

THE  
INTERNATIONAL FIELD ARCHERY ASSOCIATION  
  
THE CONSTITUTION  
  
And  
  
THE BOOK OF RULES  
  
Incorporating  
  
THE BY-LAWS  
  
THE WORLD FIELD ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP (WFAC) RULES  
  
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## PREAMBLE

This preamble shall never be amended or destroyed in the history of this Association.

Within the framework of this Association shall be preserved forever the theory and belief that all humans are born equal irrespective of race, creed, colour or nationality and that it is the full intent of our God for all mankind to reside together in peace and unison with complete freedom and dignity for man.

It is the intent of this body to preserve and advance these principles by joining together the nations and continents of the world through the preservation by usage of mankind's most ancient weapon, the bow and arrows, in games designed to challenge individual skills while creating a better understanding.

Further, this body recognises the sovereignty of each nation to administer such programmes as it deems necessary and desirable for the benefit of archery within the nation and the world.



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# **THE CONSTITUTION**



## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this Association shall be the "INTERNATIONAL FIELD ARCHERY ASSOCIATION", indicated by the abbreviation IFAA and further in this Constitution referred to as “the Association”.

The Association shall be a non-profit orientated sports body with its head office in Lugano, Switzerland, defined as such, pursuant to articles 60 and following of the Swiss Civil Code.

### **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

- A. To provide a basic plan by which one national field archery association from each nation of the world may become a member of the Association.
- B. Promote and develop field archery and any other archery sports and events the Association may adopt through transfer of knowledge and experience, throughout the world.
- C. To develop and promote competition between international and national associations.
- D. To formulate rules governing international competition.
- E. To arrange for the organisation of World Championships and other International events such as Continental or Cross Border championship tournaments as the Association may decide from time to time.
- F. To formulate programmes that will give recognition to archers for proficiency with the bow and arrow in all IFAA sanctioned competitions.
- G. To adopt a set of standards which will differentiate between the amateur status and professional status of archers for competition as conducted by and/or sanctioned by the Association.
- H. Formulate projects for development, instruction, coaching and spreading of expertise.
- I. Support the concept of diversity and inclusiveness to bring individuals together through archery for all.

### **ARTICLE III– POWERS OF THE IFAA**

In furtherance of the purpose, the Association may:

- A. Properly administer the assets, fees and other financial contribution of the members according to this Constitution.
- B. Purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire and otherwise acquire property, real and personal, and any rights and privileges which may be requisite to the purposes of, or capable of being conveniently used in connection with any of the purposes of the Association.

- C. Enter into any arrangements with any national government or authority or organisation that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the purpose of the Association. Obtain from such government or authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the Association may think it desirable to obtain and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions.
- D. Invest and manage the assets of the Association with diligence, in such manner as shall be determined by the biannually approved budget , while guaranteeing sufficient liquidity for conducting the functions of the Association
- E. In furtherance of the purposes of the Association sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Association.
- F. Take any gift of property whether subject to any special trust or not for any of the purposes of the Association.
- G. Take such action by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Association by donations, annual subscriptions, sanction fees or other sources of funds
- H. Print and publish any newsletters, periodicals, books, leaflets or video, audio tapes and/or other written or electronic media the Association may think desirable for the promotion of its purpose.
- I. Do any other such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the purpose of the Association and in the exercise of the powers of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP**

The Association recognises the following classes of members:

##### **A. Full members**

Full members shall be national field archery associations or their counterpart, one from each nation.

A Full member may propose a change to the IFAA Constitution or the Book of Rules and exercise a vote in the affairs of the Association.

##### **B. Associate members**

1. Associate members are applicants for full membership whose candidacy has been approved by the Executive Council and are waiting to be approved by the World Council.

The Associate member shall not propose changes to the IFAA Constitution or the Book of Rules and shall not vote in the affairs of the Association.

2. The Archery Association Europe is an Associate member of the Association.

### C. Temporary members

Temporary members are members whose candidacy has been approved by the Executive Council and await further approval as an Associate member by the Executive Council.

The above mentioned members shall be national field archery associations or their counterparts. Only one member, irrespective of the above mentioned classes, shall be recognised by the IFAA for each country.

### D. Corporate members

Corporate members shall be any firm, business or company that supports the purposes of the Association.

The Corporate member shall not propose changes to the IFAA Constitution or the Book of Rules and may not vote in the affairs of the Association.

### E. Honorary members

The World Council may from time to time grant honorary membership to individuals, organisations or companies who have served the Association beyond the call of duty. Such members have no say in the affairs of the Association; neither shall they attend the General Assembly. Members of the Executive Council, while in Office, may not be granted such membership.

## **ARTICLE V - AFFILIATION**

### A. Membership

1. Any National Field Archery Association wishing to join the Association as a member shall submit a written application for membership addressed to the secretary and pay the application fee. The application fee is equal to the annual membership fee.
2. Applications for membership shall be dealt with by the Executive Council who may accept or decline any application. A reason for denial of the application must be given.
3. In the event that an application for membership is denied, the application fee shall be refunded.
4. The national association whose membership request has been denied may appeal that decision in writing to the World Council at its first available meeting. Such appeal shall be submitted within 60 days of advice of such denial and shall submit full details as to the basis for the appeal.
5. When an application for membership has been accepted by the Executive Council, that association shall enjoy temporary membership with associate membership status for not less than one year, where after Associate membership shall be considered by the Executive Council.  
Approval for Full membership shall be considered by the World Council at the World Council meeting not less than one year after the acceptance as an associate member.
6. Members have the right to object to such applicant becoming a member. The objection must be in writing and addressed to the Secretary. Such objections shall be dealt with at the World Council's next meeting.

7. If an **objection to membership** is upheld, membership shall be suspended and then reviewed in accordance with the procedures under Article VII of the Constitution.

B. Corporate membership:

1. Any firm, business or company wishing to join the Association as a Corporate member shall submit a written application to the Secretary and pay the application fee.
2. The application fee is equal to the annual membership fee.
3. Applications for Corporate membership shall be dealt with by the Executive Council who may decline any application. A reason for denial of the application must be given. No appeal to the World Council is allowed.
4. Corporate membership shall be for a minimum of two years unless the member is suspended in accordance with the procedures under Article VII of the Constitution.
5. In the event that an application for membership is denied the application fee shall be refunded.

C. Membership requirements

To be considered for full membership the applicant shall provide the following information at the World Council meeting:

1. A copy of their constitution or certified translation thereof in English.
2. Proof that the association is officially registered as a “legal person”.
3. Have a formal web site, advertising themselves as a national archery association with a link to the IFAA web site. The website shall have basic information about the association, their membership, constitution, a registration page for new members, tournaments, etc.
4. The member shall be committed to host at least one national event annually under IFAA By-Laws, Article V, sub-articles A to J.
5. Failure to submit anyone of the above documentation or commitment shall be sufficient cause for the World Council to deny full membership to the applicant.

**6. Provide a Representative to serve on the World Council.**

D. Membership fees

1. Membership fees are paid annually. They are effective from the first day of January and shall be paid before the last day of February of the same year.
2. The annual membership fees shall be:
  - a. Each **Temporary**, Associate and/or Full member: 100 Euro
  - b. Each Corporate member: Subject to contract negotiation

E. Withdrawal from membership

1. A member who wishes to withdraw from membership must notify the Secretary in writing. Loss of membership becomes valid at the end of the month the notification is received.
2. Membership fees shall not be refunded.

**ARTICLE VI - LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP OR SUSPENSION.**

Membership may be lost if the member:

- A. Does not pay membership fees and other dues within the deadlines prescribed in this Constitution.
- B. Does not abide by or enforce standards to assure amateur status of the individual archer for competitions conducted and/or sanctioned by the Association.

And in the case of full members and associate members:

- C. Does not abide by or enforce the rules, regulations and policies of the Association when conducting tournaments either under the auspices of the Association or sanctioned by the Association.
- D. Does not provide a system of classification recognised by the Association.
- E. Does not provide a Representative to serve on the World Council.
- F. Full membership shall be suspended and the member reverts back to associate member if that full member no longer complies with anyone of the membership requirements under Article V (C), paragraphs 1 to 4.  
The suspension of full membership will follow the procedure under Article VII of the Constitution.

**ARTICLE VII –**  
**PROCEDURE OF SUSPENSION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT**

- A. Upon presentation of evidence of cause of action, the Secretary shall present specific charges against the member.
- B. Following receipt of the specific charges, the member shall have 60 days to correct the deficiency and/or prepare a defence.
- C. At the end of 60 days after receipt of the member's correction/defence, the Executive Council shall decide to either suspend or expel or reinstate the member and shall communicate such decision to the member in writing.
- D. A member may appeal the decision taken before the Appeals Board within thirty days of notification of the decision.

Such appeal, in writing and submitted to the Secretary of the Association, may be made on the following grounds:

1. The verdict arrived at is not substantiated by the evidence submitted and the member is innocent or
2. The decision of the Executive is disproportionate to the severity of the offence committed.

The Appeals Board shall be convened by the President not later than thirty days after the appeal has been received and shall consist of 5 people.

Four members of the Appeals Board shall be drawn from the Association's full members. The Executive Council shall nominate two full members to provide one person each to sit on the Appeals Board, as shall the appellant member. The appellant member shall be excluded from sitting on the Appeals Board.

The fifth member, who shall be the Chairman of the Appeals Board, shall be elected from the Executive Council by the four nominated members by mutual consent.

It will be the duty of the Appeals Board to review the decision of the Executive and they may uphold, set aside or amend the decision originally reached not later than thirty days after the Board was convened. The decision of the Appeals Board shall be binding on all parties and members of the Association.

If the decision is not accepted, the appellant may appeal with the World Council who shall decide at the next World Council meeting and where no further appeal shall lie.

## **ARTICLE VIII - BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

A. The World Council.

B. The Executive Council

C. The Regional Councils

D. Standing Committees

1. Auditing Committee

Convened by the World Council under Article XIV of the Constitution

2. Technical Committee

Convened by the President under Article 3 of the Policy section

3. Training and Coaching Committee

Convened by the President under Article 12 of the Policy section

E. Special Committees

1. Appeals Board

Convened under Article VII D of the Constitution



## **ARTICLE IX - VOTING RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES**

- A. Full members of the Association and the elected Officers of the Executive Council have the right to vote on a resolution or motion or exercise an abstention and not cast a vote “For” or “Against” a resolution or motion. Full members and elected Officers may submit to the World Council on the proper forms, matters on which the World Council is to vote. The member making the proposal must send it to be received by the Secretary at least 120 days before the World Council Meeting.
- B. The Executive Council will have 30 days to study the proposal and prepare their comment.
- C. The Secretary will send copies of all proposals and related comments by the Executive Council to all the members at least 90 days before the World Council Meeting.
- D. Members may review their proposals and return the amended proposals on the proper forms to be received by the Secretary at least 60 days before the World Council Meeting. The World Council shall vote on the original proposal if no amendment is received within the time limit.
- E. All properly submitted proposals and the agenda of the World Council Meeting shall be posted by the Secretary to the full, associate and temporary members 50 days prior to the World Council meeting.
- F. All decisions of the World Council shall be binding for all members and the bodies of the Association.
- G. A vote which is not cast shall be considered as a vote neither “For” nor “Against” the motion or proposal under consideration.
- H. The Executive Council may make changes to the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules of Competition and Policies that are considered “House Keeping. These are limited to: Grammar, confusion, obvious mistakes and no-sense items. These changes will be ratified by mail or electronic correspondence. The results of these votes will be given to all members within 30 days after the date of the vote.
- I. Vote by proxy.

A full member who will be absent from the World Council meeting may authorise another full member to vote on their behalf under the following provisions:

  - 1. The representative of the member who is authorised to vote on behalf of another member shall hand to the Secretary, before the start of the meeting, a copy of the votes together with the necessary accreditation by the authorising member. All documents shall be signed by at least two executive officers of the authorising member and these signatures must be verified by a Commissioner of Oath.
  - 2. The above representative may not change the vote unless explicitly authorised that he/she may do so.
  - 3. The name of the person who will cast the vote shall be mentioned in the letter of accreditation and such authorisation may not be transferred to another party.

4. The vote shall be either “For” or “Against” the motion. No proxy can be authorised for a vote “not cast” (abstention).
5. In the event that a proposal is amended in the meeting and no authorisation to change the vote has been given, proxy votes will be recorded as follows:
  - a. A proxy vote “For” of the original motion will be “Against” the amended motion.
  - b. A proxy vote “Against” the original motion will be “Against” the amended motion.
6. Votes that are cast by proxy are binding and may not be disputed or revoked by the authorising member.

## **ARTICLE X – WORLD COUNCIL**

- A. The World Council of the Association shall be the supreme policy and decision making body of the Association and shall exercise all powers of the Association or shall delegate any or all such powers to the Executive Council as necessary or desirable.
- B. The World Council shall consist of the Elected Officers of the Association and one accredited representative of each member. The World Council in session shall be known as the General Assembly
- C. The General Assembly shall conduct the affairs of the Association on even numbered years at the World Field Archery Championships, when they will be in session over the two days immediately preceding the opening ceremony of the Championships.
- D. Each Member shall be accorded one vote. The vote of the member shall be cast by their accredited representative who shall be selected in any manner prescribed by that Member and may hold tenure on the World Council to the complete discretion of the Member. Should the Representative be unable to attend the meeting, the Member may be represented by an appointed delegate, who may only attend on presentation of a Letter of Accreditation to the Secretary before the start of the meeting.
- E. Each Elected Officer of the Executive Council shall be accorded one vote. Nominated Officers will serve the World Council without a vote.
- F. The Representative of a Temporary member or an Associate member will serve on the World Council without the right to speak and without a vote.
- G. Corporate members shall have no representation on the World Council.
- H. The rules contained in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the meetings of the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution, By-Laws or Policies of the Association and any other special rules of order the World Council may adopt.
- I. An extra-ordinary General Assembly shall be called if one fifth (1/5) of the full members

shall request such a meeting. The request shall be set up in writing and directed to the Secretary.

**J. Duties of the World Council:**

1. Vote on all proposed changes to the IFAA Book of Rules, which includes the Constitution, the By-Laws, Championship Rules, Procedures and Policies.
2. Execute the financial control on all assets, property and financial proceedings of the Executive Council and or other Committees or persons entrusted in the financial affairs of the Association and to elect two representatives from the full members in good standing to be the Auditing Committee.
3. On acceptance of the audit by the Auditing Committee exonerate the members of the Executive Council if verification of the Association's accounts and books met with accepted accounting standards with all income, expenditure and management of assets being in accordance with Association policy and by-laws.
4. The Full members of the World Council shall approve by voting an operating budget as developed by the Treasurer and the President as presented at the World Council meeting. A tied vote shall be considered as a No-vote, in which case the budget is subjected to revision until it is acceptable to the World Council.
5. The Full members of the World Council shall elect Officers in accordance with provisions of this Constitution and terminate office of any elected Officer on just cause shown.
6. Establish annually fees, dues and other sources of revenue required to defray operating expenses.
7. Establish all programmes, policies and procedures to be followed by the Association.
8. Formulate, establish and adopt all the purposes of the Association under Article II and Article III of the Constitution.
9. Fill any vacancy in any elective office for the Association for the non-expired term of the office
10. Ratify decisions and interpretations by the Executive Council, the Appeals Board, the Technical Committee or any other special committee that from time to time may be appointed.

**ARTICLE XI - EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**A. The Executive Council shall comprise of the elective positions of:**

The President  
The Vice-President  
The Secretary  
The Treasurer

The Executive Council may be served by other appointed positions as may be created from time to time, to assist the elected Officers in the administration of the Association

**B. Powers and duties of the Executive Council:**

1. Members of the Executive Council shall perform in their duty with diligence and to the best interest of the Association and do so solely for the benefit of the functioning of the Association and never for any personal benefit, advancement or gain, and solely in terms of the mandate from the Executive Council.
2. Shall hold all authority while the World Council is not sitting and shall conduct , administer and manage the Association in keeping with the approved budget and the decisions of the World Council, the Constitution, the By-laws and the Policies of the Association and in that order.
3. Shall have the authority to incur debts on behalf of the Association and to expend funds thereto, in accordance with the budget as approved by the World Council. The Executive Council shall not exceed the annual budget, as approved by the World Council, by more than 5 000 Euro.
4. Expenditure by the individual elected members of the Executive Council shall be subject to the following authorisation:
  - a. Expenditure up to 500 Euro per transaction: Authorisation required by the Treasurer only.
  - b. Expenditure over 500 Euro per transaction but not exceeding 2500 Euro: Authorisation by the President and the Treasurer.
  - c. Expenditure over 2,500 Euro per transaction but not exceeding 10,000 Euro: Authorisation by the President and two other elected members of the Executive Council.
  - d. For expenditure exceeding 10,000 Euro specific authorisations by the World Council will be required. Such authorisations shall be required in addition to the budget approval. Such authorisation shall be based on a simple majority decision by the Full members that voted.
5. Shall have the authority to interpret the meaning of these articles in the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Policies and rule on any matter relating to the Association on which these articles are silent.
6. The Executive Council may make changes to the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules of Competition and Policies that are considered to be ‘House Keeping’. These are limited to: Grammar, Confusion, Obvious mistakes and nonsense items. These changes will be ratified by mail or electronic correspondence. The results of these votes will be given to all members within 30 days after the date of the vote.

7. Appoint standing committees to carry out functions of the Association. Power of such Committees shall be defined in respective By Laws.
8. Shall prepare written reports of its activities every six months and submit copies thereof to each member of the Association.
9. Shall fill vacancies in the Executive Council in terms of Article 8 in the Policy section.

C. Powers and Duties of the Executive Officers

1. President

- a. Shall preside at all meetings of the World Council, the Executive Council or any other duly constituted body.
- b. Initiate and develop activities of the World Council or any other duly constituted body.
- c. Shall conduct the affairs of the Association in accordance with the programmes, policies and budgets established by the World Council.
- d. Shall represent the Association in the execution of the “Powers of the IFAA” (Refer to Article III) and shall be the first signatory of all legal documents.
- e. Has the authority to overrule a proposal by the members of the Executive Council in matters concerning the manner in which the affairs of the Association are conducted. Such authority to overrule shall not apply to the majority decision by the members of the Executive Council where it concerns a proposal by the President.
- f. At his/her discretion shall appoint special committees to carry out functions of the Association.
- g. At his/her discretion shall call in periodical meetings for the purpose of the execution of all powers and duties given.

2. Vice-President

- a. Shall perform the duties of the President if the President is unable to act.
- b. Shall be responsible for the implementation and conduct of all tournaments and events sponsored by the Association.

3. Secretary

- a. Shall maintain all the official records of the Association.
- b. Assure the proper publication of all official publications, reports and notices as well as promotional material.

