



International
Archery
Association

Rules of HDH-IAA Historical Archery

INTERNATIONAL ARCHERY ASSOCIATION (IAA)

Distance (flight) Shooting archery TOURNAMENT RULES

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1. GENERAL

1.1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.1. The Board of Directors of IAA has prepared and approved following tournament rules.
- 1.1.2. Members (competitors and organizers) of IAA must act according to following rules, when organizing/participating (in) national/international tournaments.

2. TOURNAMENTS

2.1. EVENTS

2.1.1. IAA classifies following events:

- World and Continental Championships
- GP

World and Continental Championships are organized every second year.
World and Continental Championships are to be organized separate years.
GP organized maximum 3 every year.

3. ORGANIZATIONS OF CONTINENTAL AND REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS, THE GP, INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND OTHER COMPETITIONS

3.1. ORGANIZATION OF TOURNAMENTS

3.1.1. The goal of IAA is to reach a standardized organization level in the different member countries. For this reason targets approved by BOD should be used at the following events:

- World Championships
- Continental Championships
- GP-s

The decision for hosting these events (3.1.1), will be taken by the Board of Directors.

3.1.2. The World Championships will be held every second (even) year.

Continental Championship will be held every 2nd (odd) year by a member country of IAA. The target distance and distance championships are organized simultaneously.

3.1.3. A request to organize any international tournament for the upcoming year has to be submitted to the General Secretary of IAA no later than 31st of September of the current year. The choice will be made by the Board of Directors and listed in the tournament schedule of IAA.

3.1.4 After getting the permission from IAA to organize an international tournament, 6 months prior to the event organizer has to sign contract and pay the specific deposit to the bank account of the IAA according to the document „Organizing International Competitions” published on website. The deposit is refunded after successful event. In case of cancelled event deposit is given to new organizer.

3.1.5. IAA member countries may organize an unlimited number of national tournaments. National associations may transfer the rights to organize these tournaments to their own clubs. These national tournaments have to be organized according to the stated and accepted rules to maintain the unique tournament standard of IAA.

3.1.6. IAA member countries should submit their own calendar of national tournaments for the upcoming year to the Secretary of IAA till 30th of November. The schedules of individual member countries will be properly sorted and listed in the official IAA website.

4. RULING AND SUPERVISION

4.1. JUDGES, DELEGATES

- 4.1.1. The presence of judges and delegates at tournaments is mandatory. They are to monitor the observance of the stated rules.
- 4.1.2. The IAA Committee of Judges assigns judges for World, Continental, GP-s and international tournaments. There must be at least one international judge at each of the tournaments above.
- 4.1.3. The IAA BOD assigns the technical directors (TD) for international tournaments. They are responsible for all questions regarding organization and supervision.
- 4.1.4. Judges and delegates are authorized to intervene and correct procedures of a tournament according to the stated rules of the IAA.
- 4.1.5 There is a possibility to protest against the decision of the judge. The protest committee has minimum 3 members if possible people that know the rules possibly from different countries named before the start of the competition. One of the members is the TD, whose voice is deciding in case of equal votes. The committee's task is to decide whether the judge's decision was according to the rules or not. If yes the protest is objected. If not the judge's decision will be corrected.

Protest time limit is 60 minutes after end of day's tournament in writing and by the person involved. Or right away in finals (within 10 minutes after decision).

Protest fee is set to 50 Euro. In case of rightful protest the money is given back to the protester, if rejected the money is transferred to a foundation.

5. AWARDS

5.1. TROPHIES AND MEDALS AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- 5.1.1. Organizers of World and Continental Championships have to do an award ceremony for the top 6 archers in each category. For archers coming first place medals, trophies and certificates are awarded, for the second and third places medals, and for 4-6th places certificates will be given. IAA as the international body is keeping records on ranking and the longest distances. All official records are awarded by a recognition certificate.
- 5.1.2. Organizers of GP-s have to do an award ceremony for the top 3 archers in each class.

5.2. TROPHIES, MEDALS AND RECOGNITION AT INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

5.2.1. Organizer of any tournament decides about the entry fee for the competitors and the type of award for the winners of the different classes. Invitations must contain information about entry fee and awards.

