



4-H Shooting Sports

Learn by Doing

2009 State Match Rules Archery

- All archery competitors must be in at least 4th grade and 9 years old as of January 1 of the current year.
- For SAFETY and consideration to others, ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL ABIDE BY ACCEPTED SAFETY RULES AND ALL SPECIFIC RANGE AND EVENT RULES, OR THEY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. Enforcement of these rules is the responsibility of the Range Officer and Range Master.
- Eye protection is strongly recommended and it is at the discretion of range to require that eye protection be worn.
- The use of arm guards is mandatory.
- If a participant is enrolled in Archery and another discipline, the participant should report first to the Archery Range Officer in order to find when scheduled, then immediately report to other events.
- Each participant will shoot 5 arrows to an end, 4 ends to a round, for the required number of arrows depending on their age classification (may be subject to change depending on number of participants). No separate classes for boys and girls.
- Competition will be staged in 3 events with 3 age classes each: 1) Traditional Recurve/Longbow (or Genesis), with no sights or accessories; 2) Freestyle Recurve/Longbow, with sights and accessories; and 3) All Others.
 - a. Junior (Ages 9 - 11) will shoot 20 arrows at 10 yards.
 - b. Intermediate (Ages 12 - 13) will shoot 30 arrows at 20 yards.
 - c. Senior (Ages 14 - 18) will shoot 40 arrows at 30 yards.
 - * Seniors will be allowed to choose between five spot and single spot targets. Once the selected target is posted, the type of target can't be changed.
- Each participant will shoot the required ends of arrows for their age classification as specified in the previous rule. An end is equal to 5 arrows. Each participant may shoot 2 ends (10 arrows) for practice. There are no separate styles or divisions for boys and girls.
- All types of bows (except foot-bows and crossbows) are permitted, i.e., long bows, recurve, take-down, stick bows, and compound bows. The maximum peak draw weight for bows allowed in 4-H competition shall be 60 pounds.
- No telescopic, magnifying, electric or electronic sights will be allowed. **No solid glass in site window.**

- A mechanical release must be used in Compound Release event; all other shooting events use fingers, finger tab, shooting glove. A chew strap may be used in place of fingers when applicable.
- All arrows shall be equipped with target or field points. **NO HUNTING POINTS. The point must be the same size as the shaft, external inserts are not allowed.** Arrows will not be permitted to lie on the ground. Hip mounted quivers are preferred, bow mounted or ground (arrow tube) quivers are permissible. **Some type of quiver is required.**
- **All equipment will be inspected and approved by Range Officers prior to shooting.**
- Shooters will straddle the firing line.
- Targets will be standard 40cm NFAA indoor #300 targets-single spot or 5 spot (reversible).
- A shooter must furnish his/her own equipment; targets and backstops will be provided.
- All shooters will start and finish each end during the scoring period allowed except in the case of equipment failure. A shooter whose equipment has failed must notify a range officer and will be allotted 20 minutes for repair. The archer will be allowed to shoot any arrows not completed - after the final end. One practice end (5 arrows) will be allowed after the repair is completed and before scoring continues. If equipment is not repaired within allotted time, the shooter must take score before the equipment failure. **NOTE: Lost or broken arrows will not be considered equipment failure; bring adequate number of arrows (at least six (6).) A minimum of six (6) matching arrows (same length and weight) are recommended for your benefit.**
- Scoring will be done at the completion of each end while the arrows are in the targets. Practice ends will not be scored. If the archer and the scorer cannot agree on the score, the range officer will make the decision. **NO ARROWS OR TARGETS MAY BE TOUCHED UNTIL SCORED.** Any arrow or target touched before scored will be scored as a zero.
- Scoring Rings - scoring is determined by the position of the shaft. The shaft must cut through the scoring ring and touch the area of higher score in order to score the higher value. Tie scores will be broken by the number of "Xs". An "X" is scored when the shaft touches the inner most circle of the target, the "X" ring.
- Witnessed bounce-outs or arrows that pass completely through the target will be re-shot. A dropped arrow may be replaced by a spare arrow, if the dropped arrow is within 10 feet of the shooting line. Under no condition is an archer to step in front of the shooting line to retrieve an arrow.
- No harassment of an archer, by anyone, will be tolerated. If done by another archer, they will be disqualified and ejected from the archery range. If done by a spectator, the spectator will be ejected.
- Scorekeepers are not allowed to give out scores. Please **don't ask** nor interfere with their work. The line scores and standing will be posted as soon as they become available.
- Any rules not covered in the tournament rules will be covered by the NFAA rule book.

All questions and rulings will be the responsibility of the match director and designated match personnel.