



International
Archery
Association

Rules of HDH-IAA Historical Archery

INTERNATIONAL ARCHERY ASSOCIATION (IAA)

Distance Target 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. These competitions are minimum 2 day-tournaments, divided in qualification round and on the final round. The 12 best competitors from each category can enter the final round.

3.1.3. Target Distance competitions are two day-tournaments, on the first day competitors shoot in qualification rounds (5x7 increasing and 5x7 decreasing distance, totally 70 arrows) on the second day the final rounds as elimination rounds.

3.1.4. Final round

The 12 best competitors in qualification round from each category shoots in the final round.

In case the number of competitors is less than 12, there is no need for shooting finals, the scores obtained in qualifications define the ranking. Finals are of elimination type in set system.

Final's set up contains of 5 targets, placed on 5 different distances.

Distances are 40-60-80-100-120 mters. 3 arrows shot at each target and set.

The elimination match ends at 6 points achieved. Highest point/target wins the set and 2 points is awarded. Same points (tie) in the set results in 1-1 point.

If the points are equal (tie) after 5 targets shot a shoot off is executed on one of the targets. 1 shot each in alternate shooting.

1-4-th place after qualification round is protected and is not shooting the first round of the finals. First elimination round goes between places 5-12. The following bracket is used: 5-12, 6-11, 7-10, 8-9. the 4 winners are playing elimination against the 1-4 placed competitors in same order as mentioned. winner in match (5-12) goes against 1, 6-11 against 2 and so on. When 4 competitors remain 2 semifinals are played. The winners of semi finals go for the gold medal and the losers go for bronze medal.

Qual.	1-st round	2-nd round	semi	finals
1	Bye			
2	Bye			

3 Bye

4 Bye

5		1	semi 1	gold final		
12	duel a	winner duell a	winner	winner semi1	winner	gold
6		2	winner	winner semi2	loser	silver
11	duel b	winner duel b				
7		3	semi 2	bronze final		
10	duel c	winner duel c	winner	loser semi1	winner	bronze
8		4	winner	loser semi2	loser	4-th place
9	duel d	winner duel d				

3.1.5. National associations which try hard to maintain high level in organizing national / international events, according to the stated rules of IAA should have the privilege to organize international tournaments. IAA member-countries are allowed and encouraged to organize their own national tournament.

3.1.6. 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.

3.1.7. 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.

3.1.8. 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.

3.1.9. 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, who's 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.
- 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 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, except for finals.

6.2.4. 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 without disturbing them. 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.

6.2.5. The competition:

Distance Target shooting is shot at target surfaces and target zones. The competition has 2 parts. In the first part the distance is increased while shooting the different targets. On the second part the distance is decreased on same targets after each target shot.

7 shots are allowed on each distance. The competitor takes place on shooting line on command and can have 7 arrows with. Available time for shooting the 7 arrows is maximum 210 seconds. Only the archer shooting is allowed on the shooting line. Archers after completed shooting or waiting for shooting must stay behind the waiting line.

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

The field of play is easy to overview, well trimmed flat area like a footballfield. With the security zones the minimal size for the shooting field is 70x150meters.

The shooting line is marked with sticks with a line between them painted or marked by a band. The waiting line is marked the same way at least 3 meters behind the shooting line.

