**SASKATCHEWAN ARCHERY ASSOCIATION**

**JUNIOR OLYMPIC PROGRAM**

**September 2022**

The Junior Olympic Program (JOP) is designed to recognize young archers for their achievements as well as to encourage and reward improvements. As awards are earned, each youth develops archery skills together with greater confidence and the ability to perform in competition-like settings. Goals also include recognizing fair play, courtesy and good sportsmanship with emphasis placed on safety and individual performance. Archers are encouraged to participate in the Provincial Junior Olympic Program Championship held in April of each year.

**HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:**

The program is open to youth age 6 – 21 years (as of December 31 of the current year). Youth must have their own equipment (bow, arrows, arm guard and finger protection). Sights and releases are optional. Individual clubs may choose to provide equipment at their discretion.

SAA affiliated clubs run the JOP Program for their youth members. Coaches are experienced volunteers from individual clubs who volunteer to provide instruction. The JOP Coordinators volunteer to liaise with the SAA as well as track scores, administer the program reporting and file badge requisitions. All participants must be members of the Saskatchewan Archery Association. Archers must also be members or pay fees as required by their local archery club. Each youth receives a JOP vinyl strip to attach their badges, and an SAA Button when they first join the program. As archers progress through the distances and score levels they will earn badges for each level they surpass.

Beginners in the program begin shooting at 10 meters, progressing to 15 meters and then 18 meters as their score and skill levels increase. Youth shoot an indoor round of 30 arrows on a 40cm face or triple face and follow Archery Canada Indoor Target Rules. At the coach discretion, older archers that have experience may start the program at 15 meters or 18 meters. Once started in the program no levels may be skipped. At the coach discretion / recommendation an archer may pass by a level if they have multiple high scores as well as demonstrate the skill and confidence to compete at a higher level.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

Archers must work through each distance range prior to receiving badges for that distance. (must shoot 2 scores above the highest badge level in order to achieve all badges for that distance at JOP night).

Sample scenario – athlete shoots 161/172 at 10 meters; coach can request all badges at the 10-meter distance. Coaches can also request that another attempt be tried to verify any level.

**ELIBILITY** for earning JOP Badges will only be at Club JOP Nights and the JOP Championship.

**NOTES:**

* Mini JOP Club competitions are not eligible to earn badges; as any shoot registered with Archery Canada must be open to all competitors
* Badges cannot be earned at Archery Canada registered shoots as target sizes vary for age classes
* JOP books must be kept up to date and turned it the JOP Championship. They will be used in case of discrepancy in scores and badge levels at the Championship;
* The JOP Program start date will be October 1 annually and will run up to and include the Provincial JOP Championship. No badge requests will be accepted prior to the start date.
* Clubs will be required to run their JOP Programs not less than 3 months and must begin submitting scores no later than January 1 annually.
* Scores may be carried over year to year for earning badges.
* SAA Coordinators may set up workshops for New and Returning Club coordinators to help set up the program and answer questions regarding the program

**GETTING STARTED:**

All participants in the Program will be registered with their local club. Club coordinators will forward to the appropriate SAA Coordinator, a list of all participants. Included on the Participant List will be:

1. Archer’s first and last name
2. Archer’s birthdate
3. SAA Number
4. Last Badge Level Achieved

Once the list is compiled, a fee of $20 per archer must be forwarded to the SAA to register into the program.

Please only use the badge request sheet that is supplied in this handbook to submit scores for badges earned.

**BADGE REQUIREMENTS**

Archers must shoot at least two scores at each distance to move to the next level. Scores must be shot at regular JOP nights. Archers are not classed according to age, gender or type of equipment used, but only according to scores they shoot.

Badges may also be earned with a single score shot at the JOP Championship.

Scores do not need to be consecutive to earn the next level. If an archer is shooting scores two or more levels above their badge level, it is at the coach or coordinator discretion to move archers up. SAA Coordinators also have the discretion to move archers up to an appropriate level.

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| 10 Meters | 15 Meters |
| Yeoman 60 | Archer 140 |
| Junior Bowman 80 | Master Yeoman 160 |
| Junior Archer 100 | Master Bowman 180 |
| Bowman 140 | Master Archer 200 |
| Bowman II 160 |  |

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| 18 Meters |  |
| Expert Bowman 180 | Olympian 270 |
| Expert Archer 200 | Olympian 275 |
| Champion Bowman 210 | Olympian 280 |
| Champion Archer 220 | Olympian 282 |
| Olympian 230 | Olympian 285 |
| Olympian 240 | Olympian 287 |
| Olympian 245 | Olympian 290 |
| Olympian 250 | Olympian 292 |
| Olympian 255 | Olympian 295 |
| Olympian 260 | Olympian 297 |
| Olympian 265 | Olympian 300 |