- c. Shall assist the President in the execution of the “Powers of the IFAA” and shall be the second signatory of all legal documents.
- d. Shall administer the Association in the execution of the “Powers of the IFAA”.
- e. In the event this office is temporary combined with the office of the Treasurer, shall be responsible for such fiscal duties as outlined for the Treasurer and shall render such reports as required by the constitution and/or requested by the World Council or President.

#### 4. Treasurer

- a. Shall, along with the President, develop a two year budget for the Association, to be submitted at the World Council Meeting for approval.
- b. Shall supervise the fiscal and financial matters of the Association in accordance with the budget.
- c. Shall render such reports as required by the constitution and/or requested by the World Council or President.
- d. Shall render certified copies of the Association’s cash books and bank statements to the members of the Auditing Committee. Such cash books shall be compiled for 31 May and 31 December of each year and shall reach the members of the Auditing Committee not later than 21 days after those dates.
- e. Shall open such local currency bank account(s) as may be authorised by the Executive Council for the efficient daily operations of the Association and shall operate the bank account(s) solely for the benefit of the functioning of the IFAA and never for any personal benefit, advancement or gain, and solely in terms of the mandate from the Executive Council.

#### D. Election

- 1. The term of office for the President and the Treasurer shall run concurrent as shall the term of office for the Vice-President and the Secretary. The two elections shall be split; the election of the Vice-President and Secretary shall be held two years after the election of the President and the Treasurer.
- 2. On the first day of August of each election year the World Council shall act as a nominating committee. Each Full member may file the name of a candidate for each office with the Secretary on or before the first day of September. All candidates will have been contacted beforehand and shall have agreed to accept the office if elected.
- 3. On or before the first day of October, the Secretary will post to the members the names of all nominees, together with a brief history of each nominee’s qualification as well as proof of valid registration with a national association with Full member status.  
Any nominee shall be privileged to withdraw his/her name from the ballot on or before the first day of November.

4. On the **tenth** day of November the Secretary shall post an official ballot to each Full member. The ballot shall be returned to the Secretary no later than the first day of December.
    - a. In the case of only one candidate, the vote shall be “Yes” or “No”. The candidate is elected if the number of “Yes” votes exceeds the number of “No” votes. Otherwise the office is deemed vacant, as is defined in “Policies of the IFAA”, Article 9.
    - b. In the case of two candidates for an office, members shall cast a single vote and the candidate with the larger number of valid votes is elected.
    - c. In the case of three or more candidates for an office, members shall cast two votes clearly expressing their votes, one for first preference and one for second preference vote. Votes for more than two candidates or votes where the preference is not apparent will not be valid. Votes for only one candidate or two votes for the same candidate will be considered as one first preference vote and no second preference vote. The candidate with the majority of first preference votes is elected. Should no candidate achieve this majority, the number of second preference votes is combined with the number of first preference votes. The candidate with the majority of votes is elected.
    - d. In case of a tie at the end of the voting procedure a casting vote shall be exercised by the Vice President in years when the President is elected and by the President in all other years.
  5. Write-in candidates shall not be considered.
  6. A nominee shall be a person in good standing with membership of a Full member Association.
- E. Term of office.
1. The term of office for all office bearers shall be four years concurrent with the fiscal year.
  2. The officers may hold office for more than two consecutive terms.

## **ARTICLE XII - REGIONAL COUNCILS**

- A. Each Region as defined under Article 1A of the By-Laws may at its discretion elect a Regional Council to decide on matters that affect the region, provided that such decision does not contravene the rules and regulations in the Constitution, By-Laws and Policies of the IFAA.
- B. The following Regional Councils are recognised:
1. The International Field Archery Council of Europe, referred to as IFAA-Europe, registered on 01 January 2015
  2. Other Regional Councils to be added when so requested by that Region.

- C. A Regional Council shall consist of one accredited representative of each member in that region, who shall be accorded one vote.
- D. The Representative of a Temporary member or an Associate member will serve on the Regional Council without a vote.
- E. Duties and authorities of the Regional Councils are referred to in Article 1B of the By-Laws.

### **ARTICLE XIII - FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December.

### **ARTICLE XIV - SOURCE OF FUNDS**

The funds of the Association shall be derived from:

1. Joining fees
2. Membership fees
3. Tournament sanction fees
4. Tournament "Goodwill" deposits
5. Interest on capital assets
6. Sale of artefacts and memorabilia
7. Donations
8. Any other actions taken by the Association under Article III.

### **ARTICLE XV – AUDITING COMMITTEE**

The function of the Auditing Committee shall be to assist the World Council in the financial control of the Association. In the execution of this function the duties of the members of the

Auditing Committee shall be:

1. To receive copies of the cash books and bank statements from the Treasurer twice a year.
2. Prepare an account balance within three weeks after receipt of the copies of the cash book and bank statements and prepare an account balance sheet.
3. Compare the account balance sheets with the budget that was approved at the last World Council meeting and obtain justification in case expenditure exceeds the allowable over-expenditure.
4. Submit the account balance sheets and related substantiating documents to the full members and the President of the Association.

### **ARTICLE XVI - MEMBER'S AND OFFICER'S LIABILITY**

#### **A. Member's liability.**

1. The Association is liable for debts to third parties solely with its own assets



2. Full members shall not hold any personal liability. Liability for each member is limited to outstanding membership fees (if any), tournament fees (if any) or other outstanding costs that may be decided by the World Council.
3. Liability for each associate member and each corporate member is limited to outstanding membership fees.

**B. Officer's liability**

1. Officer's liability shall be limited to losses caused to the assets and property of the association by crime negligence or malicious acts and financial losses caused to the association by slander or gossip.
2. Recovery shall be limited to proven loss of assets.

**ARTICLE XVII - OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

- A. The official language of the Association shall be English.
- B. All instructional items at World Tournaments shall be in the official language.
- C. The instructions may be duplicated in alternate languages provided the information is a true translation.
- D. The Constitution that is registered in Lugano, Switzerland, is a true translation of the English version.
- E. Copies of the IFAA Book of Rules will be considered "for information only" if they are translated into a language other than English.
- F. The Association will be guided by the "Oxford English Dictionary".

**ARTICLE XVIII - DISSOLUTION**

- A. The Association shall be dissolved:
  1. If the membership is less than five full members over more than two consecutive years.
  2. If a resolution to that effect is carried by a vote of three-fourths (3/4) majority of those full members eligible to vote at a meeting convened for that purpose.
- B. At the time of dissolution of the Association the property and other assets of the Association remaining after payment of all expenses and other liabilities must be given to another Corporation benefiting from tax exemption with similar ideals and/or interests.

**ARTICLE XIX - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

- A. Amendments to the Articles of the Association, the By-Laws and Policies require a two-thirds vote of the full members attending a World Council meeting.
- B. All alterations and amendments shall be effective on the first day of January of the following year unless the World Council decides that adoption must be immediate to assure the successful operation of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE XX- SALVATORY CLAUSE**

Whenever this Constitution or Article(s) thereof contradict the laws of Switzerland, such Article (s) shall be rewritten in wording that complies with the applicable regulation(s) of Swiss Law.

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This Constitution, without any amendments or corrections, has been approved by the IFAA World Council convened in Yankton, USA, on 02 August 2014 and verified by the IFAA Executive Council and will be enforced from 01 January 2015.

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**IFAA President**

# **THE BOOK OF RULES**



## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I - THE WORLD REGIONS OF THE IFAA**

#### **A. The World Regions of the IFAA shall be:**

Africa, Asia, Europe, Pacific Region, North America and South America

#### **B. The nations within a Region shall be determined by IFAA Policy**

#### **C. Authority and duties of the Regional Council:**

1. The Regional Council shall have the authority to decide on matters that affect the Region.
2. To promote the IFAA in the region and develop field archery and other archery activities in the region.
3. To keep record of tournament scores and record scores of tournaments under sanction of the Regional Council.
4. To elect at its own discretion a Chairman and/or Secretary:
  - a. The function of the Chairman shall be:
    - i. To assist the Vice-President in his duties for the implementation and conduct of all tournaments and events sponsored by the Association.
    - ii. To perform the duties of the Vice-President if he is unable to act.
    - iii. To perform in his duty in terms of the mandate from the Regional Council.
  - b. The function of the Secretary shall be:
    - i. To maintain all the official records and be responsible for such fiscal duties in terms of the mandate from the Regional Council.

### **ARTICLE II - TOURNAMENTS, PRIZES AND TROPHIES**

#### **A. World and Regional Tournaments**

##### **1. World Championships**

- a. Only Full members may bid to host a tournament which is sanctioned by the Association.
- b. The World Council shall establish any and all conditions for the conduct of the tournament.
- c. The World tournaments shall include the IFAA World Field Archery Championships (WFAC), the IFAA World Indoor Championships (WIAC) and the IFAA World Bowhunter Championships (WBHC). The venue for each of the world tournaments shall rotate progressively through the IFAA regions.

- d. Bids for sanctioned IFAA events as shown in Article II B (Rotation) shall be submitted in accordance with Article I of the Policy section. Where a region fails to nominate for its allotted WFAC, WIAC or WBHC, bids will be accepted from other regions. When a bid is accepted out of the established normal rotation, the next following tournament of the same kind will be offered to the next region in order. This will be the region that would normally have been next in rotation before the bid is taken out of sequence.
- e. A member that wishes to bid for a World Championships shall have obtained experience of hosting such an event by having hosted a similar Regional or National event to the satisfaction of the World Council.
- f. A member wishing to host a World Championship will pay a deposit to show good will. On acceptance of a nomination, or within 60 days there from, the sum of 750 Euro will be deposited with the Treasurer of the IFAA. This deposit will be deducted from the IFAA sanction fees in accordance with Article 10B of the Policies of the IFAA.
- If after the first year, the accepted nominee withdraws the nomination, the sum of 250 Euro shall be forfeited. After the second year, the sum of 500 Euro shall be forfeited. After the third year, the sum of 750 Euro shall be forfeited.
- Such sums as forfeited shall be passed on to the member who accepts the staging of the Championship.
- The above forfeit table applies where nominations are accepted on a four year notice period. Where a lesser notice period is given a pro rata forfeit table shall apply.

## 2. Regional Championships

- a. The time and place shall be at the sole discretion of the Members within that region who shall also establish the conditions for the conduct of the tournament, provided that only official IFAA rounds shall be shot.

## B. Rotation

WFAC		WBHC		WIAC	
Region	Year	Region	Year	Region	Year
Pacific Region	2016	Europe	2015	Europe	2015
Africa	2018	Asia	2017	South America	2017
Europe	2020	North America	2019	Pacific Region	2019
Asia	2022	Pacific Region	2021	Asia	2021
South America	2024	Africa	2023	Africa	2023
North America	2026	Europe	2025	North America	2025
Pacific Region	2028	South America	2027	Europe	2027

### C. Bidding

Only IFAA members whose membership has been ratified by the IFAA World Council may bid to host IFAA sanctioned tournaments.

Bidding by an IFAA member to host a World Championship will be in accordance with the IFAA By-Laws.

Any member bidding for such tournament must do so with the stipulated time frame as per Article 1 of the Policy section and assure the IFAA World Council that:

1. If the event is to be held simultaneous with another event such as a National Field Archery event, no deviances from IFAA rules will be allowed. OR, see (2) below.
2. If (1.) above is not attested to, the tournament is to be held as a stand-alone event and no deviances from IFAA rules will be allowed.
3. The event will be sovereign over other associated events.

In the event that no valid bid has reached the World Council within the stipulated time frame the Executive Council shall negotiate an alternative bid to host the event. Such negotiated bid shall not be subject to the rotation order.

### D. Other tournaments

1. The World Council may conduct and/or sanction tournaments for the archers of one member as well as archers of two or more members. The World Council shall establish all conditions for the conduct and/or sanction.
2. The Vice-President shall have the authority to determine if all conditions for sanction by the IFAA have been or will be complied with.

### E. National team

A member of a National Team shall:

1. Be a registered member of the IFAA member association of that country.
2.
  - a. Be a national of that country by birth or naturalisation
  - or
  - b. Have resided in that country for a period of 90 days in the preceding twelve months
3. Not have shot as a member of a National Team of another IFAA member association in the preceding twelve months

### F. Trophies and prizes

The Secretary shall be custodian of all prizes and trophies of the IFAA and shall keep a record of them, including the names of the donors, the conditions of competition governing the awards, and the names and scores of those who win them. The responsibility for the

recovery or replacement of lost trophies lies with the winners Association and a similar trophy to the one lost must be provided.

### **ARTICLE III - DIVISIONS OF COMPETITION**

#### **A. Styles**

All tournaments shall provide for all styles of shooting that are recognised by the IFAA.

#### **B. System of awards**

##### **1. Tournament awards**

National level – shall be in accordance with the system adopted by the National Association.

Special IFAA sponsored or sanctioned tournaments – shall be in accordance with the system adopted by the IFAA World Council.

At the World Bowhunter Championships, the World Field Archery Championships and the World Indoor Archery Championships, gold, silver and bronze medals shall be awarded in each division competing.

Class awards in the B and C class shall be awarded for the World Field Archery Championships and will be determined by the number of competitors in each class.

1/1 2/4 3/7 4/12 5/20<sup>+</sup>

There will be no class awards in the A class.

There shall be no class awards for the World Bowhunter Championships and the World Indoor Archery Championships.

##### **2. Score awards**

###### **a. 560 Perfect Club**

- i. Any archer, irrespective of shooting style or division, who records a perfect score on any double standard Field, Hunter or Animal round (28 targets) shall be eligible to join the IFAA 560 Perfect Club.
- ii. The score must be accomplished at an IFAA sanctioned tournament.
- iii. The name of the archer will be recorded in the 560 Perfect Club register and mentioned in the 560 Perfect Club listing on the official IFAA web site.
- iv. Archers who accomplish the perfect score shall receive a special certificate if such a request is received by the IFAA Secretary.

###### **b. 900 Perfect Club**

- i. Any archer, irrespective of shooting style or division, who records a perfect score in a World or Regional Indoor Championship shall be eligible to join the IFAA 900 Perfect Club.
- ii. The score must be accomplished at an IFAA sanctioned tournament.
- iii. The name of the archer will be recorded in the 900 Perfect Club register and mentioned in the 900 Perfect Club listing on the official IFAA web site.
- iv. Archers who accomplish the perfect score shall receive a special certificate if such a request is received by the IFAA Secretary.



### **C. Competition**

1. Rules governing amateur competition shall be those recognised by the IFAA World Council.
2. Rules governing professional competition shall be those recognised by the IFAA World Council.
3. The IFAA adopts the I.O.C. Doping policy. The operation and implementation of such policy shall rest with the IFAA World Council.

### **D. World records**

1. World records may be obtained at IFAA World Championships or IFAA sanctioned Regional Championships.
2. The IFAA will only recognise world record scores, shot in sanctioned World and Regional tournaments by archers with a valid membership of an IFAA member association in good standing, for the following Rounds:
  - a. The Field Round
  - b. The Hunter Round
  - c. The single Indoor Round (60 arrows)
  - d. The triple Indoor Round (180 arrows)
3. The IFAA Secretary will maintain the record current scores list
4. World record scores obtained on a range with incorrect distance(s) and/or incorrect target face(s) shall not be recognised. A target with an incorrect distance and/or incorrect size face shall not be re-shot with the correct distance and/or face to validate the record score.
5. The IFAA will post, at all its World and Regional tournaments, the highest scores obtained in each style and division

## **ARTICLE IV - GENERAL RULES FOR FIELD ARCHERY GAMES**

### **A. Terms**

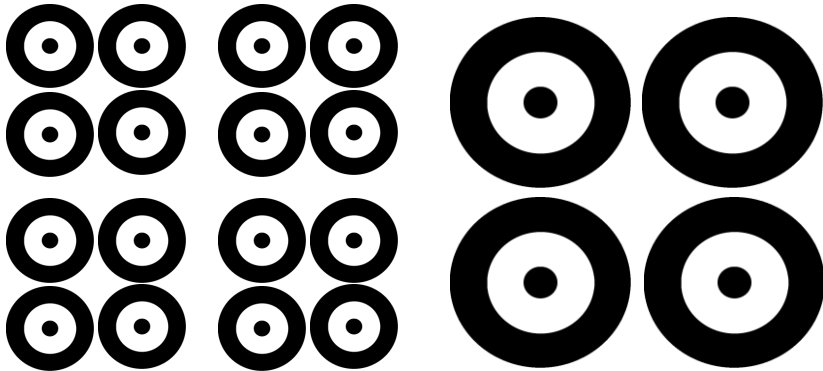
Butt	- Any object against which a face is placed
Equipment failure	- To claim "equipment failure" the archer shall be able to demonstrate that part or parts of his/her equipment as manufactured is no longer in the same physical state, i.e. it has become broken and by definition unusable.
Face	- Printed paper target.
Fan	- A target at which there are multiple markers each an equal distance from the target.
Marker	- Shooting position.

Pile	- Arrow point. Old English term associated with traditional wooden arrows.
Round	- Marked distances: Two defined standard units or, alternatively, shooting one such standard unit twice. Unmarked distances: 28 targets
Sight	- Any device attached to or incorporated in the bow or attached to the archer's body, other than normal reading glasses, markings or blemishes on the bow limbs and/or bow riser, other than caused by normal wear and tear, which in the opinion of the IFAA Technical Committee may assist the archer in aiming the bow.
Spot	- Aiming centre.
Stabiliser	- Any device attached to or incorporated in the bow that in the opinion of the IFAA Technical Committee will assist in improving the stability of the bow.
Standard Unit	- A series of shots with a set number of targets as defined in Article V for the various Official Rounds.
Straight	- A target with a single marker for an archer.
Stop	- Warning call to other archers
Target	- The aiming subject for an archer and, when used in conjunction with a number, defines a location on the range
Walk up	- A target with multiple markers that are shot in sequence with the longest distance shot first.
Wood	- For purpose of making bows and/or arrows: Any type of plant material such as wood, bamboo, cane, reed or similar.

## B. Targets

1. Faces shall not be placed over other larger faces, nor shall there be any artificial marks on the butt or in the foreground that could be used as points of aim.
2. All butts must be positioned square to the centre of the shooting lane.
3. In all world and regional tournaments using official IFAA rounds, a minimum of 16 faces must be used on all butts requiring 20 cm faces. Faces shall be arranged 4x4 so that vertical rows of four targets result.  
A minimum of four faces must be used where 35 cm faces are specified. These faces shall be placed in a square – 2 up and 2 down, side by side.

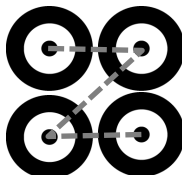
4. Where two pairs of faces are provided, one above the other, the first pair of archers shall shoot at the lower pair of faces.
5. 35 cm faces shall be shot all four arrows at a single face. Arrows shot from the left hand side shall be shot at the left hand target and vice versa, except on fan shots where the two arrows from the left hand markers shall be shot at the left hand target, and the arrows from the right hand markers shall be shot at the right hand target.



