

Target Archery Handbook

Rules and policies for target archery

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Introduction

This is a living document. Please make sure to download the newest revision. This is the Archery Hand Book; it describes the rules and standards for archery.

This book's main purpose is safety. Each archer is expecting to be familiar and understand all the rules and procedures outlined here, and each archer is expected to enforce the rules.

Marshals Responsibility

1. The MIC and his/her designates must know the rules of the range and the archery handbook.
2. The Marshals must set up the range in a safe manner.
3. The Marshals must ensure the safety of the range and the archers visiting the range.
4. The Marshals must inspect and ensure the visitors to the range are using safe equipment.
5. The Marshals should ensure the range is inviting and accessible to all visitors.
6. The Marshals must be aware of all specialty shoots, their setup requirements and ensure they are safely setup on the range.

Archers Responsibility

1. Each archer is expected to know the rules in this document.
2. Each archer is expected to be safe and take proper care of their equipment.
3. Each archer is ultimately responsible for their equipment.
4. Each archer is expected to have their equipment inspected.
5. No archer shall hide issues with equipment.
6. No archer shall knowingly use unsafe equipment.

Equipment Standards

These are the equipment standards for all archery. Ultimately the equipment safety and standards are the responsibility of the archer. All equipment should try to be pre-16 century in looks and function, and an effort to make modern equipment look more period when possible.

These are the minimum rules and more rules can be implemented by the Marshal in Charge based on safety concerns.

1. No compound bows are allowed.
2. No modern Crossbows are allowed.
3. No modern sights are allowed.
4. No modern stabilizers are allowed.

Equipment Draw Weight

There is no minimum or maximum draw weight. The Marshal in Charge may set limits due to safety concerns. The Marshal in Charge may not allow an archer to use equipment if they are deemed unsafe, such as an over powered bow that they cannot control safely.

Handbow

1. The bow needs to be safe, not limited to free of cracks, distortion or any other defect(s).
2. Notches and other manual markers for sights are allowed.
3. A single nock point is allowed.
4. Any string material is allowed to be used if deemed safe.

Crossbow

1. No split or center shot crossbows is allowed.
2. Any string material is allowed to be used if deemed safe.
3. No pistol grip crossbows are allowed.
4. Pre-17 Century rear sights are allowed.
5. Notches and other manual markers for sights are allowed.
6. Only metal prods are allowed.

Arrows/Bolts

1. Tips must be securely attached.
2. Arrows may have 3 or 4 fletching.
3. Bolts may have 2 or 3 fletching.
4. Only natural fletching is allowed.
5. No plastic fletching is allowed.
6. Shafts must be made of bamboo, wood and other natural materials.
7. No broad-heads tips or any other type of tip that will cause excessive damaged.

Period Category

The period category is an attempt to simulate equipment and archery as close to history as possible safely. All of the above rules apply except stricter equipment standards.

1. No plastic arrow/bolt nocks.
2. Nock point can only be made of string.
3. Full or partial cut out windows or arrow shelves are prohibited.
4. None period arrow rests are prohibited.

Beginner Archers

Special consideration is taken for new and beginner archers. All equipment standards are required as above with these exceptions:

- Can use non wood arrows for competitions.
- Can use non wood arrows for RR up to Bowman Rank.
- Can use modern bows (fiberglass...etc) 30lb or under.

The Range

Range Commands

Range commands are reserved words or phrases with specific meanings and are only to be used in their intended context.

1. **HOLD:** All archers must immediately lower their equipment, unload any arrows or bolts and be quiet and pay heed to the Marshal in Charge. Hold may be called by ANYONE if they observe any immediate safety issue.
2. **Clear Down Range:** The Marshal running the line calls out down the line to hear if anyone is down range, deeming the range clear of people and safe to shoot.
3. **Range is Hot:** This signifies that the range is ready.
4. **Archers Straddle the line:** Archer shall step up to the line, placing one foot on each side of the shooting line. The line is the line on the ground designating the shooting line for the archers.
5. **Loose:** Command to shoot or release.
6. **Range is Closed/Bows Down:** Shooting is to be ended; any arrow/bolt not released must NOT be released and must be removed or unloaded. All bows are to be put down. Either in a stand or on the ground.
7. **Score and Retrieve:** The archer is to score and retrieve their arrows/bolts.