**LOCAL CLUB REQUIREMENTS**

1. Indoor range with 10m, 15, and 18m distances
2. Supply butts, targets and scorecards
3. Provide designated coaches to instruct and supervise youth archers
4. Provide a Club JOP Coordinator to carry out the administrative duties associated with the program
5. Ensure safety rules are part of the program and have a club safety officer on the range
6. Club JOP Coaches should become familiar with the program objectives and badge level requirements; instruct shooters in the visual and sound signals of shooting
7. Club JOP Coordinators should be familiar with the objectives and badge level requirements; create a list of JOP participants and submit them to the proper SAA Coordinator. The preferred method for registration and badge requests is electronic submissions; however, at this time, hand written copies will be accepted and emailed. Coordinators will submit scores to the SAA Coordinator when an archer has achieved his or her next level. Badge requests must be submitted at least once per month. Club coordinators will distribute badges as they are earned. There are costs associated with replacement badge requests. Contact the SAA Coordinators for pricing.

**COACHING NOTES:**

You will be a good JOP Coach if:

* You like working with children
* You are organized
* You have a sound understanding of basic archery fundamentals

What are your goals?

* To teach children to be safe while participating in the sport of archery (including visual and sound signals and courtesy rules)
* To teach the basic skills of archery
* To have fun, inspire confidence, cooperation and good sportsmanship

What do I have to teach the youth archers?

* Safety Rules – use the JOP Safety Handout on the Website as a resource. It can be adapted to reflect the rules of your range.
* Basic Fundamentals of Archery – there are useful information sheets available on the website.

**PRIOR TO JOP CHAMPIONSHIP**

* North and South JOP Coordinators will set a deadline for score submissions and inform the Club Coordinators. No badge levels will be acquired past this date. The Club Coordinators will be advised when it is time to start submitting names of archers who will be attending the Championship. Archers will then be placed in categories according to the next badge level he/she is working towards.
* There are defined shoot times of 8:30am, 11:30am and 2:30pm. Clubs will be assigned a time and will notified by the SAA Coordinators.
* Archers will need to arrive at least 30 minutes before the start time their club has been assigned. They will get 20 minutes to practice (for the earlier start time). Each time slot will be given a 20- minute practice session; this helps to keep the shoot on schedule.
* Finals are set for 4:00pm – if not sooner. (Depending on the total number of archers and how many shoot times there are)

**JOP PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

This tournament can be a great experience for your youth. They will shoot against other archers who have achieved the same badge levels. For example, if the archer has achieved the Master Yeoman badge they will compete against other archers and who are also working toward their Master Bowman badge. There is a minimal cost to participate and awards are provided by the SAA,

Archers will shoot a 30 Arrow round and be regrouped according to scores. The top 4 archers in each classification will shoot a second 30 Arrow round to determine the Champion for each badge classification.

To compete in this tournament, archers will need to know:

* How to shoot with sound and/or visual signals
* How to shoot with two lines
* How to behave with courtesy and good sportsmanship
* How to call the score of the arrows at the target (value of arrows, importance of not touching arrows until scorers have given the OK)
* How to double score (young archers may have parent volunteer help with scoring)

All archers who are competing at the JOP Championship must have recorded a minimum of 10 scores for the season in order to compete at the Championship. Failure to enter all scores could result in elimination from participation in the event.

If an archer is shooting with new equipment just prior to the championship which considerable increases the archers scores, the club coordinator will have them shoot a few scores, assess and move them up accordingly. This should be done in discussion with the Provincial Coordinator.

Archers shoot 3 arrows per end. Once they have shot their arrows and the safety officer indicates it is safe to do so, they will proceed to the target and score their arrows.

* Reminder that the arrows cannot be touched until they have been scored
* There will be double scoring at each target; two scorers are needed (from different clubs) and one caller
* Whenever possible, adults will keep score for archers who are shooting at 10 meters
* The caller should always be an archer
* Before the arrows are pulled, have archers mark the arrow holes
* All archers are to remain at the target until the scores have been written down and they match
* At the end of the 30-arrow round, score cards should be completely filled out and the scores must match. At this time only, have the archer sign his/her card.

**JOP PROGRAM REGISTRANTS**  YEAR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* **JOP Fee of $20 per participant must accompany this form**
* **Fees can be e-transferred to: 2022treasurersaa@gmail.com**

**BADGE REQUEST SHEET**

Coordinator Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| ARCHER’S NAME | SCORE 1 | SCORE 2 | BADGE REQUESTED | DATES ACHIEVED |
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Other supplies requested: # Buttons \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ # Vinyl Strips \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_