### C. Shooting positions

1. Each target shall have an indicator board at the shooting position, each board shall be visible on approach to the first shooting position, this board shall carry the information as defined in the Tournament Rules of each event.
2. The distance of each shot shall be clearly shown on each marker. At least one marker per shooting position is mandatory. More markers may be used as preferred by the host member.
3. Where equal distance markers are used, the minimum distance between any two adjacent markers shall be 3 ft., and the maximum distance between the extreme markers shall be 15 ft.
4. 20 cm faces shall be shot in sequence:-

Top left, top right, bottom left, bottom right (see diagram).



5. 35 cm faces shall be shot all four arrows at a single face, rule B5 will apply if multiple faces are used.
6. 50 cm faces shall be shot all 4 arrows at a single face, rule B5 will apply if multiple faces are used.
7. 65 cm faces shall be shot all 4 arrows at a single face, rule B5 will apply if multiple faces are used.

#### D. Equipment

1. Any kind of bow, having two flexible limbs, except a crossbow or bow incorporating a mechanical drawing device.
2. The archer shall support both the mass weight and the holding weight of the bow without any assistance from any external aid, other than those defined in the relevant styles.
3. Arrow speed shall not exceed 300 foot per second (fps) (91.5 m/s).
4. The archer will be responsible to use and maintain his/her equipment in compliance with the warranty regulations of the manufacturer of each specific type of equipment he/she uses.

#### E. Shooting styles

##### 1. Barebow - Recurve and Compound (B.B)

- a. Bow, arrows, strings and accessories shall be free from sights, marks, blemishes or laminations markings which could be used for aiming.  
If such blemishes or markings are present on the window of the bow riser, the full length of the back of the window shall be covered with tape.
- b. An adjustable arrow rest may be used to control the space between the arrow and the face of the bow window. The arrow rest shall not extend above the arrow.
- c. The use of stabilisers is permitted.
- d. One permanent nocking point only is permitted which may be marked by one or two nock locators.
- e. No mechanical device will be permitted other than one non-adjustable draw check and/or level mounted on the bow, neither of which may extend above the arrow.
- f. All arrows used shall be identical in length, weight, diameter, fletching and nocks, without regard to colour, with allowance for wear and tear.

2. Freestyle limited - Recurve & Compound (F.S.)

- a. Any type of sight is permitted.
- b. Release aids are not permitted.

3. Freestyle Unlimited (FU)

- a. Any type of bow, sight and release aid recognised by the IFAA World Council is permitted.

4. Bowhunter - Recurve & Compound (B.H.)

- a. Bows, arrows, string and accessories shall be free from sight marks, blemishes and/or laminations which could be used for aiming.
- b. The use of a levelling device is not permitted.
- c. No device of any type that may be used for sighting may be attached to the archer's equipment.

d. A draw check is not permitted.

e. A kisser button is not permitted

- f. Optical devices that assist the archer to obtain consistency in eye alignment and anchor point are not permitted.
- g. One permanent nocking point only, is allowed on the string. Nocking point may be marked by one or two nock locators.
- h. One consistent anchor point only is permitted.
- i. An archer shall touch the arrow when nocked with the index finger against the nock. Finger position may not be changed during competition. In cases of physical deformity or handicap special dispensation shall be made.
- j. All arrows used shall be identical in length, weight, diameter, fletching and nocks, without regard for colour, with allowance for wear and tear.
- k. Brush buttons in their proper places at the recurve tip of the bow, string silencers no closer than twelve inch above or below the nocking point and bow quiver installed on the opposite side of the sight window with no part of the quiver visible in the bow window is permitted.
- l. One straight stabiliser, coupling device included, if used, not exceeding twelve inch as measured from the back of the bow may be used. No forked stabiliser or any counter balance will be legal. The plunger (where the stabiliser is screwed in) is part of the stabiliser.

- m. Draw weight shall not be adjusted during any one round.

5. Bowhunter Unlimited (B.U.)

- a. Any type of bow and release aid recognised by the IFAA World Council is permitted.
- b. A sight with 4 or 5 fixed reference points will be allowed and neither the sight nor any reference point shall be moved during a round.
- c. Pin sights are to be of straight stock from point of anchor to sighting points, held nearer horizontal than vertical within the sight, with only one sighting reference possible from each pin or reference point. Hooded pins or scope sights are not permitted. In the event that a levelling device is incorporated in the pin sight, such device shall be removed or shall be covered with tape.
- d. Release aids are permitted.
- e. A kisser button or string peep sight will be permitted but not both. No form of magnifying device may be incorporated in, or attached to, the peep sight.
- f. Pin Guards/brush guards may be used provided that the distance between the bottom of the top guard and the top pin must be greater than the distance between the top pin and the next highest pin. The same clearance as for the top sight pin applies also to the bottom pin and the bottom guard.
- g. All other rules for the Bowhunter style will apply.

6. Bowhunter Limited - (B.L.)

- a. Same rules apply as for Bowhunter Unlimited except that the release aids are not permitted.

7. Longbow - (L.B.)

- a. A bow of any material, which can be either an one piece bow or a bow that can be taken down in two parts and put together again as a one piece bow within the handle (only shared once in the handle), 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.  
Where there is any doubt as to the continuing curve of the limb then a string-line laid from the end of the riser 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.
- b. 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 centre of the string groove towards the bow grip.

- c. The bow may contain a window and an arrow shelf. The side of the window shall be slanted over the full length of the window and rounded off at the point where the window intersects with the top bow limb. The window cut may not exceed the centre of the bow.
- d. The belly, bow grip, the window and the arrow shelf shall be free of any marks or blemishes that may be used as sighting aids. If such blemishes or markings are present on the window of the bow riser, the full length of the back of the window shall be covered with tape.
- e. Any additions to the bow for the purpose of stabilisation, levelling, draw-weight reduction, sighting and/or draw checking are not permitted
- f. Only one nocking point shall be allowed on the string, which may be marked by either one or two nocking point locators. If resting nocks are used -such as ball nocks -only one locator may be used.
- g. String silencers no closer than 30 cm above or below the nocking point are allowed.
- h. Arrows shall be of wood, fletched with natural feather, and must be of the same fletch and pile, without regard for colour. The arrows must be free of any marks or blemishes that can be used as sighting aids and shall not vary in length by more than 25mm at the start of the competition. Nocks may be of any material and any weight of pile may be used.
- i. The bow must be shot with the "Mediterranean" loose. In cases of physical deformity or handicap special dispensation shall be made.
- j. Entries that do not comply with the above rules shall be classified in the recurve bowhunter style or in the shooting style the equipment is allowed and possible to use.

#### 8. Historical Bow - (HB)

- a. The recognition of the classic bow (also called historical or primitive bow) shall be based on the accepted design and usage during the period preceding the year 1900.
- b. There shall be no distinction between the different configurations of bow designs or of materials used.
- c. Only the adult division shall be recognised and there shall be no class grades.
- d. The bow shall be either a self-wood or composite bow.
- e. The inclusion of a form of arrow rest or shelf as well as a sight window cut-in

shall be permitted, provided such meet the classic configuration of the bow which has established historical precedence.

- f. The bow shall be constructed of wood or materials that were used during the period of the bow's historical usage. Modern materials such as carbon, glass fibre and epoxy may not be used. The use of historic glues such as bone glue and hot tree resin is not permitted and only modern glues and adhesives shall be used for the riser and limbs!
- g. The standard bowstring material shall be polyester. Historical (such as flax or sinew) and/or modern bowstring materials (such as Kevlar, etc.) may not be used.
- h. Arrows shall be of wood, fletched with natural feather, and must be of the same fletch and pile, without regard for colour. The arrows must be free of any marks or blemishes that can be used as sighting aids and shall not vary in length by more than 25mm at the start of the competition. Modern arrow points or piles as well as modern nocks shall be permitted. Nocks that are cut into the shaft are only permitted when these are strengthened with appropriate materials.
- i. Accessories such as woven nocking point indicators and thumb rings shall be permitted, provided that such accessory was used during the historic use of the bow.
- j. The onus shall rest with the archer to ensure that all the equipment that is used for the tournament is historically correct. The shooter shall show documented proof of the correctness of the equipment if so asked by the technical controllers at the tournament.

## F. Divisions of Competition

### 1. Professional Adults Only - Professional Status

An archer is considered to be a Professional Archer when this archer actively competes in the Professional Archery Circuit.

Three styles of shooting shall be recognised by the IFAA:

Freestyle Unlimited	- No restriction.
Freestyle Compound Limited	- No release aid
Freestyle Recurve Limited	- No release aid

Men and Women will compete in separate divisions.

A Professional Archer may be reinstated as an Amateur Archer one year since the last attendance in a Professional tournament.

### 2. Amateur - Veterans, Adults, Young Adults, Juniors and Cubs.

Every archer registered as a member of an IFAA member association will be recognised as an Amateur until such time as they become Professionals under the IFAA rules.



### **Veteran Men and Women:**

Those archers who are 55 years of age on or before the first day of a Tournament will be given the choice to participate in the Veteran or Adult division (not both). The decision to participate in the Veteran division is not binding on subsequent Tournaments. The choice is always optional.-There will be no classes in the Veteran Division and shooting styles are **the same as those** for Adult Men and Women

### **Adult, Men and Women:**

Barebow recurve and compound	BB
Freestyle limited recurve and compound	FS
Freestyle unlimited	FU
Bowhunter recurve and compound	BH
Bowhunter unlimited	BU
Bowhunter limited	BL
Longbow	LB
Historical Bow	HB

### **Young Adult, Men and Women (17 and 18 years of age):**

Barebow recurve and compound	BB
Freestyle limited recurve and compound	FS
Freestyle unlimited	FU
Bowhunter recurve and compound	BH
Bowhunter unlimited	BU
Bowhunter limited	BL
Longbow	LB

### **Junior, boys and girls (13 - 16 years of age) :**

Barebow recurve and compound	BB
Freestyle limited recurve and compound	FS
Freestyle unlimited	FU
Bowhunter recurve and compound	BH
Bowhunter unlimited	BU
Bowhunter limited	BL
Longbow	LB

### **Cubs, boys and girls (under 13 years of age):**

Barebow recurve and compound	BB
Freestyle limited recurve and compound	FS
Freestyle Unlimited	FU
Longbow	LB

**For the Veteran, Young Adults, Junior and Cub divisions, proof of age as on the first day of the tournament will be compulsory.**

### **3. Style and Division nomenclature**

A full description of individual recognised Styles and Divisions is shown in the following chart:

	Adult		Veteran		Young Adult		Junior		Cub	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Barebow-Recurve	AFBB (R)	AMBB(R)	VFBB(R)	VMBB(R)	YAFBB (R)	YAMBB(R)	JFBB(R)	JMBB(R)	CFBB(R)	CMBB(R)
Barebow-Compound	AFBB(C)	AMBB(C)	VFBB(C)	VMBB(C)	YAFBB(C)	YAMBB(C)	JFBB(C)	JMBB(C)	CFBB(C)	CMBB(C)
Freestyle Limited Recurve	AFFS(R)	AMFS(R)	VFFS(R)	VMFS(R)	YAFFS(R)	YAMFS(R)	JFFS(R)	JMFS(R)	CFFS(R)	CMFS(R)
Freestyle Limited Comp	AFFS(C)	AMFS(C)	VFFS(C)	VMFS(C)	YAFFS(C)	YAMFS(C)	JFFS(C)	JMFS(C)	CFFS(C)	CMFS (C)
Freestyle Unlimited	AFFU	AMFU	VFFU	VMFU	YAFFU	YAMFU	JFFU	JMFU	CFFU	CMFU
Bowhunter-Recurve	AFBH(R)	AMBH(R)	VFBH(R)	VMBH(R)	YAFBH(R)	YAMBH(R)	JFBH(R)	JMBH(R)		
Bowhunter-Compound	AFBH(C)	AMBH(C)	VFBH(C)	VMBH(C)	YAFBH(C)	YAMBH(C)	JFBH(C)	JMBH(C)		
Bowhunter Unlimited	AFBU	AMBU	VFBU	VMBU	YAFBU	YAMBU	JFBU	JMBU		
Bowhunter Limited	AFBL	AMBL	VFBL	VMBL	YAFBL	YAMBL	JFBL	JMBL		
Longbow	AFLB	AMLB	VFLB	VMLB	YAFLB	YAMLB	JFLB	JMLB	CFLB	CMLB
Historical Bow	AFHB	AMHB								
Professional Unlimited	PFFU	PMFU								
Professional Limited	PFFS(R)	PMFS(R)								
Professional Limited	PFFS(C)	PMFS(C)								

## G. Tournament Officials

1. Tournament officials such as the Shoot/Tournament Director, the Field Captain, Range Marshals, the Technical Control Officer, etc. shall be appointed. Appointment of these tournament officials at IFAA World and Regional Tournaments shall be subject to the Vice-President's approval.
2. A Technical Control Officer (TCO) shall be appointed by the tournament organisers before the tournament. He shall be assisted by least two persons, who shall be archers with sound knowledge of archery equipment. The functions of the TCO and his personnel are defined under Article 6 of the Policy section.
3. At every tournament a Field Captain shall be appointed by the tournament organisers and/or Tournament Director and it shall be his duty to: -
  - a. Make up the groups.
  - b. Appoint a Target Captain and two scorers for each group.
  - c. Appoint Range Marshals to supervise his duties on the individual ranges.
  - d. Designate the targets from which each group shall start.

- e. Have the option in any tournament to set a time limit, either by target or round when such a tournament must be completed.
  - f. Assure that each butt has sufficient target faces to replace “shot-out” faces that no longer allow for decisive scoring.
4. The duty of a Target Captain shall be to order the shooting in the group and to settle all local questions. His decision on arrow values shall be final except on his own arrow values when the decision shall be made by the first scorer. He is also to decide whether or not a face shall be changed prior to shooting.
  5. The scorers shall keep an accurate account of scores at each target, maintain a running total and compare these at each target.

## H. Tournament Rules

### 1. General tournament rules

- a. All bows and equipment will be inspected and shall be marked as having been inspected prior to the start of the tournament. Each competitor shall present his/her equipment to the Technical Control for equipment check at the designated time and place.  
It is the responsibility of the archer to maintain his/her equipment within the specified IFAA rules. Failure to do so may result in a protest by another archer which may result in disqualification.

- b. An archer shall compete in the style he/she has pre-registered in. A change in style on the day of registration at the tournament shall only be allowed if there is available placing in that style.  
*(note: For WFAC & WBHC: less than 168 registrations in the event only one range is used, and in the WBHC less than 336 registrations if two similar ranges are used (see article IV H 2a of the By-Laws)).*

- c. Juniors shall shoot in their own groups.
- d. Cubs shall shoot in their own groups with a non-shooting responsible adult. The non-shooting responsible adult may be one of the scorers for the group.
- e. No archer may shoot (or compete) in any one Tournament more than once unless it is advertised as a multiple registration Tournament.
- f. Competitors may not shoot at practice targets during the course of a round except at an official break.
- g. Archers must shoot for the full duration of a Tournament as laid down in the Tournament specifications. Any scores made by an archer who does not complete the Tournament will not be taken into consideration for any awards
- h. The decision to discontinue a Tournament, or part thereof, shall be a joint decision, taken by the IFAA Vice-President (or in his absence his delegated

representative), the Tournament Director and the Field Captain.

- i. No archer shall draw a bow with the bow hand above the top of the head, when drawing on a horizontal plane.
- j. The use of equipment that in any way reduces or blocks out the archer's senses (i.e. hearing ability, visual ability, etc.), thus reducing his/her awareness of the surrounding area and distracting from the archery game and safety regulations is not permitted.
- k. Competitors are strongly advised to wear bright clothing on the ranges, especially in conditions with poor visibility. Full cameo clothing will not be allowed on the ranges without a high visibility item.

2. Tournament rules for outdoor archery (Field archery, 3D archery, etc.)

- a. Archers shall shoot in groups of not less than three and not more than six. Normally the preferred number is four. In all outdoor archery tournaments the number of competitors on each target will be limited to a maximum of six archers.

In the event that the number of archers in a shooting style exceeds the allowed maximum number for each range, such styles shall be divided in two groups of equal numbers, each group shooting a similar round but on a different range.

In the case of the Bowhunter tournament, the IFAA 3D Standard Round and the IFAA 3D Hunting Round are defined as "similar rounds". (See Article 19 of the Policy section for additional clarification in the event that over 112 archers are on the range)

- b. The shooting positions of the group shall be decided by mutual agreement.
- c. 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.

d. (1) Single marker lay-out:

No archer shall shoot from in front of the appropriate marker. One foot shall not be more than six inches behind or a maximum of three feet to either side of such marker. For all Animal rounds, marked or unmarked, there shall be two markers.

(2) Double marker lay-out:

No archer shall shoot from in front of the appropriate marker. One foot shall touch or not be more than six inches behind or to either side of such marker.

- e. One group shall not hold up the following group by looking for lost arrows. Enough arrows shall be carried so that each archer may continue shooting and return to find missing arrows when shooting has ceased.
- f. No archer may practice on any target of a course that is currently being used for purposes of a Tournament. Special practice targets must be provided.

- g. If for any reason a group is holding up another group mutual arrangement may be made between the Target Captains to allow the following group to pass through.
- h. An archer obtaining the Target Captain's permission to leave the range for any valid reason may be privileged to return to his group and complete the unfinished round. His group may wait for his return but must allow the other groups to pass through. The Target Captain shall set a reasonable time limit for his return, upon the expiry of which, the group will continue. He may make up any targets missed in the interim at the discretion of the Field Captain.
- i. In the event of inclement weather the Tournament shall continue unless a pre-arranged signal is given by the Field Captain. Archers leaving the range before such a signal shall be withdrawn from the competition.
- j. Targets shall be shot in the sequence intended. Any targets omitted shall be forfeited at the discretion of the Field Captain.
- k. Groups shall not approach or interfere with other groups whilst either is shooting a target, but shall remain separate until all members of the group have finished shooting.
- l. In the event of an equipment failure, after resolving the problem (either the repair of the failed equipment or the use of other equipment, which has passed the bow inspection), an archer may shoot four arrows at a practice target under a Field or Range Captain's supervision.
- m. On all official unmarked distance rounds the archer may use an optical device as long as it cannot be used to measure or indicate shooting distances or angles. Optical devices shall be of the hand held type and shall not create any obstacle to other archers during the competition.  
No electronic performance enhancer of the optical device shall be allowed (e.g. optical stabiliser, electronic zoom, picture freezer, etc.).  
Optical devices intended to be used shall be presented at the equipment inspection and marked with an inspection sticker, which may not be removed during the competition. Cameras may not be used as range finders, and may be used (as a camera) only after all archers in the group have finished shooting the target.
- o. It is the responsibility of the whole group to check before start of shooting whether the face(s) on the butt is (are) the same as specified on the indicator board. In case of wrong face/wrong target(s), the group shall inform the range marshal to attach the correct the face.