5.3. AWARDS GIVEN BY THE IAA

5.3.1. Special awards may be given to competitors by IAA for certain scores, reached during International Competitions.

6. PARTICIPATION IN CHAMPIONSHIP AND TOURNAMENT

6.1. PARTICIPATION

6.1.1. All member archers of IAA holding a valid license are allowed to participate in any international IAA event. Archers not licensed by one of IAA member organization can also participate on any event if individual license is paid.

6.1.2. International IAA tournaments are open events. Organizers may limit the number of participants.

6.2. GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

6.2.1. All competitors must register for an international tournament at least 14 days prior to the date of competition (30 days before Championships) on the registration part of IAA webpage. The organizer is not obliged to accept any applications after the deadline. The entry fee for applications made after the deadline will be increased by 50%.

6.2.2. Competitors have to be at waiting line at least 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the tournament. Registered competitors being late may join the competition after signal from judge while waiting on waiting line to join. In case of "flying start" competitors must be on start position at least 10 minutes prior their starting time.

6.2.3. The competition:

Target shooting is a one round tournament. The competitors have 1x5 per category and competitor. One competitor can compete in different categories on same competition. Only one bow allowed in one pound limit. Maximum archers on shooting and on shootigline is limited to 15.

Only one category shooting together. If somebody misses his/her own category there is not allowed to shoot with other categories. The evaluation (measuring and scoring) is made by judges and only after scoring are the competitors called to the shooting field to collect the arrows. Equipment, bows and arrows are not allowed to bring with to the field when collecting the arrows.

- 6.2.4 As a courtesy to fellow competitors, there will be no talking to spectators, other groups or archers in the group while the group is shooting. Making any kind of disturbing noises are not allowed.
- 6.2.5 Usage of electronic devices is not allowed by competitors and spectators on the courses (including phones headsets, walkie-talkies, cameras etc.). Competitors can take their mobile phone to the field only if the device is muted or switched off. Mobile phones can be used only in case of emergency. Special exception for camera usage may be made for press on duty wearing official press badges. Anyone who wants to take pictures or video of competitors, must get their permission first. Participating shooters agree to that photographs or video of them may be taken.
Judges have the right to check the equipment and accessories before a tournament start. They may require alterations or changes in case equipment or accessories are not in accordance with the stated rules. Judges may check equipment or accessories at any time during the tournament to determine its suitability for competition. Any violation of the IAA rules will result in penalty.
- 6.2.6 A shooter will receive a warning by judges in case of any rule violation. Warnings have to be recorded on the individual scorecards. Three warnings will result immediate disqualification. A report on disqualifications will be filed by the Competition Committee till of end of competition day.
- 6.2.7. Scorecards must have room for the recording of warnings.
- 6.2.8. Littering the ground will not be tolerated. Anyone being seen littering will be immediately disqualified from the tournament.
- 6.2.9. Alcohol is strictly forbidden for all archers before and during the competition. Smoking is forbidden except if the organizer prepares special smoking areas. It is not allowed to use technical devices of any kind at the ground.

7. SHOOTING FIELD –RANGE

7.1 The field of play is easy to overview, well trimmed flat area. When designing the field prevailing wind needs to be considered.

7.2. Safty taken in consideration the ideal field measurements are: the minimum width is a zone of minimum of 30 meters on both sides of the shooting line.(Base line) The minimum length is 700 meters. The maximum angle of the lines running out from baseline is 30 degrees resulting in a continuously withening field.

7.3. Marking out the field

7.3.1. The measuring and marking out of shooting field must be done with certified tools. The tools used must be noted in the judges report.

7.3.2. The edge of field is marked with sticks. The base line is between them painted or marked by a band. The base line is the shooting line prolonged by 30 meters on both sides. The waiting line is marked 5 meters behind the shooting line.

There is a technical line 2 meters in front of the shooting line.

The edge of field in length is marked by flags measuring at least 2m in height. Between the flags a line is marking the edge of field. The line can be painted or a marked by a band. The distances are marked in the middle of shooting field by flags on every 50 meters starting from shooting line. The distance markers are at least 50 cm in height.

8. CLASS DEFINITIONS AND RULES

8.1. Technical control

All bows and equipment shall be controlled and marked by stickers by the judges before start of competition. Stickers must be placed and kept on the bow during the competition making controlling of the sticker possible during the entire competition. Lack of sticker can result in disqualification. In case of loss of sticker a new technical control shall be made on request of the shooter.

