

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.