### 3. Tournament rules for indoor archery

- a. A shooting line shall be provided and an archer shall stand so that one foot is on either side of the shooting line.
- b. Pairing of archers shall be done daily by the Range Captain. New pairing will be done after each round.
- c. "Sighters" are permitted if the organisers of the event so allow.

## I. Scoring

### 1. General scoring rules

- a. No arrows in the target or butt may be touched until the arrows have been scored. Arrows passing through the target face but still in the butt may be pushed back by the Target Captain or deputy who did not shoot the arrow, and scored accordingly.
- b. If an arrow hits the scoring area but bounces off the target or an arrow passes through the scoring area and is not retained in the butt, another arrow, which has been specially marked, shall be shot.
- c. An arrow hitting another within the target and remaining embedded in that arrow shall have the same scoring value as that arrow. Arrows being deflected by other arrows shall be scored by their position.
- d. Where a line separates one scoring zone from another on the target face or 3D target, the line is in the lower scoring area. Where there is no line the arrow must cut the higher scoring area to score the higher value. The position of the shaft on the surface of the target determines the score.  
Arrows that enter the 3-D target close to the hairline and do not remain embedded in the target are not counted and no other arrow shall be shot.
- e. On 3D targets, arrows sticking in the target stand or base and those in the horns or antlers are not scored.
- f. The number of times an archer draws an arrow before releasing that arrow will be limited to four. If the arrow is not then shot it will be scored as a miss. The only exception to this rule will be in a dangerous situation at the discretion of the Target Captain or the first scorer if it is the Target Captain in question for outdoor events or of the Shoot Director / Tournament Director for Indoor events.
- g. In the event of a tie for any award a tie break will be held in the manner described in the tournament rules. A tie break shall be shot after the scores have been verified by the tournament score keeper and shall be shot under supervision of the Field Captain (outdoor events) or the Shoot Director / Tournament Director (indoor events) on the last shooting day of the tournament.

### 2. Scoring rules for outdoor archery (Field archery, 3D archery, etc.)

- a. On all marked distance targets less than 55 yards, arrows may be scored and drawn in the prescribed manner after each pair of archers has shot, to minimise arrow damage. The Target Captain and both scorers must go to the target to record the score.
- b. In the event of a mis-shot arrow, an archer may shoot another arrow provided the mis-shot arrow can be reached with the bow from the archer's position at the marker.
- c. Skids or glances off the ground into the target shall not be counted.

- d. An archer who shoots from the wrong marker or at the wrong face will lose the score of that arrow. No new arrow may be shot.

## **ARTICLE V - OFFICIAL ROUNDS**

### **A. Field Round**

1. The standard unit shall consist of the following shots:

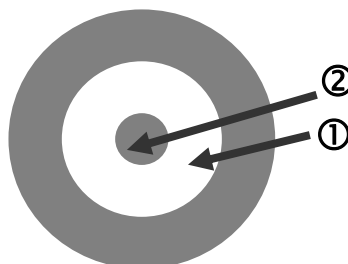
Size of target face	Number of Positions	Distance of positions		
		Veteran/Adult/ Young Adult	Junior	Cub
65cm	4	80-70-60-50 yds	50 yds	30-25-20-15 yds
65cm	1	65 yds	50 yds	30 yds
65cm	1	60 yds	45 yds	25 yds
65cm	1	55 yds	40 yds	20 yds
50cm	4	45-40-35-30 yds	as adult	20 yds
50cm	4	35-35-35-35 yds	as adult	20 yds
50cm	1	50 yds	as adult	20 yds
50cm	1	45 yds	as adult	15 yds
50cm	1	40 yds	as adult	15-15-15-15 yds
35cm	1	30 yds	as adult	10 yds
35cm	1	25 yds	as adult	10 yds
35cm	1	20 yds	as adult	10 yds
35cm	1	15 yds	as adult	10 yds
20cm	4	35-30-25-20 ft	as adult	20 ft

2. The field face shall have a black spot with a white inner ring and black outer ring, four face sizes shall be used :-

	①	②
20cm face	12cm inner ring	4 cm spot
35cm face	21cm inner ring	7cm spot
50cm face	30cm inner ring	10cm spot
65cm face	39cm inner ring	13cm spot

The scoring is five for the spot, four for the inner ring, three for the outer ring.

3. All markers to be coloured white.

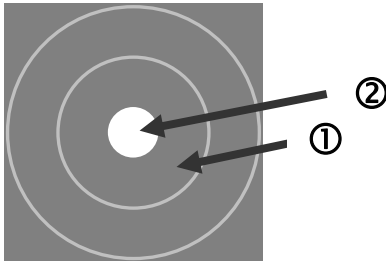


**B. Hunter Round**

1. The standard unit shall consist of the following shots :-

Size of face	Number of Positions	Distance of Positions		
		Veteran/Adult/Young Adult	Junior	Cub
65cm	4	70-65-61-58 yds	50 yds	30-25-20-15 yds
65cm	4	64-59-55-52 yds	50 yds	30 yds
65cm	4	58-53-48-45 yds	45 yds	25 yds
50cm	4	53-48-44-41 yds	41 yds	20 yds
50cm	1	48 yds	as adult	20 yds
50cm	1	44 yds	as adult	20 yds
50cm	1	40 yds	as adult	20 yds
50cm	4	36-36-36-36 yds	as adult	15 yds
35cm	4	32-32-32-32 yds	as adult	15-15-15-15 yds
35cm	4	28-28-28-28 yds	as adult	10 yds
35cm	2	23-20 yds	as adult	10 yds
35cm	2	19-17 yds	as adult	10 yds
35cm	2	15-14 yds	as adult	10 yds
20cm	1	11 yds	as adult	20 ft

2. The Hunter face shall be all black with white spot. Four face sizes shall be used with dimensions the same as the field faces. The scoring is the same as for the Field Round.
3. All markers to be coloured red.



**C. Animal Round Marked Distances**

1. The standard unit shall consist of the following shots :-

Group 1 face      **Veterans/Adults and Young Adults:**  
Three 5yd walk-up shots with first marker set between 60 and 40 yards (3 markers)  
Juniors: Adult front marker only  
Cubs: 30-25-20 yard Walk-up, 1x30 yards, 1x25 yards



Group 2 face	<b>Veterans/Adults and Young Adults and Juniors:</b> Three 3yd walk-up shots with first marker set between 45 and 30 yards (3 markers) Cubs: 3x 20 yards
Group 3 face	<b>Veterans/Adults and Young Adults and Juniors:</b> Four one position shots (one marker) with marker set between 35 and 20 yards Cubs: 1x20 yards, 2x 15yards, 1x10 yards
Group 4 face	<b>Veterans/Adults and Young Adults and Juniors:</b> Four one position shots (one marker) with marker set between 20 and 10 yards Cubs: 3x 10 yards, 1x20 feet

## 2. Targets

- a. The targets for this round are Animal faces with the scoring area divided into two parts. The high scoring area is oblong while the low scoring area is the area between the high scoring area and the "hide and hair" line or "feathers" as the case may be. The area between the hide and hair" line (including the line) to the outside of the carcass is considered a non-scoring area.
- b. The high scoring area of Group 1 faces is 9" wide by 14 ½" long with rounded ends.
- c. The high scoring area of Group 2 faces is 7" wide by 10 ½" long with rounded ends.
- d. The high scoring area of Group 3 faces is 4 ½" wide by 7" long with rounded ends.
- e. The high scoring area of Group 4 faces is 2 ½" wide by 3⅝" long with rounded ends.
- f. All high scoring zones shall be shaped in accordance with Article 12 B of the Policy section.

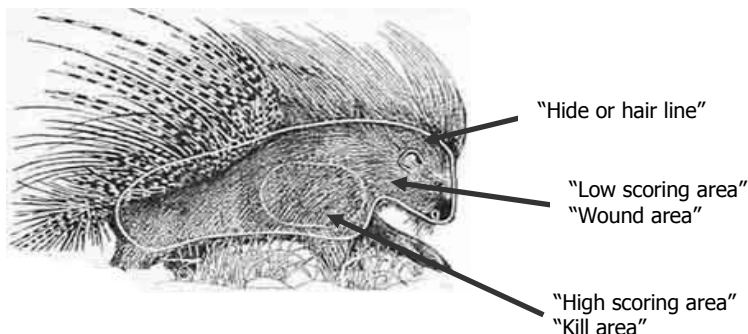
## 3. Shooting Positions

- a. A maximum of three shots is allowed, but an archer shoots only until a hit is made. If the first arrow hits the scoring area no more arrows need be shot.
- b. An archer may not return to shoot the other arrows if he has moved towards the target.
- c. An archer's arrows must be clearly identified with one, two or three rings at the back of the arrow. Arrows are to be shot in ascending order. If an arrow is shot out of order, the archer is to advise the Target Captain who will direct the sequence for the remaining arrows.

- d. Juniors shall shoot Group 1 targets from the closest marker on the walk-ups for adults.
  - e. The first archer shall shoot at the first target face and the sequence of first, second, third and fourth archer (etc.), thereafter shall be in rotation according to the score card order.
4. All markers to be coloured yellow

5. Scoring

	KILL	WOUND
1st arrow	20 points	18 points
2nd arrow	16 points	14 points
3rd arrow	12 points	10 points



D. Animal Round unmarked distances

1. The Standard Unit is 28 targets set at the Animal Round marked distances but with no distances shown on the markers.
2. Targets shall be as the Animal Round marked distances targets.
3. Shooting positions shall be as the Animal Round marked distances, but unmarked.
4. Scoring shall be as the Animal Round marked distances.
5. Optical devices in accordance with By-Law Article IV H 2n are permitted.

E. IFAA 3-D Hunting Round (1 Arrow)

1. Target.  
Only three dimensional targets as defined in Article 12C of the Policy section will be used for this round
2. Standard Round  
The standard round is 28 targets.

3. Shooting positions.

Shooting positions will be unmarked and shall have the following maximum shooting distances:

Target Group number	Number of targets per Group	Maximum distance		
		Veterans/adults/ Young Adults	Juniors	Cubs
1	3	60 Y	50 Y	30 Y
2	3	45 Y	45 Y	25 Y
3	4	35 Y	35 Y	20 Y
4	4	20 Y	20 Y	10 Y

The rotation rule in Article VC3e of the Animal Round Marked Distances also applies to this round.

4. Scoring.

One arrow only is shot per target.

Kill	20 points
Vital	16 points
Wound	10 points

F. IFAA 3-D Standard Round (2 Arrows)

1. Target.

Only three dimensional targets as specified for the IFAA 3-D Hunting Round shall be used for this round.

2. Standard Round

The Standard round is 28 Targets.

3. Shooting positions.

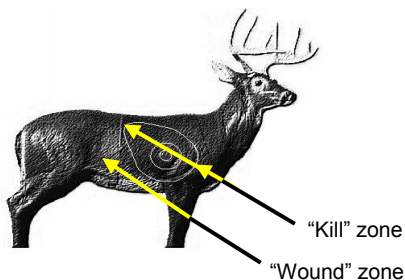
Two markers per target set at different distances. The maximum distance for each target group number will be the same as for the IFAA 3-D Hunting Round.

The rotation rule in Article VC3e of the Animal Round Marked Distances also applies to this round.

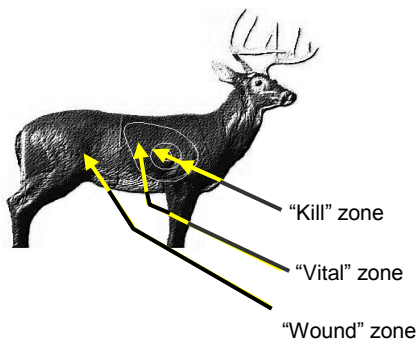
4. Scoring.

Both arrows are counted for score.

Kill	10 points
Vital	8 points
Wound	5 points



### Unmarked Animal



### 3-D Hunting Round 3-D Standard

## G. International Round

- 1 The International Round is a 20 target round (10 targets per unit) and shall consist of the following shots:-

Size of face	Number of positions	Distances of Positions		
		Adult/Veteran	Junior	Cubs
65cm	1	65 yds	50 yds	25 yds
65cm	1	60 yds	45 yds	20 yds
65cm	1	55 yds	40 yds	20 yds
50cm	1	50 yds	as adult	20 yds
50cm	1	45 yds	as adult	20 yds
50cm	1	40 yds	as adult	15 yds
50cm	1	35 yds	as adult	15 yds
35cm	1	30 yds	as adult	10 yds
35cm	1	25 yds	as adult	10 yds
35cm	1	20 yds	as adult	10 yds

2. Targets shall conform to the specification of the IFAA Hunter Round. Three face sizes shall be used - 35cm, 50cm and 65 cm.

Three arrows shall be shot at each distance. The scoring is five for the spot, four for the inner ring and three for the outer ring.

On the thirty five yard field fan **only** the two centre markers shall be used for the shooting positions in the International Round. All other rules of the Field Round shall apply to the International Round

#### H. Expert Field Round

1. All distances and target faces as for the IFAA Field Round shall apply, except that the main score lines as well as the sub dividing score lines, being the lines midway the main score lines, shall be used for scoring.
2. The scoring is as follows (measured from the centre spot outwards):-  
Five points for the spot, four points for the second circle, three points for the third circle, two points for the fourth circle and one point for the fifth circle.  
The white "X" in the centre spot is used for tie breakers only.
3. All other rules of the IFAA Field Round shall apply to the Expert Round.

#### I. Flint Indoor Round

##### A. Standard unit

- a. A Standard Unit shall consist of 7 ends of 4 arrows per end, shot over seven different distances.
- b. The standard unit shall consist of the following shots:-
- c. Scoring shall be the same as for the Field Round.

Size of face		Number of Positions	Sequence of Shooting	Distance of Positions
Veterans/Adults Juniors	Cubs			
35cm	50cm	1	1	25 yds
20cm	35cm	1	2	20 ft
35cm	50cm	1	3	30 yds
20cm	35cm	1	4	15 yds
35cm	50cm	1	5	20 yds
20cm	35cm	1	6	10 yds
35cm	50cm	4	7	30-25-20-15 yds

#### 2. Targets

- a. The targets are standard 20cm and 35cm field target faces placed in two rows on each butt. The centre of the upper row shall be a maximum of 62" from the floor.  
The centre of the lower row shall be a minimum of 30" from the floor and directly below the upper target.

- b. For cubs the 20 cm face shall be replaced with a 35 cm face and the 35 cm face with a 50 cm face.

### 3. Shooting Positions

- a. This round is to be shot on a 30 yard range with shooting lines marked parallel to target line at distances of 20 feet, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 yards.
- b. Starting at the 30 yard line and proceeding toward the target line, the shooting lines are to be numbered 3, 1, 5, 4, 6 and 2.
- c. There shall be a separate lane for each butt and the archer shall go from one shooting line to his next shooting line in the lane for the butt which his two targets are placed.
- d. The targets on the butt in the second lane shall be reversed from those in the first lane. Those in the third lane shall be exactly the same as those in the first. Those in the fourth lane shall be exactly the same as those in the second.

### 4. Shooting Rules

- a. An archer shall stand so that he has one foot on either side of the shooting line.
- b. The time limit per end shall be three minutes.
- c. All other shooting rules shall apply as listed under IFAA Tournament rules.
- d. In the event of equipment failure the archer shall inform the Shoot Director after the end is completed. The archer will thereafter have 15 minutes of repair time without holding up the tournament. The archer shall be allowed to shoot the missed arrows after the final end of that Round, with a maximum of 3 ends (12 arrows). An archer will only be allowed one equipment failure per Round.
- e. If an archer starts out on a high target, as in lane one, he shoots his second end of the low target in the same lane. The archer continues to shoot at the targets in his lane until he has shot at seven targets.  
For his second seven target score, he should go to another lane in which the targets are in reverse from the one he started out on.

## J. IFAA Indoor Round

### 1. Standard Unit

A Standard Unit shall consist of 6 ends of 5 arrows per end, shot over a distance of 20 yards. Cubs will shoot at a distance of 10 Yards.

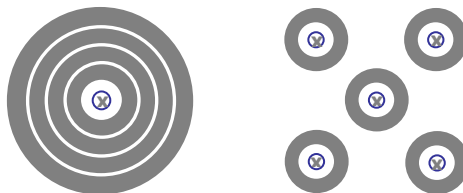
A Round shall consist of two Standard Units.

## 2. Targets

- a. The target face shall be 40cm in diameter and shall be a dull blue colour. (Colour code "Pantone ® 282C") The spot shall be two white rings with a blue X in the centre ring. All lines that separate the scoring areas shall be white (X-ring is used for tie breakers only)
- b. The bulls-eye shall be 8cm in diameter with 4cm diameter X-ring.
- c. The Tournament Director may allow the archer to use the Indoor 5-spot target which will contain five 16 cm targets on a white or screened blue surface. A single target will consist of:
  - 1) A white scoring area of 8.0 cm diameter.
  - 2) An outer scoring area of 16.0 cm being of a dull blue colour.
  - 3) Scoring will be: White scoring area: 5 points  
Blue scoring area: 4 points
  - 4) The targets on the face shall be arranged similar to the number "five dice".
- d. In the case of an archer being allowed to use the Indoor 5-spot target one arrow will be shot at each of the five spots on the target. They may be shot in any sequence. If more than one arrow is shot into the same spot, only the lowest scoring arrow shall be counted.

## 2. Shooting Positions

Shooting positions will provide sufficient area to enable two archers to shoot simultaneously at one target butt.



## 4. Shooting Rules

- a. An archer shall stand so that he has one foot on either side of the shooting line.
- b. The time limit per end shall be four minutes.
- c. All other shooting rules shall apply as listed under IFAA Tournament rules.

- d. In the event of equipment failure the archer shall inform the Shoot Director after the end is completed. The archer will thereafter have 15 minutes of repair time without holding up the tournament. After resolving the problem (either the repair of the failed equipment or the use of other equipment, which has passed the bow inspection) the archer shall be allowed to shoot the missed arrows after the final end of that Round, with a maximum of 3 ends (15 arrows).  
An archer will only be allowed one equipment failure per Round.

## 5. Scoring

- a. The scoring is 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 from the spot out.
- b. In the case of a witnessed bounce-out or an arrow passing completely through the scoring area of the target an archer may shoot another arrow.
- c. Hits on the wrong target will be scored as misses.
- d. When an arrow is dropped while the archer is in the act of shooting, he may shoot another arrow in place of the dropped arrow if the dropped arrow is within 10 feet of the shooting line.
- e. If an archer shoots more than five arrows in an end, only the five arrows of the lower value may be scored.
- f. If an archer shoots less than five arrows in one end he may shoot his remaining arrows if the omission is discovered before the end is officially completed; otherwise they shall be scored as misses.
- g. Upon completion of the first Standard Unit the pair of archers shall exchange positions. The archers who shot first will shoot second, the archers who shot on the left target face shall shoot on the right target face and vice versa. It will be the archer's responsibility to move his/her target face to the changed position. Target faces may not be moved after the second Standard Unit has started.
- h. In the event that the two target faces are placed 'over and under' the pair of archers shooting first shall always shoot the bottom target face.