Before stepping to the shooting line judges control the equipment. To shooting line only the bow allowed for the category and 5 arrows are allowed to bring with. When controlling the judge marks the arrows with permanent marker. After this control the archer goes to the waiting line and is not allowed to leave it before shooting is completed and the judges instructs so.

Leaving before completed shooting will result in disqualification.

8.2 Equipment

8.2.1. When a bow is strung the bowstring has to run along the middle line of the limb. Only standard or other modern materials must be used as a string. Historical materials (such as flex and tendon) cannot be used. 1 or 2 nocking points are permitted on the string.

8.2.2. No accessories for the purpose of stabilization, levelling, aiming, draw-weight reduction or draw checking are permitted.

No accessory enabling overdraw are permitted. (draw behind the grip)

Thumb ring, finger protection, tabs and other protectors are permitted. The drawing finger must touch the nock.

8.2.3. Arrows can be made of single or composite kind. Arrows shall be made of wood, bamboo, or cane fletching only with natural feathers. Plastic nocks may be used. Nock cut (hollowed) in the end of the shaft is only allowed if ensured with appropriate materials. No marks are permitted on the arrow that may help in draw checking. The following materials are not allowed in composite arrows: glass fiber, carbon, plastic fiber, plastic, metal.

The owner's name shall be indicated on the arrow.

Maximum 10 cm from the nock counted painting with non-transparent material is allowed.

8.2.4. Middle-Age or earlier historical clothing should be worn so middle age or earlier feeling is reflected (peasant, noble, aristocrats similar). No clothes or accessories can be worn that are undoubtedly modern (e.g., sunglasses, jeans, trainers, boots, printed T and Sweat-shirts, mobile phones, electronic devices, watches, bags, chairs etc.). Organizers are obliged to wear historical clothes. Technical crew can have clothes free of choice but must have identical T-shirts.

8.3. Bow styles defined

Bows are divided in 3 different poundage limit. Maximum of 35 pounds drawweight, Between 36-50 pounds and over 51 pounds, so called unlimited bows.

Draw weight is checked with the longest arrow to be shot if arrows are of different length. The point of the arrow will be drawn over till arrow falls from grip, ensuring equal measurement for all.

8.3.1. Historical bow made of modern materials (nomadic or longbow)

The bow can be made of only one material or mixed materials that contain modern material (for example; adhesive, fiberglass).

8.3.2. Historical bow made of natural materials (nomadic, or longbow)

The bow can be made of only one material or mixed materials that contain only natural materials (e.g. wood, horn, bone, tendon, jelly, natural polish, bamboo). Plastic nocks are not allowed! Only carved or hollowed nocks or nocks made from natural materials (e.g. horn, bone etc...)

General definition:

The shape and form of the bows shall align to historical bow types (e.g. Egyptian, Hellenic, Hungarian, Turkish, Tatar, Mongolian, English, Yumi etc) In case of disputation proving that the bow is historically correct is the task of the archer!

Nomadic bows:

The bow can be symmetric or asymmetric composite recurve bow. The bow cannot have a window and the arrow has to run out on the holding hand. Maximum one layer of textile or leather is allowed between the grip and the holding hand. No aid at all is allowed on the grip to hold or support the arrow.

The grip must be symmetrical sideways and is at least 15mm thick. The bow cannot be of a takedown style. There are no distinctions concerning the length of the rigid tip.

Historical longbows:

A one piece straight ended bow constructed of any material which when strung displays one continued unidirectional curve, which is measured as follows: when the strung bow is placed with the bowstring in a vertical position, the angle as measured between the tangent of any point on the limb and an imaginary horizontal line must always decrease as this point is moved further away from the bow grip (continually decreasing limb-string distance from the grip)

In case of any doubt as to the continuing curve of the limb then a string-line laid from the end of the riser (or the grip) fade out to the commencement of the tip overlays (or if there are no overlays then the point at which the bow string is held in the nock groove) on the back of the strung bow shall show no gaps between the string line and the bow limb. The tip reinforcing may not exceed 20mm in height, measured from the surface of the back of the bow limb and may not exceed 50mm in length, measured from the end of the tip. The bow cannot have a pistol grip, an arrow shelf or a window.- The bow cannot be of a takedown style. The arrow has to run out on the holding hand. No aid at all is allowed on the grip to hold or support the arrow.

