subsequent offense may be assessed a 5 point penalty.
- 10. PROCEDURE FOR FINDING LOST ARROWS:

As a safety consideration, and to insure a timely competition, no archer will go behind a target to look for a lost arrow, unless you can see it at time of scoring. Always keep at least (2) two archers in front of target to insure that no other group will shoot said target while you are retrieving the arrow. If you cannot visibly see the arrow, make a note to return with a range official, after the completion of the round.

- 11. CLASSES AND DIVISIONS: Equipment for 3-D is in accordance with existing NFAA Style and Division equipment rules.
  - 14.1 National Unmarked, Sectional and State (optional) Marked and Unmarked Youth and Cub maximum distances.

YOUTH	Marked maximum – 45 yards
	Unmarked maximum – 40 yards
	Stakes = Blue
CUB	Marked and Unmarked maximum – 25 yards
	Stakes = Black

- 14.2 Adult Traditional and Longbow archers shoot Blue Stakes.
- "Lake of the Woods Round"
  - 1. This round is a 20 target (ten targets per unit) variable distance round designed for use in recreational facilities or public parks. The round is to be shot in a progressive order, 20 yards through 65 yards. Whenever possible, a 20 yard practice target per unit will be used.
  - 2. TARGETS:

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- 2.1 Target faces shall be a 4-color FITA type.
- 2.2 Each target position shall have one target butt.
  - 2.2.1 There shall be 4 target faces on each target butt at 20 yards, 25 yards, and 30 yards. There shall be 2 target faces on each target butt at 35 yards, 40 yards, 45 yards, and 50 yards. There shall be 1 target face on each target butt at 55 yards, 60 yards and 65 yards.
- 2.3 Distance: The distances and corresponding target sizes:

Distance – Yards	Target Size – Centimeters	<b>Target</b> Layout
20	40 cm	4 targets in a square
25	40 cm	4 targets in a square
30	40 cm	4 targets in a square
35	60 cm	2 targets side by side
40	60 cm	2 targets side by side
45	60 cm	2 targets side by side
50	60 cm	2 targets side by side
55	80 cm	1 target
60	80 cm	1 target
65	80 cm	1 target

2.4 All distances must be measured to the exact yardage.

- 3. Shooting Position:
  - 3.1 All shooting positions shall be long a straight line and parallel to the target butts.
  - 3.2 Each target butt shall have a 4 shooting positions 30" in width.
  - 3.3 The Distances shall be written on markers which are visible to the archer.
  - 3.4 Each distance marker shall show the number of the target and the distance to be shot.
  - 3.5 If more than one unit is needed, the shooting positions for the targets shall be numbered from 1 to 20.
- 4. Shooting Rules:
  - 4.1 Archers shall shoot in groups of 2 to 4 with 4 being preferred.
  - 4.2 On the first unit, two archers shall shoot on the left side of the marker at the targets on the left side of the target butt. Two archers shall shoot on the right side of the marker at the targets on the right side of the target butt.
  - 4.3 The two archers nearest the marker shall shoot the bottom targets on the target butt. The two archers farthest from the marker shall shoot the top targets on the target butt.
  - 4.4 All groups shall start at 20 yards and advance to 25 yards, 30 yards, and so forth up to 65 yards. After all groups have started, the first group shall start at the 20 yard on the second unit (if two units are used) and advance in 5 yard increments to 65 yards.
  - 4.5 At the start of the second unit, the archers who were next to the marker shall move to the outside, and the archers who were on the out-side shall move to the inside.
  - 4.6 If a 20 yard practice target is used at the start of each unit, the archer may shoot it once at the start of each unit.
  - 4.7 Each archer shall shoot three arrows at each distance per unit.
  - 4.8 The maximum distance for youth in this round shall be 50 yards.
  - 4.9 Cubs shall shoot:
    - 3 targets at 20 yards 40 cm
    - 4 targets at 25 yards 60 cm
    - 3 targets at 30 yards 80 cm
- 5. Scoring:

The scoring on the target shall be:

- 5 points for each arrow in the gold rings
- 4 points for each arrow in the red rings
- 3 points for each arrow in the blue rings
- 2 points for each arrow in the black rings
- 1 point for each arrow in the white rings
- The arrow has only to touch the line to count the higher value.
- 6. Starting time:
  - First day, archer's choice, space permitting or as the tournament host sets.

Second day, by score: low score start first high score start last. A great round to promote archery and spectators.