## **ARTICLE VI - COURSE LAY-OUT REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL OUTDOOR EVENTS**

### **A. General**

**When** setting out a field course, the following points are to be adhered to: -

- 1. Distances used shall be those designated for the round to be shot.
- 2. All distances shall be correct within six inches; the distance of the target is the distance from the archer's side of the marker to the centre of the butt.
- 3. All butts must be stable so there is no danger of tipping.
- 4. Shooting lanes must be cleared so the arrows will not strike foliage or branches.



5. Any person, regardless of height, must have a clear view of the full face of the target.
6. Paths must never pass directly behind a target butt, it is preferred that paths should leave the butt at such an angle that archers leave the line of shooting quickly. Paths and target lanes must be clearly marked and adequate direction signs placed.
7. Target butts must be placed so that misses do not constitute a hazard to other groups of archers. Bales or butts must not leak arrows or be reinforced with any material which **could** damage arrows or **are** likely to cause bounce-outs.
8. A practice range shall be provided with two practice butts for each Field distance. Faces shall be appropriate for the next round(s) to be shot.  
A separate range of 5 practice butts shall be provided with faces appropriate for the next round(s) to be shot by the cubs.  
The practice ranges shall be ready for use three full days before the first round will be shot and shall remain available for use during the entire event. Tournament Officials may restrict the use of practice areas to periods when the tournament is not being actively shot.  
Practice range marshal(s) shall be on duty.

#### B. Safety Requirements

1. No course shall receive approval until all hazards to safety, in the opinion of the Tournament Director, the Field Captain and the Range Marshal have been removed; the ranges inspected for correctness using the required inspection sheets, as part of the Quality Management Plan, and the QMP sheets have been correctly and fully completed and signed off by the Vice-President or his delegated representative. No course shall receive approval until all hazards to safety, in the opinion of the Range Inspector have been removed.
2. If a target butt is situated so that any path, target, road or building is behind at an unreasonable distance, then the target must be provided with adequate backstop.
3. The practice area must be placed so that no paths or roads pass behind the practice butts.
4. A minimum of 25 feet is necessary between any paths or shooting lanes parallel to another shooting lane. This minimum permits a tolerance depending on terrain and length of shot, but the distance used must preserve absolute safety.

#### C. Approvals and Procedure

1. Permanent courses intended to be used for IFAA sanctioned tournaments shall be inspected and approved annually. No alterations are permitted without prior consent to the Range Marshall.
2. At all IFAA World and Regional Tournaments or any other special tournament sponsored by the IFAA, course approval by the IFAA is required. Official approval will be through the Vice-President of the IFAA or his designated representative.

3. For all other IFAA sanctioned tournaments, course approval shall be by the World Council Representative for that particular member and approval shall be for that particular tournament only.
4. The IFAA approval procedure shall be limited to the approval of the Quality Management Plan and associated inspection documents and counter signing by the Vice-President, his designated representative or the World Council Representative, whichever is applicable, of the said documents after acceptance of the ranges by the Tournament Director, the Field Captain and the Range Marshal.

## **ARTICLE VII – SCORE RECORDING AND CLASSIFICATION**

### **B. Score records**

1. Each member shall adopt and maintain a system which accurately records scores shot by archers on any of the official IFAA Rounds. Only scores shot in tournaments under IFAA tournament rules shall be recorded.
2. Scores so obtained shall be recorded on an official score recording card, including date scored, type of round shot and signed off by a tournament official
3. Scores so obtained in the 28 target or 2x14 target Field or Hunter Round or alternatively in a Round consisting of 1x14 target Field combined with 1x14 target Hunter standard unit shall be used in the classification of the archer.
4. In all tournaments sanctioned by the IFAA, each archer shall at registration make available his/her official score recording card to the Tournament Chairman to ensure that the archer is in good standing with an IFAA Member and the proper classification of that archer.
5. An archer may not attend an IFAA sanctioned tournament without an official score record card.
6. The IFAA World Field Archery Championships shall be used to establish world ranking.

### **C. Classification Classes**

1. In the Barebow, Freestyle Limited and Freestyle Unlimited Divisions for **Adult and Young Adult men and women as well as Junior boys and girls** there shall be the following classes based on a 28 target round: -

<b>Class</b>	<b>Freestyle Limited</b>	<b>Freestyle Unlimited</b>	<b>Barebow</b>
A	450 - plus	500 - plus	400 - plus
B	350 - 449	400 - 499	300 - 399
C	0 - 349	0 - 399	0 - 299

2. In the Bowhunter, Bowhunter Limited and Bowhunter Unlimited Divisions for **Adult and Young Adult men and women as well as Junior boys and girls**, there shall be the following classes based on a 28 target round:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Bowhunter Limited</b>	<b>Bowhunter Unlimited</b>	<b>Bowhunter</b>
A	450 - plus	475 - plus	375 - plus
B	300 - 449	325 - 474	225 - 374
C	0 - 299	0 - 324	0 - 224

3. In the Longbow Division for **Adult and Young Adult men and women as well as Junior boys and girls** there shall be the following classes based on a 28 target round: -

<b>Class</b>	<b>Longbow</b>
A	250 - plus
B	150 - 249
C	0 - 149

4. For the World and Regional Championship Tournaments and other tournaments sanctioned by the IFAA classes shall be in accordance with this article.
5. For sanctioned IFAA tournaments and/or tournaments sanctioned by the member within that nation, classes shall be in accordance with the system adopted by that member.

#### C. Classification procedures

For the World and Regional tournaments and other tournaments sanctioned by the IFAA, the Tournament Director or designated person shall follow the procedure as stated in this article to determine an archer's class:-

1. Classification of an archer shall be determined by the archer's two highest scores, obtained in the twelve month period immediate prior to the tournament.
2. In the event no two score records are obtained in the same class-score-range over the twelve months immediate prior to the tournament, the time frame will be extended until three score records are obtained. The two scores within the same class-score-range will determine the classification of the archer. No score recorded twenty four months prior to the tournament shall be considered.
3. Classification is done by shooting style. An archer who shoots more than one style may have more than one classification. In the event an archer changes style, a new time frame for classification will start from the date of the first recorded score.
4. An archer who has insufficient score records to be classified shall compete in the highest contested class in his/her style in that tournament.

5. An archer shall be reclassified to a higher class if he/she obtains two scores in a higher classification range within a twelve month period, calculated from the date that the first higher class score was obtained. This reclassification process will be repeated until the archer classifies in the "A" class.
6. An archer shall be reclassified to a lower class if he/she obtains consistently scores of a lower class over a period of not less than twelve months, calculated from the day of the first score used for reclassification.

**Clarification:**

- a. An archer in the FU style has shot two high scores of 505 and 512 in the twelve months prior to a tournament. They are both over 499 and thus the archer is classified in the "A" class.
- b. An archer in the FU style has shot two high scores of 480 and 475 in the twelve months prior to a tournament. They are both between 400 and 499 and thus the archer is classified in the "B" class.
- c. An archer in the FU style has not shot for six months prior to a tournament, but in the twelve months preceding his last score (18 months prior to the tournament) shot two high scores of 505 and 512. The time span is less than 24 months thus both scores will be taken into account. They are both over 499 and thus the archer is classified in the "A" class.
- d. An archer in the FU style has not shot for 23 months but started again two months before the tournament. He only has one score: 480. All other scores are older than 24 months and cannot be taken into consideration. As he has only one valid score, he will be classified in the highest class in his style at the tournament.
- e. An archer in the FU style has shot two high scores over the last twelve months: 480 and 502. As he has not obtained two scores in the same class he will be placed in the highest class in his style at the tournament. During the tournament he shoots 504 and his two top scores are now 502 and 504 over the last 12 months. He is now re-classified after the tournament as "A". After that 504 he scores 489, 497, 476 over the next five months after re-classification. He remains "A" class for another seven months. Classification runs over a twelve months period. Only once that period is over will the archer revert back to "B" class.
- f. An archer in the FU style is classified as "A" class. Six months before the tournament he changes to BBR and shoots two high scores of 325 and 346. The archer is classified as "B" as long as he shoots that style. It is possible that an archer shoots "A" class in one style and "B" class in another style.

## **ARTICLE VIII - YOUNG ADULT DIVISION**

- A. A Young Adult (YA) division is established for archers of the age of seventeen (17) and eighteen (18) years.
- B. The Young Adults shall shoot Adult distances.
- C. The Young Adult division shall be eligible for awards in the same manner as adults.
- D. Young Adults will be allowed to compete in the Longbow, Recurve Barebow, Recurve Bowhunter and Recurve Freestyle Limited styles. Compound bows will be permitted in the Bowhunter, Bowhunter Limited, Bowhunter Unlimited, Barebow, Freestyle Limited and Freestyle Unlimited styles.

## **ARTICLE IX - JUNIOR DIVISION**

- A. A Junior division is established for archers between the age of thirteen (13) and sixteen (16) years.
- B. Competitors in the Junior division will shoot from the appropriate adult markers up to a maximum distance of 50 yards. The junior markers will be coloured blue.
- C. A Junior may elect to shoot in the Young Adult division with written parental consent, but having done so may not revert back to Junior.
- D. The Junior division shall be eligible for awards in the same manner as adults.
- E. Young Adults will be allowed to compete in the Longbow, Recurve Barebow, Recurve Bowhunter and Recurve Freestyle Limited styles. Compound bows will be permitted in the Bowhunter, Bowhunter Limited, Bowhunter Unlimited, Barebow, Freestyle Limited and Freestyle Unlimited styles.

## **ARTICLE X - CUB DIVISION**

- A. A Cub division is established for archers under the age of thirteen (13) years.
- B. A Cub may elect to shoot in the Junior division with written parental consent, but having done so may not revert back to Cub.
- C. Cub shooting markers will be coloured black.
- D. The Cub division will be split into boys and girls, but there will be no classes within the divisions.
- E. Cubs will be allowed to compete in the Longbow, Recurve Barebow and Recurve Freestyle Limited styles. Compound bows will be permitted in the Barebow, Freestyle Limited and Freestyle Unlimited styles.

## **IFAA WORLD FIELD ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP (WFAC) RULES**

### **A. DURATION**

The WFAC shall be held on five (5) consecutive days.

### **B. BIDDING**

Bidding by a member to host WFAC will be in accordance with the IFAA By-Laws.

### **C. OFFICIALS**

Tournament officials as referred to in Article IVG of the By-Laws shall be appointed for each event

### **D. FORMAT**

The WFAC Format will consist of:

Day 1	-	Opening ceremonies.
Day 2	-	WFAC Field Round.
Day 3	-	WFAC Hunter Round.
Day 4	-	WFAC Animal Round
Day 5	-	WFAC Field Round
Day 6	-	WFAC Hunter Round.
Day 6 or Day 7	-	Awards Ceremony and optional Banquet/Dinner, Passing of IFAA Banner to next host member of WFAC, Closing Ceremonies.

### **E. SPECIFIC RULES FOR WFAC**

- 1 The general rules for Tournament Officials; Protest Committee; Technical Control; Official Rounds; Targets; Equipment; Style and Division; Classification; Shooting Distance; Position & Scoring as well as Insurance; will be those rules contained in the By-Laws and Policies as are applicable.

#### **2 SHOOTING DISTANCE**

- a. The shooting distances for the WFAC shall be MARKED (Known).
- b. Each target of the range shall have an Indicator Board at the shooting position. This board shall carry the following information:
  - Target Number.
  - Distance
  - A picture of the relevant Animal target face showing the “Kill” zone position

3. Optical spotting aids are permitted

4. In the event of a tie for any award the archers concerned will break the tie by a shoot-off over three Field targets (four arrows per target) set up on the practice range at 50 yards. The target face of the first round shall be 65 cm, that of the second round shall be 50 cm and that of the third round shall be 35 cm. If the tie is not then broken they will continue shooting a single arrow “sudden death” on the 35 cm target face.
5. Rules for the IFAA Champion of Nations competition associated with the WFAC will be as specified in the Policy Section of the IFAA Book or Rules.

## F. WFAC OFFICIAL ROUNDS

### 1. The WFAC Field Round

- a. Target.  
Paper targets as specified for the Field Round under Article V (A1 & A2) of the By-Laws.
- b. Round  
The Round shall comprise two standard Field units that are combined to form target numbers 1 to 28.
- c. Shooting positions.  
Shooting positions shall be as defined under Article V (A1) of the By-Laws.  
Markers shall be as defined under Article V (A3) of the By-Laws.
- d. Scoring.  
Scoring shall be as defined under Article V (A2) of the By-Laws

### 2. The WFAC Hunter Round

- a. Target.  
Paper targets as specified for the Hunter Round under Article V (B1 & B2) of the By-Laws.
- b. Round  
The Round shall comprise two standard Hunter units that are combined to form target numbers 1 to 28.
- c. Shooting positions.  
Shooting positions shall be as defined under Article V (B1) of the By-Laws  
Markers shall be as defined under Article V (B3) of the By-Laws
- d. Scoring.  
Scoring shall be as defined under Article V (B2) of the By-Laws

### 3. The WFAC Animal Round Marked Distances

- a. Target.  
Paper targets as specified for the Animal Round Marked Distances under Article V (C1 and C2) of the By-Laws.

b. Round

The Round shall comprise two standard Animal Marked distance units that are combined to form target numbers 1 to 28.

c. Shooting positions.

Shooting positions shall be as defined under Article V (C1 & C3) of the By-Laws  
Markers shall be as defined under Article V (C4) of the By-Laws

d. Scoring

Scoring shall be as defined under Article V (C4) of the By-Laws

G. COURSE LAY-OUT REQUIREMENTS

All relevant course lay-out requirements as defined in Article VI of the By-Laws shall apply.



## **IFAA WORLD BOWHUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP (WBHC) RULES**

### **A. DURATION**

The World Bowhunter Championships shall be shot over four (4) consecutive days. A 5th day will be allowed as an additional tournament day if the number of participants warrant this.

### **B. BIDDING**

Bidding by a member to host the WBHC will be in accordance with the IFAA By-Laws.

### **C. OFFICIALS**

Tournament officials as referred to in Article IVG of the By-Laws shall be appointed for each event

### **D. FORMAT**

The WBHC Format shall consist of the following 28 target rounds:

2 Rounds of the IFAA Unmarked Animal Round	– 3 Arrow Round
1 Round of the IFAA 3-D Standard Round	– 2 Arrow Round
1 Round of the IFAA 3-D Hunting Round	– 1 Arrow Round

Rounds may be shot in any sequence

### **E. SPECIFIC RULES FOR WORLD BOWHUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS (WBHC)**

The general rules for Tournament Officials; Protest Committee; Technical Control; Official Rounds; Targets; Equipment; Style and Division; Unmarked Shooting Distance; Position & Scoring as well as Insurance, will be those rules contained in the By-Laws and Policies will apply, other than where specific Rules are set forth herein.

#### **1. TARGETS**

##### **a. Paper Targets**

Paper targets will be those faces recognised by the IFAA and approved by the IFAA Vice-President. These targets will have Kill and Wound areas uniform with the provisions of the IFAA By-Laws.

##### **b. 3-D Targets**

Targets recognised by the IFAA which are in accordance with the IFAA rule book Targets that have only 2 defined score zones shall be scored by including a third score zone which is the area between the outer defined score zone and the hairline. ("Vital" area).

Targets that have 3 defined score zones, shall be scored by combining the defined bull and inner score zone to be the bull zone, and by then adding the

third score zone being the area between the outer defined score zone and the hairline.

- c. Two targets (paper faces or 3D targets) will be required when the distance between the target and the Adult shooting position is 35 yards or less.

## 2. SHOOTING DISTANCE

- a. The shooting distances for the WBHC shall be UNMARKED (Unknown).
- b. Each target of the range shall have an Indicator Board at the shooting position. This board shall carry the following information:
  - Target Number.
  - Face Size (Group 1, 2, 3 or 4)
  - 3-D Size (Group 1, 2, 3 or 4)
  - A picture of the relevant target or target face showing the “Kill” and “Vital” zone positions.

## 3. EQUIPMENT

Equipment for all shooting styles shall be that as provided by the General Rules, subject to:

- a. Arrows are to conform to By-Law Article V C 3c.
- b. Bow quivers are permitted for all styles if their binding (mounting) system is not visible in the sight window.  
Note: Tournament Rule, not a shooting style rule!
- c. Optical devices in accordance with By-Law Article IV H 2n are permitted
- d. Change of equipment during the tournament:
  1. Changing an equipment part involving a style change for the purpose of making the shoot easier in one or another of the different rounds, shall not be permitted.
  2. An archer must compete in and finish the event with the same equipment he/she starts with, except in the case of equipment failure.
  3. Draw weight shall not be adjusted during any one round of the tournament.  
Note: Tournament rule, applicable to all shooting styles!

## 4. MISC. SHOOTING RULES

- a. A Pro-Am Prize Money Division shall be included in lieu of the standard Pro Division.
- b. No competitor, or any other person not officially associated with the tournament, will be allowed to survey or inspect the Bowhunter courses prior to shooting.

- c. No person may accompany the groups on the ranges who is not a competitor assigned to that group (No guests). The organisers may authorise persons on the range such as officials and media.
- d. Discussion of target distance between competitors or any form of disclosing distances is strictly forbidden and may result in disqualification.
- e. An archer is allowed to use his personal notes, such as sight settings, etc. on the range. However making additional notes on the range that in any way reflect shooting conditions, distances, etc. and may be used to assist any other competitor at a later stage in the tournament is strictly forbidden and may result in disqualification.
- f. No member of the group (or any other group) may go forward from the shooting marker until all members of the group have shot their arrow(s) from that shooting marker.  
In the event that an archer requires shooting a second or third arrow that archer shall shoot all these arrows before the next archer(s) walk up to the first shooting marker.  
*Note: An archer shall shoot all the required arrows before leaving the shooting marker(s) and give way to the next archer in the group.*
- g. Within the shooting groups the first two archers shall shoot first on the 1st target, the next two archers will shoot first on the next target and so on through the round. These numbers may require modification depending on the total of archers in a group and the number who can shoot at one time at a given target.
- h. When there is a choice of two targets the archer standing on the left will shoot the left target and the archer on the right will shoot the right target.
- i. In the event of a tie for any award the archers concerned will break the tie by a shoot-off over three 3D targets (two arrows per target) set up on the practice range at group 1 distances. The target of the first round shall be a group 1 target that of the second round shall be a group 2 target and that of the third round shall be a group 3 target. If the tie is not then broken they will continue shooting a single arrow "sudden death" on the group 3 target, which will be moved further back after each arrow..

## G. WBHC OFFICIAL ROUNDS

### 1. IFAA Unmarked Animal Round (3 arrows)

- a. Targets.  
Either paper faces or 3-D targets shall be used. The two types shall not be mixed on the same range.  
The event organiser must nominate as part of the bid what targets will be used.
- b. Standard Unit.  
As specified in the By-Laws for the IFAA Unmarked Animal Round.

c. Shooting Positions.