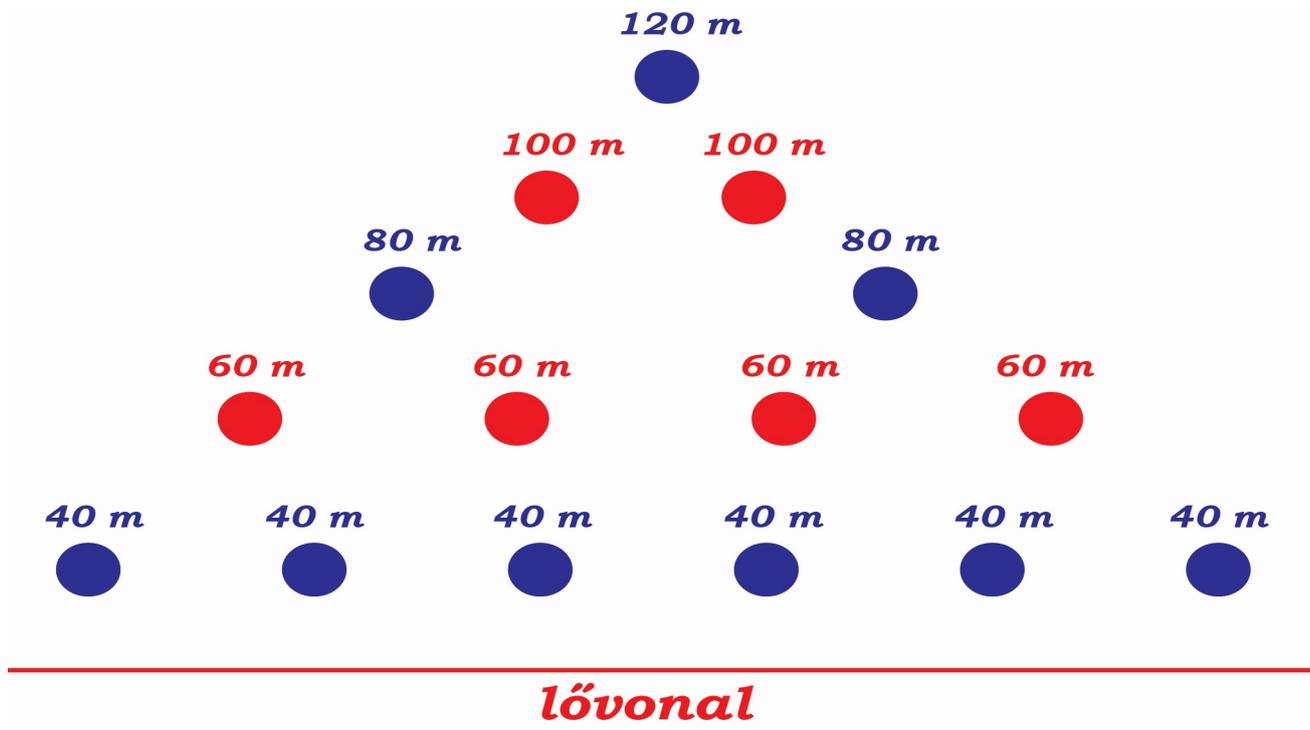
Mesuring and marking with sticks is done from the shooting line on distances 40,60,80,100 and 120 meters. Marking flags are to be placed on the axes of the field on 50 and 100 meters.

Only on 80 meters and above target zones are marked (on the ground).

The zones are formed in proportion to the measured distance to shooting line with paint spray or similar as a clearly visible circle. The target is placed in the middle of this circle. Different sized target zones are marked on different distances. The targets tilt back 10-15 degrees angle compared to vertical (upright) position.

After each round the targets already shot at should be carried off the field or laid down so they are not in the way for next distance round and should be placed back in the original position they were in when shot at in next round.

7.1. The Target Distance Range



40-60 meter targets:

Targets are placed on the ground. Maximum allowed lifting is 100 cm above ground. Target zones(10-8-5) are marked on targets.

80-100-120 meter targets:

Circular target zones have to be marked on the ground and the targets are located in the middle point of these circles. The targets must be placed on the ground.

The size of target zones are on 80 m distance 6 meters in diameter, on 100 m distance 8 m in diameter, on 120 m distance 10 meters in diameter. On the targets only 2 scoring zones are marked (10-8) the target zone is the 5 point scoring zone.

7.2. When placing targets out the ratio of target difficulty and shooting distance must be taken in consideration.

7.3. Each target can have three scoring zones with the value of 10-8-5 points.

7.4. Suitable barriers shall be placed around the course, wherever necessary, to keep spectators at a safe distance while still giving them the best possible view of the competition. Only those persons having the proper accreditation shall be allowed on the course inside of the barriers.

7.5. Shooting ranges for international events must be ready at least the day before the tournament, so that judges and delegates of IAA can inspect, and organizers still have time for potential corrections.

- 7.6. Practicing field with known distances has to be provided for the competitors the day before the tournament and during the tournament.
- 7.7. Medical service must be provided at the shooting field during the whole duration of the competition.
- 7.8. On international events Organizers of a tournament should provide at least two rest areas (food/water) and rest room facilities (e.g. portable toilet) on each course.

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(s) 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.

8.2 Equipment

- 8.2.1. No signs/marks on the inner side of the upper limb are allowed to use as an aiming reference.
- 8.2.2. 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.
- 8.2.3. No accessories for the purpose of stabilization, levelling, aiming, draw-weight reduction or draw checking are permitted. Thumb ring is permitted. The drawing finger must touch the nock.
- 8.2.4. Arrows shall be made of wood or bamboo, 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. Targetpoint shall be used, causing no damage to the targets. The owner's name shall be indicated on the arrow.
- 8.2.5. Binoculars and/or ~~spotting scopes~~ rangefinders are not allowed.
- 8.2.6. Middle-Age or earlier historical clothing should be worn ~~represented 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

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, fibreglass).