8.3.3. Hunting Bows

Any kind of recurve bow or longbow, selfbow can be used that has a wooden handle. The bow may contain any kind of (originally) built-in joints and laminating. The bow can be one-piece or takedown style. Use of archery gloves, tabs and free-hand release aids are permitted.

Any kind of recurve bow, longbow or selfbow can be used that has a wooden handle. The bow may contain any kind of (originally) built-in joints and laminating. The bow can be one-piece or takedown style. Use of archery gloves, tabs and free-hand release aids are permitted. Use of damper is permitted on the limbs or on the string. The bow may contain a window and an arrow shelf. Different kind of aids are allowed on the window which are capable of supporting the arrow (e.g. fur or leather support etc...). Arrow rest like T300, NEET, Hoyt Hunter, Bear, etc. are not allowed

8.4. IAA CLASSES DEFINED

8.4.1. Only male and female is defined, no age groups.

8.4.2. Minimum 15 years must be filled 1-st of January of current year for participating.

9. SHOOTING RULES

9.1. 5 arrows per shooter per category will be shot from the shooting line. Only one bow and 5 arrows are allowed to bring to the shooting line. Any arrow, which is dropped is inside (whole arrow on shooter's side) the technical line and can be recovered while touching the shooting line may be re-shot within the time limit.

9.2. A shooter must touch the shooting line with the front leg while shooting.

- 9.3. One shooting group is maximum 15 archers. All archers in the category shoot in same group. If there are more than 15 archers in a category the groups of the same category shall shoot after each other.
- 9.4 As a courtesy to fellow competitors, archers have to wait for their turn in a certain distance, behind shooting line (5m) from the shooter till the shooting position becomes vacant and on judges signal can be occupied again.
- 9.5. Time limit for shooting the 5 arrows is 210 seconds. The judge decides the start of shooting for each group. Shooting line must be left immediately after the fifth shot.
- 9.6. All archers must stay behind the waiting line till all shooters of the group has finished shooting.
- 9.7. Competitor nor non competing persons can not enter the shooting field unless instructed to do so by a judge. Arrows are evaluated and scored by the judges and their helpers. Only the arrow located on longest distance from shooting line for each competitor is labeled and scored (by judges). The arrows are collected by the competitors when results are scored and instructed so by judges.
- 9.8. For safety considerations and to insure a timely competition, searching for lost arrows only allowed during scoring and after end of competition.
- 9.10. If the equipment failure occurs during the act of shooting, The shooter will have up to 5 minutes for repair.

A shooter may change his/her bow to an inspected reserve bow one time in a tournament.

10. SCORING RULES

For all sanctioned IAA Shooting events, the scoring is as follows:

- 10.1. If arrow is found inside the marked field the arrow counts as a valid shot. If more than the allowed number of arrows are shot the best score or scores are deleted. Names of the arrows must be clearly written on the arrows to make identification possible for judges. Non identified arrows do not score.
- 10.2 The competitors get their scorecards at registration. Scorecards are given to the judge before the technical control at the shooting position.
- 10.3. Scoring and labeling starts when all archers in one category has finished shooting and 5 arrows per competitor has been shot. Competitors cannot enter the shooting field they have to remain behind the waiting line till judges gives sign to enter and collect the arrows. The scoring judges are completing the scores and are responsible for the correctness of it. The shooter accepts the scores and validates the scorecard with signature.

- 10.4. The arrows are measured by 2 different judges to control and validate each others results.
- 10.5 The best result (longest distanced arrow) is scored. If the distances are not the same the measuring must be done again.
- 10.6. If the material of arrowshaft is contested the judges have right to brake it after the shot has been measured. This rule must be accepted to enter the competition.
- 10.7. If arrow is not found on the course the shot is not valid.
- 10.8. The scorecards filled out properly are handled to the organizer after sighning by both judes and competitors. No adjustments can be made after the signatures have been made.

Any person in violation of the above said rules can be disqualified from that event and may be suspended from membership.

Any person suspended from membership will not be allowed to shoot any sanctioned IAA event that shooting year or as directed by the IAA board of directors.

Anyone that is suspended from membership, and violates this rule, could be permanently suspended from IAA membership and all of its sanctioned events. Any shooter who disobeys shoot officials orders, will be disqualified from that event and may be suspended from membership.