As specified in the By-Laws for IFAA Unmarked Animal Round.

	<b>Veteran/Adult/Young Adult</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Cub</b>
Group 1 Target	Three 5yd walk-up shots with first marker set between 60 and 40 yards (3 markers)	Front marker of the Adult distance	Three 5yd walk-up shots with first marker set at max. 30 yards (3 markers)
Group 2 Target	Three 3yd walk-up shots with first marker set between 45 and 30 yards (3 markers)	Adult distance	Single marker Max. 25 yards
Group 3 Target	Four one position shots (one marker) with marker set between 35 and 20 yards	Adult distance	Single marker Max. 20 yards
Group 4 Target	Four one position shots (one marker) with marker set between 20 and 10 yards	Adult distance	Single marker Max. 10 yards

d. Scoring.

As specified in the By-Laws for the IFAA Marked Animal Round:

In the event that 3-D targets are used for this round, the “spot” and “vital” area shall be combined and will be called the “Kill area”.

2. IFAA 3-D STANDARD ROUND (2 Arrows)

a. Targets

Targets as specified under the By-Laws for the 3-D IFAA Standard Round shall be used.

b. Standard Unit.

As specified in the By-Laws for the 3-D IFAA Standard Round.

c. Shooting Positions.

As specified in the By-Laws for the 3-D IFAA Standard Round.

d. Scoring

As specified in the By-Laws for the 3-D IFAA Standard Round.

3. IFAA 3-D HUNTING ROUND (1 Arrow)

a. Targets

Targets as specified under the By-Laws for the 3-D IFAA Hunting Round shall be used.

b. Standard Unit.

As specified in the By-Laws for the 3-D IFAA Hunting Round.

c. Shooting Positions.

As specified in the By-Laws for the 3-D IFAA Hunting Round.

d. Scoring

As specified in the By-Laws for the 3-D IFAA Hunting Round.

H. COURSE LAY-OUT REQUIREMENTS

1. All relevant course lay-out requirements as defined in Article VI of the By-Laws shall apply.
2. In laying out or setting up a Bowhunter course the following points must be followed:
  - a. Distances used shall be those designated for the individual round or portion of the round being used.
  - b. All target butts must be stable with no danger of tipping. 3D targets shall be freestanding and securely anchored.
  - c. Any competitor, regardless of height, must have a clear view of the target. When constructing a CUB only range, take into consideration the reduced heights of the competitors.
  - d. Target lanes, areas, etc., are not required to be maintained at the same level of a Field Course. IE: targets may be placed in a reasonably representative area of natural growth. The target must not be purposely obscured from view. While realising some hunters will take a more difficult shot, the organiser must not accept that as a norm. We are presenting representative and competitive rounds, not constructing an obstacle course or a test of acrobatic skills. Some degree of difficulty is permissible, tempered with a balance of consideration for the average and the non-hunting archer. All archers must have a clear view of the target. The total score area must not be obscured.
3. The 3D target will be positioned so that the scoring area is face on to the archer. For group 1 and 2 targets, the target may be angled towards or away from the archer; however such angle shall not exceed 15 degrees. (i.e. a facing away or towards archer) "Up-hill" or "down-hill" shots shall not exceed 45 degrees.

A target butt (a butt to which the IFAA paper targets is attached in other IFAA Rounds) shall not be set up with the free-standing 3D target. To ensure minimal arrow damage and/or arrow loss, a back-stop either natural or man-made shall be provided behind each target as follows:

A minimum distance of 10 yards shall be provided between the target and such back-stop.

The natural back-stop shall be the natural terrain which shall be free, as far as is practicable, of rock or stone.

An alternative to the natural back-stop is the man-made version using carpet off-cuts, nets or other usable material, which can be suspended in 2 layers. The first layer when hit by the arrow will move with the impact with, in most cases, the arrow falling to the ground. In the occasional occurrence where the arrow passes

through the first layer, the second layer, and reduced arrow velocity incurred through passing through the first layer, will stop the arrow.

The carpet, net or other usable material may be suspended between trees, or over a constructed frame, with layers set at 2 feet apart. The height of the suspended carpet should be at least 8 feet from the ground, with the carpet reaching the ground and loosely anchored to still allow the carpet to move under arrow impact. The back-stop should be camouflaged, where practicable, to blend in with terrain.

4. TREE STAND SHOTS

No Commercial or “Home-made” actual Tree Stands will be used.

Tree Stand shots may be simulated through the use of Shooting Platforms.

5. SHOOTING PLATFORMS

Shooting platforms may be used to simulate Tree Stands. When used, the platform must be sturdy and solid so as to present no safety hazard to the competitor who must use it. A shooting platform should be constructed to readily accommodate two archers, of any size, at one time.

Even then it is recommended that only one archer be allowed to use the stand at any one time; certainly, never more than two.

The Platform must be constructed so as to provide safe and easy access. Steps must be sturdy, solid and have the ability to be used safely by any competing archer. A hand rail should be provided in most cases to assist in mounting the steps. No rung ladder or other rudimentary device will be acceptable for gaining access to the raised platform.

A railing of no less than three (3) feet in height must encircle the actual raised platform except for the space required for entry by the steps.

Shooting platforms that are not considered to be safe by the inspecting IFAA Official will not be used. Instead, that shot shall be converted to a ground level shot.

NOTE: A platform built against the side of a hill may allow straight access to the platform from the target trail. In such a case, the requirement for steps could logically be waived. The Organiser of the tournament should keep in mind that the purpose of the platform is to provide an elevated shot, simulating a tree stand shot, and not to construct an obstacle course.

## **IFAA WORLD INDOOR ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP (WIAC) RULES**

### **A. DURATION**

The World Indoor Championships shall be held over three (3) consecutive days.

### **B. BIDDING**

Bidding by a member to host WIAC will be in accordance with the IFAA By-Laws.

### **C. OFFICIALS**

Tournament officials as referred to in Article IV G of the By-Laws shall be appointed for each event

### **D. FORMAT**

The WIAC Format shall be:

The night preceding Day 1	-	Opening ceremony
Day 1	-	One IFAA Indoor Round
Day 2	-	One IFAA Indoor Round
Day 3	-	One IFAA Indoor Round Awards Ceremony

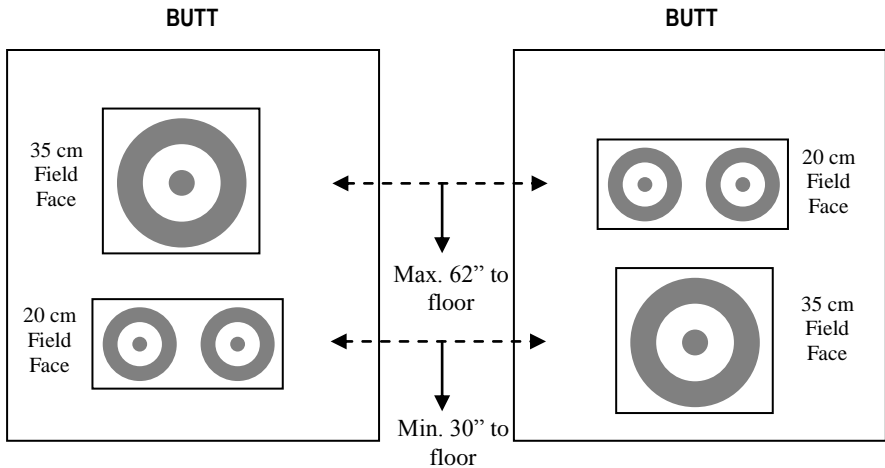
On Day 2 of the WIAC the Flint Indoor Round may be shot instead of the IFAA Indoor Round. The choice to shoot the Flint Indoor Round will lie with the WIAC hosts who shall declare this choice as part of the bid to host the event.

### **E. SPECIFIC RULES FOR WIAC**

1. The general rules for Tournament Officials; Protest Committee; Technical Control; Official Rounds; Targets; Equipment; Style and Division; Shooting Distance; Position & Scoring as well as Insurance; will be those rules contained in the By-Laws and Policies as are applicable.
2. Optical spotting aids are permitted
3. A professional division in accordance with Article IV F. of the By-Laws shall be allowed.
4. In the event of a tie for any award, the archers concerned will break the tie by a shoot-off over three ends. The archer with the largest number of "X"-s scored will win the tie. If the tie is not then broken they will continue to shoot a single arrow "sudden death".

5. Standard Indoor Round:
  - a. Standard Indoor Round rules shall be in accordance with Article V (J) of the By-Laws.
  - b. An archer may choose either the single spot or the five spot target face. Target faces may not be interchanged during a round.
  - c. The centre of the target face shall not be less than 30 inches from the floor.
6. Flint Indoor Round:
  - a. Flint Indoor Round rules shall be in accordance with Article V(I) of the By-Laws.
  - b. Butts and targets shall be set out as figure 1
  - c. Shooting lanes shall be laid out as shown in figure 2

After completion of the first round of seven shooting positions, Archers on lanes 1 and 2 change lanes for the second round as will the archers on lanes 3 and 4, lanes 5 and 6, etc.





	BUTT 1	BUTT 2	BUTT 1	BUTT 2	
	2/20	2/20	2/20	2/20	20 ft.
	6/20	6/20	6/20	6/20	10 YRD
	4/20 + 7 (W)	4/20 + 7 (W)	4/20 + 7 (W)	4/20 + 7 (W)	15 YRD
	5/35 + 7 (W)	5/35 + 7 (W)	5/35 + 7 (W)	5/35 + 7 (W)	20 YRD
	1/35 + 7 (W)	1/35 + 7 (W)	1/35 + 7 (W)	1/35 + 7 (W)	25 YRD
	3/35 + 7(W)	3/35 + 7(W)	3/35 + 7(W)	3/35 + 7(W)	30 YRD
	Lane 1				
	Lane 2				
	Lane 3				
	Lane 4				

**Fig 2**  
**(Diagrammatic lay-out)**

Note: 3/35 stands for : Shooting position number 3, shot at a 35 cm target face  
6/20 stands for : Shooting position number 6, shot at a 20 cm target face  
7(W) stands for : Shooting position number 7, consisting of a walk-up

## **RULES FOR THE WORLD INDOOR ARCHERY MAIL MATCH (WIAMM)**

The WIAMM is classified as a world event to promote archery for all. The IFAA does not exercise strict control of the rules and relies on the integrity of individuals and clubs that scores recorded are the actual scores that have been shot.

Scores of the WIAMM do not qualify therefore for IFAA World or Regional Records.

### **A. DURATION:**

The WIAMM will be a worldwide postal match during the months of January, February and March each year.

### **B. PARTICIPATION:**

Any non-professional archer may enter the event.

### **C. FORMAT**

The WIAMM shall consist of three Indoor Rounds:  
One Round shot each month.

### **D. SPECIFIC RULES FOR THE WIAMM**

1. The WIAMM will be conducted in accordance with the Rules for the IFAA Indoor Round.
2. Scores shall be submitted to the International Score Recorder in accordance with pre-shoot official IFAA publication.
3. Scores obtained in nominated or official indoor events during the recording period may be used.
4. In the absence of Indoor facilities the WIAMM may be shot outdoors.

## **POLICIES OF THE IFAA**

### **ARTICLE 1 - BIDDING PROCEDURES FOR A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

#### **A. World field archery championships (WFAC).**

1. A bid for hosting a World Field Archery Championship shall reach the office of the Secretary not later than 90 days before the World Council meeting.
2. No bid can be made for Championships that will take place more than four years from the World Council meeting immediate following after the bid is made.
3. A bid made four years before the event shall be binding and subject to Article II of the By-Laws.
4. The bid shall be accompanied by general information concerning the event, the region where the event will be hosted as well as general tourist information.
5. The bid shall further include information about the experience by the organiser(s) to host the event as well as what type of targets/butts or target faces will be used and an indication of what the registration costs will be.
6. In the case that more than one bid is received the World council shall decide on a preferential bid and a secondary bid.
7. The World Council's decision who shall host the event will be based on an "open" vote by those members present and shall be based on a simple majority. In the event that more than two bids were received the voting process will be repeated with the bid with the lowest vote to drop out until two bids remain to decide the winning bid and the secondary bid.
8. Two years before the event will be hosted final presentations accompanied by event brochures giving final details about the event, the region it will be hosted, the type of terrain, tourist information, etc. as well as the registration fees for each age division. Such presentation is done "in person" by someone with knowledge of the organisation of the event.
9. If the preferential bidder fails to present the presentation "in person" or presents an unacceptable presentation in the opinion of the World Council, the secondary bid shall be considered by the World Council in lieu of the preferential bid.
10. Registration fees shall cover the actual costs of hosting the event, i.e. costs related to advertising, setting out, maintaining and breaking down the ranges, materials, administration and opening ceremony. Costs related to extra activities outside shooting hours, memorabilia (shirts, badges and pins) and the banquet/award ceremony shall be payable separately. Special discount packages and other so-called benefits given by the local community and trade may not be reflected in the registration fees.

11. The World Council reserves the right to have insight in the budget of the event to assure that registration fees are realistic and fair to the archers and the organisers.
12. The decision of the World Council is final and cannot be subjected to protest.
13. The winning bid shall be subject to a written “Agreement” between the IFAA President/Vice-President and the Host.

**B. World bowhunter championships and world indoor archery championships**

1. Bidding for the World Bowhunter Championships (WBHC) and the World Indoor Archery Championships (WIAC) shall follow the same procedure as that of the World Field Archery Championships, be it that bids shall only be considered three years before the event will be hosted and the final presentation one year before the event.

**ARTICLE 2 - PROTEST COMMITTEE**

- A. At IFAA sanctioned Tournaments, a Protest Committee will consider and rule on all disputes and protests submitted at those tournaments.
- B. Protests will be submitted in writing, no later than one-hour after completion of the day's shooting. Notice of intention to hear a protest will be made immediately after the archer filing such protest, has completed the day's shooting. All particulars of the protest, witnesses to the incident, reason for the protest being filed, will be contained in the written protest.
- C. A protest fee, amount to be set in advance, will accompany all protests at the time of filing.

**D. COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Protest Committee will consist of:

- Chairman: IFAA Vice-President or, in his absence, the President.  
Members: Tournaments Chairman (Shoot Director)  
The representatives of three IFAA members

Representatives may vary at IFAA Regional tournaments, using IFAA personnel in attendance when possible.

The Committee Chairman may select alternate members as availability and number of designated members at that tournament dictates. Members of the Protest Committee will make themselves available at the end of shooting each day at a pre-designated place. A pre-designated signal may be used to notify members that a protest has been filed. EG: a special flag, announcement or signal.

**E. PROTEST PROCEDURES**

1. Only problems arising out of or in connection with By-Law Articles IV to IX inclusive and World or Regional Championship Rules may be considered by a Protest Committee. All other problems may be referred for a resolution by the Tournament organisers.

2. No person may file a protest for another; the person submitting the protest must be the injured party.
3. No Cub archer may file a protest.
4. An injured party, who does not speak English, may ask an English speaking archer to attend the protest meeting as an interpreter only.
5. **Range** Marshals, who have pertinent information regarding the incident, may be asked to attend the meeting to present their information.
6. No other person other than those mentioned herein may sit in on the protest meeting.
7. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee shall be returned. If not upheld, the fee shall go to the IFAA Treasurer for deposit in IFAA's General Fund.
8. The Protest Committee shall observe the rules of natural justice by allowing each relevant party a reasonable opportunity to hear and to question all matters presented to the committee. The Protest Committee shall seek an equitable outcome to accord with the wording and intent of the IFAA rules. This outcome may range between permitting (for example and without restriction) the repeat shooting of a target or two - allocation to another style – cancelling all or part of a score for one or more day - rescinding the competitor's entry - the reporting of an archer to his National Authority.
9. The decision of the Protest Committee is to be given in writing and, following it being read to the Protestor and if appropriate published more widely, is to be forwarded to the IFAA for information. The Protest Committee's decision is not subject to appeal at law nor is it binding on IFAA.

### **ARTICLE 3 - TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

- A. The Technical Committee shall consist of three persons, who shall be members in good standing with an IFAA member.  
When possible, the three committee members will be selected from different IFAA Regions.
- B. The President will appoint the committee and designate its chairman.
- C. Rulings of the committee will be guided by the interpretations of the existing rules and regulations of the IFAA as contained in the current By-Laws and Policy.
- D. No ruling or interpretation of the Constitution will be accepted for consideration by this committee, nor shall this committee make any rulings regarding the Constitution.
- E. Requests for Interpretations and rulings.
  1. Requests for interpretations and/or rulings will be considered by the Technical Committee from the following sources:

- a. Rulings already made by an IFAA Official, acting in an assigned duty, during the course of an IFAA World or Regional tournament.

**NOTE:** These requests would usually be seeking confirmation that a ruling made by an official, during an IFAA tournament, was the correct ruling. The IFAA Technical Committee may either uphold or, choose not to uphold such a ruling based on their interpretation of the rules existing at that time. All rulings made during the course of a tournament should be forwarded to the IFAA Secretary, at the conclusion of the tournament for further distribution to the Technical Committee chairman. All conditions and interpretations bearing upon the ruling should be made available to the Technical Committee.

The Technical Committee may verify the correctness of the ruling.

- b. An IFAA Officer or Representative of an IFAA member.

**NOTE:** These requests would usually be for information (interpretation) of existing rules.

- c. Interpretations requested by manufacturers of new archery equipment.

**NOTE:** All requests from manufacturers will be considered as requests for interpretation only.

2. All requests for rulings and interpretation on equipment will be accompanied by written descriptions, pictures or, diagrams whenever possible in order for the Technical Committee to clearly understand the request. In the case of new equipment, or equipment not readily available to the rest of the world, the manufacturer's literature, pictures, etc. should be made available to the committee.

**NOTE:** In the case of equipment or adequate descriptive material not being available to the Technical Committee, the committee may be unable to issue a ruling or a definitive interpretation.

#### F. NEW ARCHERY EQUIPMENT.

In the absence of a request for ruling, the Technical Committee is authorised to make rulings on new equipment. This authorisation and ruling made, will concern itself with new equipment, only if it is considered to be illegal for the use as the IFAA rules apply at that time.

#### G. RULINGS.

1. All rulings of the Technical Committee will be based on the rules of the IFAA as they exist at the time of the ruling.
2. In the case that the Executive Council is not in agreement with the ruling made by the Technical Committee, such ruling shall revert back to the Technical Committee with reasons stated. The Technical Committee shall reconsider the ruling. The second ruling, which may be the same as the original ruling, shall be the Technical Committee's Ruling.
3. The Technical Committee ruling shall be final and binding upon the Association, pending review by the IFAA World Council at their next scheduled business meeting. Notice of such rulings will be sent to the Representative of each member by the IFAA

Secretary. If the IFAA World Council does not uphold the ruling at their next meeting, the ruling will become automatically null and void. For those rulings that are upheld, the correction - if one is required - should be made in the handbook at its next printing.