Range setup

1. The range must be set up with the safety of the participants and observers in mind.
2. The line must be established with the knowledge of the types and ranges of shoots for the day.
3. The boundaries of the range must be clearly marked with material strong enough to maintain the boundary throughout the shoot. ie: Rope, marking tape.
4. All boundaries must be set with enough space from the targets, from side to side and behind, to create a safety zone for any misses or deflections of arrows and bolts.
5. The range must be cleared of obstruction, as much as possible, to avoid tripping hazards for the shooters.
6. Backstops/Nets should be used, when available. If none are available, enough space behind the target must be established for misses to land safely.
7. The MIC must be aware and understand any special or prize shoots that will be shot on the range and each shoots unique safety concerns and set the shoot up accordingly.
8. For Baronial/ Royal Rounds...etc. The MIC or his/her designate must ensure that proper measurements of the target ranges are established.
9. Handicap Access: Diligently as possible, the shooting line shall be setup in a fashion to make it accessible to those shooters with handicaps and disabilities. The use of wheelchairs and stools will be allowed for those shooters who are limited by mobility. As long as it can safely be done so.

Range Rules Special

1. Youth Archers: All archers 14 years of age and younger must be accompanied with an adult parent or legal guardian.
2. Disability and Handicap Access: All possible accommodations must be made when safe to do so for those archers with disabilities and/or handicaps.
3. 3-Point Stance: The 3-point stance used with the crossbow may be used when scoring royal rounds in the crossbow division. However, the 3-point stance may not be used for open competitions or specialty shoots unless specifically allowed by the marshal in charge of that shoot.

Inspection

All equipment must be inspected, no exception. This is to be done by at least a Jr. Target Marshall.

1. General:
 - A. All archers must sign in to the range. Give Legal name, Society name, Kingdom or Branch.
 - B. All archers must have their equipment inspected prior to stepping on the range to shoot.
 - C. All archers must agree to follow the MIC or his/her designates commands at all times.
 - D. These are the equipment standards, unless you can present period documentations.
2. Bows: Archer must present the bow strung and ready to shoot.
 - A. Bows must be inspected for any defects in construction, cracks, delamination and twists.
 - B. The string must be inspected for fraying, unraveling, dryness...etc.
 - C. The archer must point the bow in a safe direction, draw the bow and hold long enough for the Marshal to check for twists or other flaws in the bow's construction. (a couple seconds). The archer shall slowly release the bow string, no dry fire the bow.
 - D. The Marshal should observe the archer to ensure that the archer can safely handle the weight of the bow pull.
3. Arrows/Bolts
 - A. All arrows and/or bolts that are to be shot must be inspected.
 - B. Shaft: Each arrow/bolt shaft must be inspected for cracks, splits, spurs, gouges, excessive twist or curves.
 - C. Tip: Each tip must be inspected to ensure it is secure. No broad point tips. Only field points allowed.
 - D. Nocks: All nocks must be inspected to ensure they are secure. Free of cracks or splits. Self nocks must be inspected to ensure no cracks or splits into the shaft.
 - E. Fletching: Must be inspected to ensure that they are secured to the shaft.
4. Crossbows
 - A. Archers must present their bow strung and ready to shoot.
 - B. The frame must be inspected for any defects in its construction. Look for cracks at the prod and nock positions.
 - C. No modern trigger assemblies allowed.
 - D. Check the prod for looseness
 - E. The string must be inspected for fraying, unraveling, dryness...etc.
 - F. Crossbow may have a single period rear sight; documentation of sight should be available.

Rules of the line

Marshal in Charge (MIC)

1. The Marshal in Charge is the ultimate authority on the range. Their commands must be heeded.
2. The MIC may designate/ utilize any number of Marshals needed to insure the smooth running of the range.
3. The MIC has the ultimate authority over all decisions/disputes made on the range.

Shooter

1. Archers must pay heed to the MIC or his/her designate at the range and on the line.
2. No loading of a bow behind the line.
3. Archer must straddle the shooting line.
4. No Bows or Crossbows are to be carried past the line.
5. No archer will knowingly loose or release with anyone downrange.

Active Line Procedure

- a. Range is clear
- b. Archers to the line
- c. Archers may fire at your own time
- d. Range is closed, all bows down
- e. Score and Retrieve

Standardized Shoots

Standardized Shoots. These shoots use the 60 cm NAA-FITA or the 60 cm Period Target. For a score to be eligible for the score site, the shoot must be official. An official shoot is defined as a shoot that takes place at an official event or is posted on official group sites and that is available to anyone to shoot at.