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, greek, 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. The filled age 1st of January decides the whole year. Cadets and juniors can shoot in older class, veterans can choose to shoot as adults.

8.3.2.

veteran: 51 years of age or older / men –women

senior: 21 –50 years / men–women

junior: 18 –21 years / men –women

cadet: 15 –21 years / men –women

9. SHOOTING RULES

9.1. 7 arrows per shooter per target will be shot from a stake. Any arrow, which is dropped and can be recovered while touching the shooting line may be re-shot.

The shooter is responsible for maintaining control of the arrow. Any arrow released accidentally or deliberately and not found in the scoring area of the target, is scored as a zero ("0")

9.2. A shooter must touch the shooting line with some part of his/her body while shooting.

9.3. When scoring only judges their helpers and scorers are allowed in scoring zones and only they are allowed to touch the arrows. Competitors wait outside the scoring zone before scores are recorded. Not shot (other distance) targets and target zones only judges and their helpers are allowed to enter. No searching after lost arrows in non shot, non scored target zones. It is not allowed to walk the competition field before and under the competition. The organizer is responsible to keep the game clean and fair.

9.4 Groups must have at least 4 shooters and no more than 8 shooters. Each group will assign two scorekeepers not belonging to the same club or nation. The first listed archer of each group is the leader of the group.

9.5 As a courtesy to fellow competitors, archers have to wait for their turn in a certain distance (3m) from the shooter at the stake.

9.6 Time limit for shooting the 7 arrows is 210 seconds. Shooting line must be left immediately after the seventh shot.

9.7. All archers must stay behind the warning line till all shooters has finished shooting.

- 9.8. All arrows must remain in the target until all arrows are scored. The status of any doubtful arrow must be determined before drawing any arrow from the target and neither arrows nor the target may be touched until a judgment has been made.
- 9.9. 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 arrow will be scored as a shot. The shooter will have up to 5 minutes for repair. If the repair can't be done at the range the shooter will have up to 25 minutes for repair. The shooter has to contact a judge. Time will start at the moment the judge takes over the score cards. The group must wait. A shooter may change his/her bow to an inspected reserve bow one time in a tournament. Only one bow per shooter may be brought to the range. After the repair is done, the shooter will have two arrows for practicing on the target, which is already shot.

10. SCORING RULES

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

- 10.1. Scores available on all targets or/and target zones: 0 – 5 – 8 – 10
Arrows shot outside the target or target zones are scored as 0.
On distances 40 and 60 meters all hitting zones are on the targets(5-8-10)
On distances 80-100-120 meters two hit zones(8-10) are located on the targets the 5 point score is the marked targets zone on the ground.
- 10.2 Qualification result for a competitor is the sum of results on all targets from increasing and decreasing distances. When scorer calls the name of the archer to be scored he/she shall help in the identification of arrows by clearly saying the scores shot, that is controlled by the scorer simultaneously. If the scored archer after 3 calls do not cooperate with the scorers 0 is to be recorded for the round.
- 10.3. In the event of a tie the archers should hold a shoot-off for the first 3 places. Sequence will be decided by a draw made by the judges. One shooting for one target should be made, the archer who scores nearest to the middle point of highest score zone wins the shoot-off.
- 10.4. The arrow shaft must touch any portion of the line to be scored for the higher value. In case of target zones score is determined by the allocation of the point. An arrow that is embedded into the nock end of an arrow that is embedded in the target will be scored the same as the embedded arrow. All arrows must remain in the target until all arrows are scored.
- 10.5 Shooters will get the official scorecards (2 for each shooter) for that day at the meeting before the beginning of each round. Double scoring is required.
- 10.6. At each target scoring will be done after all archers finished the shooting. Each scorekeeper will maintain 1 card for each shooter and be responsible for recording each arrow.

10.8. Both score keepers must compare their recorded scores before the arrows are pulled. In case of mistakes, corrections have to be made immediately. The leader of the group has to sign the corrections.

10.9. In case there are disagreements about the score on both scorecards of a shooter at the end of the round; the lowest score will be valid.

At the completion of each course all scorecards must be legible, completed and signed. No changes may be made to a scorecard after the scorekeeper and shooter have signed the scorecard. The scorecards have to be turned in by the leader of the group immediately (within 15 minutes) after the completion of the course.

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.