4. The IFAA World Council, in reviewing a Technical Committee Ruling, should determine if the ruling is/was correct according to the rules in effect at the time of the ruling.

#### H. CHANGES TO OPERATING PROCEDURES

Changes to operating procedures will be made only by the President, who will consider the request of the committee chairman or the IFAA World Council to make such a change.

### **ARTICLE 4 - NATIONAL FLAGS**

Each IFAA World Council Representative will be responsible for his/her country's flag and to get it to the next tournament

### **ARTICLE 5 - VERIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

At all IFAA tournaments the competing archers will be asked to produce their national membership card as well as their score record card at registration, in order to determine their current membership in an IFAA member.

### **ARTICLE 6- TECHNICAL CONTROL PERSONNEL**

All IFAA members will have trained Technical Control Personnel.

The functions of a Technical Control officer (TCO) shall be:

- A. To assist archers and tournament officials by conducting bow inspections at all IFAA sanctioned tournaments.
- B. He is entitled to recruit assistant technical control officers to help on his duties under his supervision.
- C. Before the start of the competition the Technical Control officer shall be available to inspect archers' equipment and to certify their correctness in accordance with the style the archer has registered for.
- D. During the competition he shall spot check the condition of bows and arrows as well as the compliance of the equipment with the rules, including but not limited to the compliance of the regulation of the style the archer is competing in.
- E. He shall inspect equipment claimed to have technical failure and inspect the repairs. Before the bow is used in competition again, he shall verify compliance as stated under (C).
- F. He is authorised to officially inform an archer found violating the rules of a pending protest, in which case the following procedure shall be followed:
  1. The TCO will inform the Tournament Director and the IFAA Vice – President or, in his absence, the official IFAA Tournament representative.

2. Upon receipt of such report the Tournament Director and the IFAA representative shall make a joint decision on what corrective will be taken, which shall be:
  - i. A formal protest procedure under Article 2E of the Policies in the event of a tournament and/or rule violation.
  - ii. A formal protest procedure under Article 2E of the Policies in the event there is an injured party.
  - iii. To inform the archer to make the equipment compliant to the style at registration or be reclassified in the event there is no injured party.
3. The archer concerned will be formally notified of the decision

## **ARTICLE 7 - INTERNATIONAL SCORE RECORDER**

The President will create an additional position (non-elective) to be designated as "The International Score Recorder"

## **ARTICLE 8 - PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE**

It is IFAA policy, and a requirement for hosting both IFAA World and Regional Championship tournaments, that the host National Association provide Public Liability Insurance to cover such events.

The interests of the IFAA are to be recognised in the wording of the cover policy.

## **ARTICLE 9 – VACANCY IN ELECTED OFFICE**

- A. A vacancy in any elected Office for the IFAA for any reason whatsoever, will be filled in the following manner:
  1. If a vacancy occurs, the President shall appoint within four weeks a new Officer of his/her choice.
  2. If a vacancy occurs less than six months before the normal election cycle, the appointment will be valid for the remainder of the term of office. In all other situations the normal procedures as set out in Article XI section D of the Constitution shall apply, using the same time constraints as set out in the article.
  3. In the case that the office of the President becomes vacant, The Vice-President will take over the position as President and a new Vice-President will be appointed/elected, whichever applicable, in accordance with sections 1 and 2 of this article.
  4. In the case that the office of the Secretary and/or Treasurer becomes vacant, the time limit in section 2 above becomes one year.
  5. If an election is required in terms of sections 2. and 3. of this article, the Officer appointed by the President will be one of the official nominees for the office, if so accepted by that nominee.



B. An office shall be deemed vacant:

1. Upon the death or resignation of the office holder
2. If the office holder becomes incapable of performing the duties of the office or, has been convicted of a felony in a court having jurisdiction.
3. If an office holder absents himself/herself from the duties of the office for a period in excess of three (3) months. Absenting oneself means and includes the non-performance of duties of the office and, the failure to maintain regular contact and response, with the President, other officers and, the **World Council**, where applicable and/or required.
4. If the Office holder ceases to be a member of an IFAA member association:
  - a. If a member nation, of which the Office holder is a member, becomes non-affiliated with the IFAA, for whatever reason, the office holder may serve out the remaining portion of his/her term.
  - b. The Office holder may petition the IFAA **World Council** for further clarification beyond that point.
5. All action taken by the President under the provisions of this policy will be reported to the IFAA **World Council** on a timely basis.

**ARTICLE 10 – TOURNAMENT LEVIES**

- A. A levy will be collected by the IFAA from the proceeds of each World and Regional Championship Tournament. Such levy will be based on the total tournament registration and, based on the advertised fees for each person and the total number of entrants (disregarding late fees).
- B. Within two weeks after the last day of an IFAA sanctioned tournament the host member shall inform the IFAA Secretary of the number of entries in each age group and of the entry fees for each age group to allow the Treasurer to invoice for the sanction levies. Payment of the sanction levies shall be made within 60 (sixty) days after the Treasurer has sent the invoice.

If such levies have not been paid within the time limit the host may lose the “Goodwill deposit” and membership with the IFAA may be suspended until payment is received.
- C. The levy will be set by the IFAA World Council and may be changed from time to time.
- D. The current levy is 15 **percent of the registration fees for individuals and teams.**
- E. Where the host Nation is subject to GST, VAT or other Government levies on registration fees the IFAA Shoot Levy will be calculated on the net amount of the total registration fees less any such Government charges. The host Nation must quote their official Government registration number under which they are liable for the GST, VAT or other charge and the rate at which such charge is levied.

## ARTICLE 11 – CHAMPION OF NATIONS COMPETITION

### A. PURPOSE

To provide a venue in which National Teams may compete against each other for the title “Champion of Nations”. This competition makes use of all IFAA Shooting Styles and allows various strategies in the formation of teams.

### B. ELIGIBILITY

Each member association of the IFAA is eligible to enter a team in the Champion of Nations Competition. Team members must be members of the member association under which the team is formed. **Young Adults, both male and female,** Adults, both male and female and, Veterans, both male and female, of all IFAA shooting styles, are eligible.

The IFAA Professional and Junior divisions are not eligible.

A registration fee is required.

### C. STYLES

The IFAA shooting styles are divided into seven (7) groups (hereafter, referred to as – Style Groupings) where like or similar styles are grouped together in one grouping:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7
VFBH(R)	VFBL	VFBU	VFBB(R)	VFFS(R)	VFFU	VFLB
VMBH(R)	VMBL	VMBU	VMBB(R)	VMFS(R)	VMFU	VMLB
VFBH(C)	AFBL	AFBU	VFBB(C)	VFFS(C)	AFFU	AFLB
VMBH(C)	AMBL	AMBU	VMBB(C)	VMFS(C)	AMFU	AMLB
AFBH(R)	<b>YAFBL</b>	<b>YAFBU</b>	AFBB(R)	AFFS(R)	<b>YAFFU</b>	<b>AMHB</b>
AMBH(R)	<b>YAMBL</b>	<b>YAMBU</b>	AMBB(R)	AMFS(R)	<b>YAMFU</b>	<b>AFHB</b>
AFBH(C)			AFBB(C)	AFFS(C)		
AMBH(C)			AMBB(C)	AMFS(C)		
<b>YAFBH(R)</b>			<b>YAFBB(R)</b>	<b>YAFFS(R)</b>		
<b>YAMBH(R)</b>			<b>YAMBB(R)</b>	<b>YAMFS(R)</b>		
<b>YAFBH(C)</b>			<b>YAFBB(C)</b>	<b>YAFFS(C)</b>		
<b>YAMBH(C)</b>			<b>YAMBB(C)</b>	<b>YAMFS(C)</b>		

One competitor, male or female, is chosen from each style grouping to represent that style group. The selection is left strictly to the nation sponsoring the team. A (full) team consists of seven archers, one from each style grouping. A team of less than seven, may be entered if the nation cannot fill the style slot or, if the nation decides to do so for any reason.

### D. ACCUMULATION OF POINTS

#### 1. Individual Points

The individual Champion of Nations teams accumulate points as follows: (For this example, it is assumed there are seven (7) teams entered in the competition). Each day, in each style grouping, the high score in each style grouping will earn 7 points (with seven teams), second will earn 6, third will earn 5 and so on to the lowest score which will earn 1 pt.

(Exceptions occur when there is a tie. EG: first place score is tied by two archers. Both receive 7 points and the rest of the points are distributed 6-5-4-3-2. Or a tie at third place would result in points being distributed - 7-6-5-5-4-3-2. In these cases, the shooters below the tie point end up with a higher score than if the tie did not exist)

2. Team totals

At the end of the tournament (each days score for each member is totalled and all team member's totals, are added together). The high team will receive 7 points followed by 6-5-4-3-2-1-. (Again, ties will improve standings of the teams below the tie point).

3. Medal count

Medal count – Medals earned in overall WFAC competition, by members of teams, will receive points as weighted. Medals – Gold, Silver and, Bronze, earned in regular WFAC competition, are weighted to reflect the attendance at WFAC of varying numbers of teams registered in the “Champion of Nations” competition. The weight of the Gold medal will equal the number of teams participating. In Example: With seven (7) teams entered, the Gold medal will equal 7 points, the Silver will equal 5 points and, the Bronze will equal 3 points. Points will be adjusted to reflect the number of teams if that number is more, or less, than seven (7).

E. STRATEGIES

The Champion of Nations event is a combined effort of all archers. From the overall attendance of archers competing in the styles of WFAC, to each Champion of Nations Teams, to the individual efforts of each member of the team, each step assists the team in their ultimate victory. It should also be recognised, that the Shooting Styles practised within each individual nation have a great deal to do with success in this competition. In example, a nation which has no recognised Longbow style, will not be able to put forth a full team in this competition.

As one might see, there is room for many varied strategies in forming a team. If a particular shooter cannot bring significant points to a grouping style, it may be outweighed by the fact the shooter may be expected to receive a gold, silver or bronze medal during regular competition in that particular style.

The choice in style grouping allows only one shooter, man or women, from the grouping. In other words: one shooter from the grouping per team. That shooter will compete daily against the other team's shooter in that grouping. Further, look at the 7th team position - Longbow, AF or AM. In IFAA competition (based on the first three WFAC'S in which the Champion of Nations competition was entered (1996, 1998 and 2000) one might expect the NFAA-USA to fill the AMLB position with their three time winner of the competition. Other teams would need to defend against his contribution.

It MAY be that a top women contender in style AFLB would be a good choice IF that women was an odds on favourite to win the AFLB Gold or, faced little competition in the style.

From IFAA's viewpoint, those nations who are without a given style, are encouraged (through this competition) to develop that style within their nation. (a team member who shoots the tournament, regardless of score, is guaranteed a minimum of 1 point daily-which just might make the difference.

### **POLICY ARTICLE 11: THE USE OF THE IFAA LOGO**

- A. The IFAA logo is trademarked and is the property of the IFAA. The unauthorised use of the IFAA logo is prohibited and may result in legal action by the IFAA.
- B. The use of the IFAA logo shall be granted for tournaments:
  - 1. On advertising, brochures and other publications to promote an IFAA sanctioned event.
  - 2. On official commemorative clothing associated with an IFAA sanctioned tournament.
  - 3. On official national team shirts associated with an IFAA sanctioned tournament.
- C. IFAA member associations will be granted use of the IFAA logo on their official shirts, but always together with the national logo, either situated on the chest or one of the shirt sleeves, never on the back.
- D. Member associations are allowed to use the IFAA logo on their official letters, either as part of the letter heading or the letter footing, in combination with the text "MEMBER OF" and their official publications with the text "RECOGNISED BY", provided that the publication clearly states that: "The contents of this publication do not necessary reflect the official viewpoint of the IFAA and the IFAA Executive"
- E. Clubs may apply for the use of the IFAA logo on their clothing on submission of the approval by their national association and detail of the clothing design. Such design shall include the national logo.
- F. Commercial use of the IFAA logo shall be subject to agreement between the interested parties.

### **ARTICLE 12 – COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.**

The IFAA may approve courses of instruction and instruction certification at the request of its member. A committee may be appointed by the President to determine such approval.

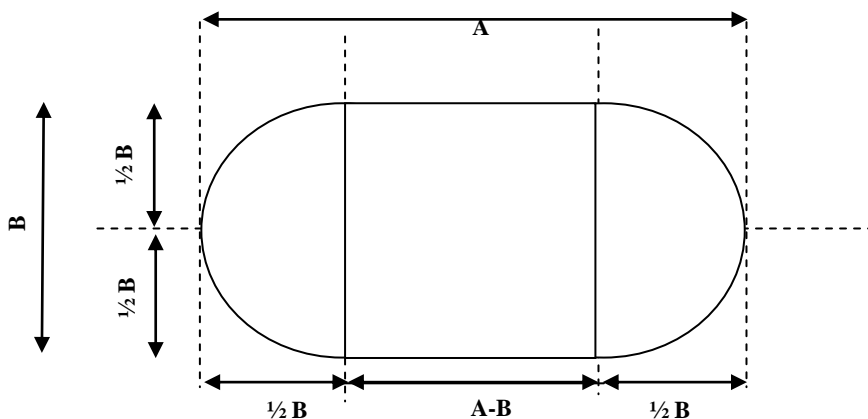
### **ARTICLE 13 – IFAA APPROVED TARGET FACES**

- A. FIELD, HUNTER, INDOOR, ANIMAL AND ALL OTHER APPROVED FACES.  
All target faces which have been approved by the IFAA will be reviewed and kept in compliance in the following manner:
  - 1. IFAA World Council Representatives will be notified which target faces are no longer in compliance.

2. Manufacturers or member associations will be notified that they have a period of six months in which to correct the specifications of those target faces found to be in non-compliance with IFAA standards.
3. Target faces not in compliance after the six months deadline, will be declared non-legal and IFAA approval will be withdrawn.
4. The IFAA Secretary will oversee the compliance of all IFAA approved target faces on an annual basis. The Secretary will require a written verification from each member association stating that their target faces continue to be in compliance with IFAA specifications. This will be done annually at the same time as re-affiliation is accomplished.
5. At each three-year period thereafter, target faces will be sent to a designated appointee of the Vice-President, for physical measurement and, re-approval.
6. 3-D targets that have IFAA approval, will be monitored as are paper target faces in the preceding paragraphs except that, 3-D targets will not be sent for inspection.

#### B. ANIMAL FACES: SHAPE DEFINITION OF THE HIGH SCORING ZONE

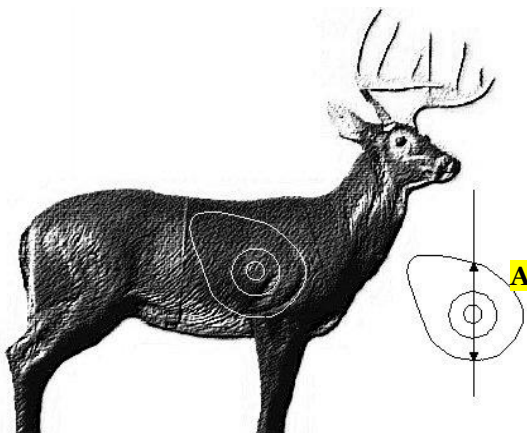
The shape and size of the high scoring zone of the Animal faces is defined as follows, where “A” and “B” will represent the following dimensions:



Group face	Horizontal dimension (A)		Vertical dimension (B)	
1	368 mm	14.5"	229 mm	9.0"
2	267 mm	10.5"	178 mm	7.0"
3	178 mm	7.0"	114 mm	4.5"
4	92 mm	3 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	64 mm	2.5"

All dimensions are measurements on the inside of the line that defines the high scoring zone!

### C. GROUPING OF 3-D TARGETS



3D targets will be grouped into sizes using the following equation:

Measure the vertical height of the two or three defined score areas/zones through the centre of the score areas/zones, as illustrated.

Having completed such measurement, allocate targets to the following group sizes:

Group size	Dimension A	
Group 1	> 250 mm	> 9 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "
Group 2	201 – 250 mm	7 <sup>15</sup> / <sub>16</sub> - 9 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "
Group 3	150 – 200 mm	5 <sup>15</sup> / <sub>16</sub> - 7 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "
Group 4	< 150 mm	< 5 <sup>15</sup> / <sub>16</sub> "

### D. TOLERANCES OF SCORING ZONE DIMENSIONS OF PAPER FACES

1. All measurements of target faces will be taken in both the horizontal and the vertical plane of the target face. Each measurement will be taken through the centre of the target face.
2. A scoring zone is measured from the inside to inside of the relevant dividing line.
3. The maximum tolerance of each scoring zone shall be:

Field and Hunter target faces:

Target size	5 zone	4 zone	3 zone
65 cm	2 mm	3 mm	3 mm
50 cm	1.5 mm	3 mm	3 mm
35 cm	1 mm	3 mm	3 mm
20 cm	1 mm	2 mm	3 mm

Animal faces, high scoring zone:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
3 mm	3 mm	2 mm	1 mm

Indoor faces:

Target size	5 zone	4 zone	3 zone	2 zone	1 zone
40 cm	1 mm	2 mm	2.5 mm	3 mm	3 mm
16 cm (five spot)	1 mm	2 mm			

**E. APPROVAL OF 3-D TARGETS**

1. Only 3-D Targets that are approved by the Executive Council shall be used in IFAA sanctioned tournaments.

2. Request for approval

On acceptance of a bid to host an IFAA sanctioned tournament the Host shall inform the IFAA Secretary which 3-D targets will be used.

The responsibility to obtain approval to use 3-D targets that have not been approved by the IFAA previously will lie with the Host.

It will be the responsibility of the Host to submit non-approved 3-D targets to the “Standard Test” and submit their findings to the IFAA Secretary at least 6 months prior to the event.

3. Standard Test

A “Standard Test” will consist of 3 (three) test:

- a. Suitability test

- i. 12 arrows, normally used in tournaments and of type ACE or similar, will be shot with a compound bow of a 60/70 lbs. draw weight at a target over a distance of 15 yards under wet conditions. No arrow shall penetrate the target by more than 2/3 of the arrow length.

No arrows shall “fuse” with the target material and shall be fairly easy to draw.

- ii. 12 arrows made of wood shall be shot with a longbow of 35-45 lbs. at a distance of 15 yards under wet conditions. No arrow shall bounce off the target; neither shall any arrow penetrate the target by more than 2/3 of the arrow length.

No arrows shall “fuse” with the target material and shall be fairly easy to draw.

- iii. 12 arrows made of wood shall be shot with a longbow of 15-20 lbs. at a distance of 15 yards under dry conditions. No arrow shall bounce off the target.