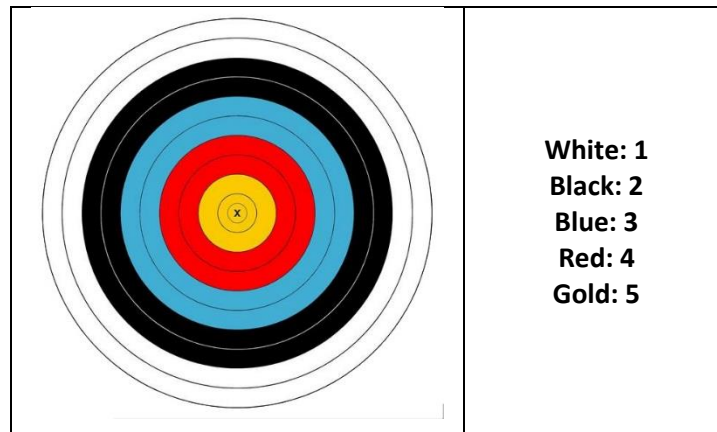
1. Only 1 score per day per shoot may be submitted.
2. An archer may shoot as many times in a day as they desire and submit the score they desire.
3. All distances must be measured.
4. Age requirements are 5+
5. Private practices are not eligible for the score site.

Targets

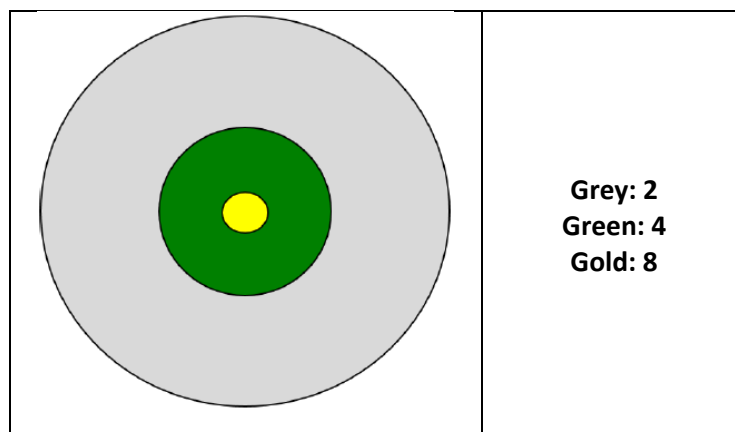
Any of the standardized shoot can be shot with either the 60 cm NAA-FITE target or the 60 cm Period Target.

1. Arrows touching a line count as the higher valued color, provided no color shows between the arrow and line.
2. An arrow that bounces from the ground or other surface is scored where it lands.

60 cm NAA-FITA



60 cm Period



Baronial Round

A baronial Round is designed for places that have only access to a 20-yard range. It consists of: 2x 20 yards & 2x 20 yards 30 second timed.

Royal Round

A Royal Round is designed to test the skill of the archer across all the ranges including a timed end. The Royal Round score is used to determine an archer's rank.

1. It consists of: 40 yards, 30 yards, 20 yards, 20 yards 30 seconds timed, shooting has to be done in this order.
2. An archer may choose to score a 0 in any of the ends.

Grand Royal Round

It consists of: 2x 40yards, 2x 30yards, 2x 20yards, 2x 40 yards timed, 2x 30 yards timed, 2x 20 yards timed.

- a. Two Royal Rounds back to back and the timed ends filled in of 40 yards and 30 yards twice is acceptable.

Youth Baronial Round

It consists of: 2x 10 yards & 2x 10 yards 30 second timed

Youth Royal Round

A Royal Round is designed to test the skill of the archer across all the ranges including a timed end. The Royal Round score is used to determine an archer's rank.

1. It consists of: 20 yards, 15 yards, 10yards, 10 yards 30 seconds timed, shooting has to be done in this order.
2. An archer may choose to score a 0 in any of the ends.

Bow Categories

TBD

Open or Period

Or

Period Longbow, Longbow, Period Recurve, Recurve, Period Crossbow, Crossbow.

Ranks

These ranks are based on Royal Round scores; it is an average of the top three scores in a calendar year. Any rank attained is permanent.

Medallions

Archer	0 - 59	
Bowman	60 - 79	
Master Bowman	80 - 99	
Grand Master Bowman	100 - 119	
Toxophilite	120+	

Tassels

A tassel may be added to the medallion

Color	Description
Green	Period Equipment used
White	Youth
Red	Rank achieved with multiple bow class; example: score of Bowman in Bow and Crossbow

Appendix & Definitions

Toxophilite: a person fond of or expert at archery (Merriam-Webster).Greektaxon, which referred to both a bow and arrow, and philos, meaning loving.

Calendar year: from January 1 to December 31.

New Archers: Self-described as beginner, on the honor system.

Youth: 5 – 14 years of age: All archers 14 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult parent or legal guardian.

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