- b. Durability test
  - i. A durability test will be done under “Field conditions”
  - ii. Each target that is subjected to the test on a practice field and shall be placed at the minimum shooting distance for that target group.
  - iii. 250 arrows shall be shot at a single side of the target.
  - iv. In the case of targets at a shooting distance less than 35 yards the number of arrows shall be 125.
  - v. Any type or combination of arrows, bow styles and bow weights which are considered to be representative of the Adult archers may be used.
  - vi. The number of bounces and leakages shall be recorded, indicating also the type of bow, arrow and draw weight.
- 4. Upon receipt of the test results by the IFAA Secretary the IFAA Executive will have 4 (four) weeks to decide if the target(s) is/are acceptable for IFAA sanctioned events.

## ARTICLE 14 – CROSS MEMBERSHIP OF INDIVIDUAL ARCHERS

This section serves only as a statement of recommendation and guidance for the members of the IFAA.

1. The problems that may occur as a result of a member or members accepting individuals that reside in another nation that already has an IFAA member are considered National in nature.
2. The IFAA cannot dictate to its members in the matter of who they may, or may not, accept as their members.
3. Each IFAA member should handle these problems within its own Constitution/By-Laws or Rules by indicating therein, its rights to accept or refuse non-resident individuals as it sees fit.
4. Each IFAA member who desires that citizens of their country are not allowed membership of another IFAA member must request (through the IFAA Secretary) that its wishes are respected and that no other IFAA member accept its nationals. It must be noted that this action does not prohibit an IFAA member from accepting whomever it desires as a member.
5. It is the privilege of each IFAA member to define what rights of national association membership are afforded to each of its members.
6. It is the privilege of all IFAA members to enter into mutual agreements with other IFAA members to define their membership policies and conditions.
7. The IFAA will continue to honour their member’s individual members who hold national membership. In the case of individuals who have been denied membership or, have been



expelled from membership in their national association, the IFAA will forward such notification to that effect to its members, upon receipt of such notice, with its recommendation of non-acceptance of that individual.

## **ARTICLE 15 – STYLE TEAMS**

### **A. PURPOSE**

To provide a format at IFAA sanctioned events in which Style teams can compete for the title ‘Best Style Team’.

### **B. ELIGIBILITY**

Each member association of the IFAA is eligible to enter one or more teams in the competition.

A registration fee is required for each team and is payable to the Tournament Director.

### **C. TEAMS**

The IFAA recognizes two separate Style Team events.

#### **1. FULL AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

- a. This event is open to all Styles that are recognized by the IFAA and teams will compete within a single Style. Only Archers shooting in the Amateur Adult division shall be recognized however Veterans and **Young Adults** may be included in the team.
- b. A team shall be nominated using an official nomination form and submitted to the tournament director on or before registration for the event closes, accompanied by the required team registration fees.
- c. A team shall consist of three Amateur archers regardless of gender. The team may nominate a fourth member (as a reserve) who will shoot for the team if one of the three original team members permanently withdraws from the competition.

#### **b. CORPORATE MEMBERS**

- a. These archers will shoot within a single Style in the Professional Adult division.
- b. A team shall be nominated by the Corporate member in writing to the IFAA Secretary not less than 30 days before registration for the event closes.
- c. A team shall consist of three Professional archers regardless of gender. The team may nominate a fourth member (as a reserve) who will shoot for the team if one of the three original team members permanently withdraws from the competition.

### **D. LIMITATIONS**

1. Teams from at least three different members must enter for this competition to take place in a particular Style.
2. An archer may only compete in one team.
3. Each member must have entered the sanctioned event as an individual archer.
4. All Amateur team members must comply with Article II E of the By-Laws (National team).

E. **SCORING**

1. A Team's score shall be the accumulated total of its members' individual daily scores over the full duration of the tournament. The winning team shall be the team with the highest score.

F. **AWARDS**

1. An award shall be handed to each member of the winning team. In case four or five teams have entered for the event an award shall be handed to each member of the team in second position. In case six or more teams have entered for the event an awards shall be handed to each member of the team in third position.
2. The type of award handed out at IFAA sanctioned World and Regional events shall be at the discretion of the event Host and may differ from tournament to tournament. The Host shall submit his proposal for the awards to the IFAA Executive Council for approval at least six months before the event is hosted. In the case of any other IFAA sanctioned event, discretion will lie with the National Association that hosts the event.
3. The award for team members in other IFAA sanctioned events shall be at the discretion of the country where the event is hosted.

**ARTICLE 16 – EQUIPMENT INSPECTION FORM**

- A. For all IFAA sanctioned tournaments a standard IFAA form for equipment inspection shall be used that provides for a check of compliance with the equipment rules. The form shall be completed in duplicate. One copy remains with the bow inspector; the original copy shall be carried by the archer for the duration of the tournament and shall be shown on request to Inspectors on the range checking the compliance of the equipment during competition.
- B. The IFAA Secretary shall create, maintain and assure compliance of the form with the most current version of the BOR.  
She/he shall assure that sufficient numbers of forms are provided to the bow inspectors at IFAA sanctioned tournaments. IFAA officers will assist the bow inspectors on how to complete these forms.  
Any mistakes or changes to the stated information on the form shall be reported by the archer at the equipment inspection and corrected accordingly.

(Note: IFAA equipment inspection forms are available on the IFAA website)

## **ARTICLE 17 – RANGE INSPECTION FORM**

- A. For all IFAA sanctioned tournaments a standard IFAA form for range inspection shall be used that provides for a check of compliance with the rules for range design. The form shall provide a checklist for inspectors concerning safety, compliance with rules and quality of shoots / walking paths etc.
- B. The IFAA Secretary shall create, maintain and assure compliance of the form with the most current version of the BOR.  
She/he shall assure that sufficient numbers of forms are provided to the range inspector(s) on IFAA sanctioned tournaments. IFAA officers will assist the range inspectors on how to complete the forms.  
(Note: IFAA range inspection forms are available on the IFAA website)

## **ARTICLE 18 – SCORE CARD FORM**

- A. For all IFAA sanctioned tournaments a standard IFAA format for score cards shall be used providing for same appearance and same way to complete the scoring.
- B. The IFAA secretary shall create, maintain and assure compliance of the form with the most current version of the BOR. She/he shall assure that standard IFAA scorecard forms are provided to the organizers of IFAA sanctioned tournaments.
- (Standard forms are available on the IFAA webpage.)

## **ARTICLE 19 - STANDARD IFAA RESULT LISTS FORMS**

- A. Standard IFAA result lists forms shall be used on IFAA sanctioned tournaments to assure transparency of results and a minimum level of quality for the record administration.
- B. The IFAA secretary shall create, maintain and assure compliance of the format with the most current version of the BOR.  
She/he shall assure that standard IFAA result list forms are provided to the organizers of IFAA sanctioned tournaments.
- (The Standard format is available on the IFAA webpage.)

## **ARTICLE 20 – CLARIFICATION OF ARTICLE IV H 2.a. OF THE BY-LAWS**

Tournament rules for outdoor archery.

NOTE:

In most cases, a tournament will run faster and smoother if the archers in excess of 112 are grouped in groups of 4 and evenly spaced as extra groups on the range to merge in behind other groups so that the range continues to run with slight waits due to more than 28 groups on the range. (i.e. The shoot may run faster if 28+2 groups of 4 archers are on the range than 24 groups of 4 archers and 4 groups of 6 archers.)

## HOSTING AND STAGING AN IFAA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Procedures and Requirements

The following procedures and requirements shall apply to hosting IFAA sanctioned World or Regional events.

### A. The bidding process.

#### 1. Bid time frames

- a. Bids will be accepted from members according to the established rotation of regions.
- b. Preliminary bids shall be submitted to the Executive Council at least four years preceding the year to which the bid applies. The host member shall be determined at that time.
- c. Final bid presentation shall be submitted to the World Council at least two years preceding the year to which the bid applies
- d. In the absence of preliminary bids of the established rotational sequence, the President shall invite bids from members in other regions. In the event that no preliminary bids are received from such source, the President shall enter negotiations to establish a host country.

#### 2. Preliminary bids

The member's preliminary bid shall include and address:

- a. The bid deposit fee
- b. Proposed dates for the event and schedule of activity programme
- c. Proposed venue of the event
- d. An overview of venue facilities, which shall include:
  - i. The anticipated number of ranges to be provided
  - ii. Practice facilities
  - iii. Location of ranges in relation to accommodation and event administrative centre.
  - iv. Event administration centre, including registration and equipment inspection facilities
  - v. Accommodation, including hotel, camping, as well as parking facilities etc. together with estimated costs for each style of accommodation.
  - vi. Distance of venue from overseas entry points and local transport facilities with estimated costs at time of bid.
  - vii. Opening and closing ceremony facilities
  - viii. Catering facilities, both on and off the ranges
  - ix. World Council meeting facilities
  - x. First aid arrangements and nearest hospital facilities
  - xi. Local climatic conditions
  - xii. Proposed registration fees.

### 3. Final bid presentation

The final bid presentation shall review and update all aspects of the preliminary bid and shall address any changes to the initial proposal. Any such changes shall be subject to the World Council's acceptance.

The final bid presentation shall further include full details of the event public liability insurance and amount of cover to be provided. Such insurance may be an extension of the host's insurance policy or a separate cover. In either case the Association and the officers shall be identified as a party to the policy

While certain matters may subsequently require further attention by the host and the Executive Council, the date and venue for the event shall not be altered, unless exceptional circumstances demand such alterations. (i.e. Withdrawal by the designated host, natural disasters, safety of participants, etc.)

### B. Lead time administration

1. On acceptance of the final bid presentation by the World Council, the host member shall:
  - a. Finalise all information that needs to be distributed to the members and for advertising purposes.
  - b. Not later than three months after final bid acceptance distribute all information, including registration forms and tourist information, e.g. Hotel accommodation, camping, vehicle hire, etc. to the members and the Executive Council.
  - c. Establish an internet web site for the event and e-mail address. The content of such event web site shall be subject to the Executive Council's perusal.
  - d. Establish electronic registration facilities.
  - e. Arrange and confirm accommodation requirements for the officers of the Executive Council.
2. The host member shall submit such reports, as may be required from time to time by the Vice-President, as to the progress of the preparations for staging the event and to address any other matters that may arise.
3. Not later than six months before the event a topographic map of 1:2500 scale, showing existing roads and tracks, with the layout of the ranges with targets, and other facilities shall be given to the Vice-President for his/her perusal.

### C. Preparation check list

The host shall make up a preparation check list, which shall include but is not limited to the following items:

1. Accommodation
  - a. Hotel/motel/caravan park accommodation in close vicinity of ranges
  - b. Suitable camping facilities in close vicinity of the ranges with acceptable ratio for camper to toilets/shower/laundry etc. facilities as well as adequate safety and security.

## 2. Ranges

- a. Adequate Range inspection forms in accordance with Article 18 of the IFAA Policies
- b. Number of ranges
- c. Number of ranges for cubs (if not combined with “adult” ranges)
- d. Trails to be clearly marked
- e. Clearly visible “entry” and “exit” points as well as additional warning signs
- f. Portable toilets, number of and quality
- g. Refreshment areas
- h. Adequate number of IFAA approved target faces or 3D targets
- i. Adequate number of approved score cards
- j. Markers: quality, visibility, number, correct information, etc.
- k. Butts: size and material
- l. Approval of Field Captain and Range Captains by the Vice-president. Each range shall have Range Captain.
- m. Communication on the ranges and minimum number of Range assistants required for a smooth running of the event.
- n. Practice range:
  - i. Lay-out and safety
  - ii. Practice range marshal.
  - iii. Vicinity to ranges and administration centre.
- o. First Aid

## 3. Registration

- a. Registration area to be separate from the main entertainment area
- b. Executive Council facilities to inspect validity of IFAA membership
- c. Acceptable registration forms, stating all information of the archer, relevant to the tournament. Registration forms must include the following question: ‘Are you an Amateur or Professional archer under Article 15 of IFAA Policy?’ (Yes/No)”
- d. Well marked central position to return and receive score cards.
- e. A working (tested) scoring programme
- f. Adequate scoring forms in the format prescribed under Article 19 of the IFAA Policies.
- g. Communication with ranges

## 4. Equipment inspection.

- a. There shall be at least one equipment inspector, approved by the Vice-president, per 150 participants.
- b. Each inspector shall have a copy of the latest IFAA Book of Rules and acceptable measuring equipment.
- c. Adequate equipment inspection forms in accordance with Article 17 of the IFAA Policies.
- d. At least one tachometer (speed meter) for measuring arrow speed.

## 5. Central administration and entertainment area

- a. A display board to show position and lay-out of the ranges
- b. Canteen, mess hall or tent facilities for meals and drinks
- c. Display boards for notices, progressive scores, shooting groups, etc.
- d. Facilities for archery shops, etc.
- e. Supply an adequate number of flag poles
- f. Supply a public address system
- g. Toilet and washing-up facilities
- h. Lost and found area
- i. Communication with ranges
- j. First Aid post and communication with medical doctors/hospitals
- k. Entertainment during the event

## 6. IFAA facilities

### WFAC:

Two days before the opening ceremony of the WFAC the event Host will make available:

- a. Meeting facilities with adequate table area and chairs to seat at least 25-30 people
- b. Tables to be placed in “U” shape

### ALL SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS:

- a. Copying facilities
- b. Printing facilities
- c. Phone/fax and e-mail facilities
- d. Private area for Disciplinary/Protest hearing facilities
- e. Separate notice board

All above mentioned facilities are considered to be part of the event organisation costs and the Host must allow for these costs in the event budget.

## 7. Award ceremony

- a. Banquet, or alternative arrangements, and related costs.
- b. Table arrangements for trophies and medals
- c. PA system
- d. Facilities for guests and IFAA Officers. The IFAA Secretary to be notified of the names of the guests prior to the ceremony.

## 8. Sale of memorabilia

- a. Approval by the Executive Council to use the IFAA logo
- b. Approval by the Executive Council of the event logo
- c. Commission to the IFAA for the use of the IFAA logo.

#### D. During the event

1. Provide a list of competitors, showing the member country, to each World Council representative or nominated representative, prior to the shoot, to verify competitor membership.
2. Ensure that the Representative of the hosting member will be available to attend the World Council meeting.
3. Ensure that classification cards, or other official document of classification, of competitors are checked against the nominated classification. If such classification cannot be verified the competitor shall be classified as “A” class.
4. Produce a daily print-out of the updated scores. One copy shall be presented to each World Council Representative and at least one copy shall be posted on the notice board.
5. Final scores will be displayed before the Award Ceremony.
6. Agree with the IFAA Treasurer the IFAA portion of the registration fees.

#### E. After the event

Review all aspects of hosting the event and make submission to the IFAA Secretary for consideration of any changes to the policy statement which may produce any improvements to the process or procedures.

#### F. Sponsorship

The IFAA recognises the following sponsorships:

1. Sponsorship that includes naming rights for the event.  
No host is permitted to enter into arrangements for sponsorship that include the renaming of the event. Authority for arrangement of such sponsorship lies with the Executive Council and final approval of such an arrangement will lie with the World Council. All income derived from such arrangement shall vest with the IFAA.
2. International sponsors  
The host may make arrangements for international sponsorship. Approval of such an arrangement will lie with the Executive Council, who will also determine what part of the income of such sponsorship shall vest with the IFAA.
3. Local sponsors  
The host may make arrangements for local sponsorship provided that there will be no conflict of interest between this sponsor and the international sponsor.  
The income of such sponsorship shall vest with the host.
4. Team or individual sponsors  
Arrangements for team and individual sponsorship can be made by any team or individual. Such sponsorship shall be permitted provided the terms of such arrangement do not cause a conflict of interests with the international or local sponsors.



**INTERNATIONAL FIELD ARCHERY ASSOCIATION****BASIC CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COMPETITORS**

1. This tournament is conducted in accordance with the Rules of the International Field Archery Association [IFAA], the Rules and Regulations of the tournament organisers and local law, health and safety regulations. It is the sole responsibility of the individual to be informed about the above Rules and Regulations as well as local laws and regulations. Entry by a competitor to the shooting range(s) and associated areas shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all of these rules and regulations.
2. The tournament organisers of this event reserve the right to restrict or deny or revoke access to the shooting range(s) and associated areas of the event. The decision of the Shoot Director shall be final in this regard.
3. **The** use of radio sets, CD players, **MP 3 players** or the like as well as the use of mobile phones is not permitted in any part of the archery range(s).
4. Behaviour likely to constitute, or that could reasonably be construed to constitute, a cause of danger, confusion, annoyance or nuisance of any kind, such as the persistent use of foul and abusive language is not permitted.
5. It is unacceptable to make any remarks of a racist or sexist nature.
6. It is unacceptable to bully, harass, threaten or intimidate any person or group. Violent behaviour is unacceptable under any circumstances.
7. It is not permitted to enter the shooting range(s) and associated areas whilst in possession of any article or substance that is illegal in terms of local laws and regulations.
8. No person may enter or attempt to enter the archery range(s) whilst in possession of alcohol or whilst drunk.
9. No smoking will be allowed on the archery range(s) outside those areas designated for smoking.
10. All persons are asked, in the interests of public safety and good order, to comply with all instructions issued by the Range Officials and other official representatives of the tournament organiser.

Range Officers and other official representatives of the tournament organiser may report to the Tournament Director / Range Captain anyone who does not comply with this Code of Conduct. Any competitor found by the Tournament Director / Range Captain to have wilfully contravened this Code of Conduct or to be cheating or acting in an “un-sportsman-like” manner may find his/her entry to the tournament denied, restricted or revoked, may be ejected from the shooting range(s) and associated areas and may be reported to his/her National Authority.

Individuals are reminded that the tournament organisers can call upon local law enforcement agencies to assist them in enforcing the law of the host country.

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**January 2015**



## INTERNATIONAL FIELD ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

### PROTEST FORM

Event: ..... Date: .....

Range & Target number: .....

Name of Protestor: .....

National Archery Association: .....

Shooting number at this event: .....

IFAA shooting, equipment or sanctioned event rule(s) alleged to have been breached:

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Persons or party alleged to have breached the shooting or equipment rule(s) (the Protestee):

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Has the Protestor advised the Protestee of the alleged breach? Yes/No

Description of the alleged breach as witnessed by the Protestor:

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Witnesses to the alleged breach (if any):

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Signed by the Protestor .....

Signed as received by the Protest Committee Chairman or Representative at

..... date ..... time

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Protest Committee Chairman or nominated Representative



## INTERNATIONAL FIELD ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

### PROTEST COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND DECISION

#### Members of the Protest Committee:

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Protest was delivered in time.     Yes/No

#### The following findings and the decision are to be advised to the Protestor and the Protestee.

#### Facts found:

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#### IFAA shooting, equipment or sanctioned event rule(s) considered applicable:

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#### Decision of Protest Committee:

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#### Signatures of Protest Committee:

Chairman: .....

Member: .....

Member: .....

When completed, this form is to be returned to the Honorary Secretary of IFAA. If requested, a copy may be sent to the Protestor and the Protestee.