



International
Archery
Association

Rules of HDH-IAA Historical Archery

INTERNATIONAL ARCHERY ASSOCIATION (IAA)

Long Distance Target Shooting archery TOURNAMENT RULES

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1. GENERAL

1.1. INTRODUCTION

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

2. TOURNAMENTS

2.1. EVENTS

2.1.1. IAA classifies following events:

- World and Continental Championships
- Historical Archery Festival

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



3. ORGANIZING ATIONS CONTINENTAL AND REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS, INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND OTHER COMPETITIONS

3.1. ORGANIZATION OF TOURNAMENTS

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

- World Championships
- Continental Championships
- Historical Archery Festival

3.1.2. The World Championships will be held every second (even) year. Continental Championship will be held every 2nd (odd) year by a member organization of IAA. The competitions are minimum of 2 days and are divided in two parts basic round and finals. The 12 best shooters from basic round qualifies tot he finals. The target distance and distance championships are organized simultainiously.

Target plans and targets to be used on the competition shall be published at least 3 months before the competition.

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

3.1.3. Finals

12 shooters per cathegory goes tot he finals. In case the number of competitors are under 12 there is no need for finals the points shot before is determining the order of places.

The finals is executed in set system and elimination matches.

5 targets on 5 distances from the basic round are used for elimination matches with 3 shots on each target. For each set (target) 2 points is given in case of win, 1-1 if it is a draw. In case of same points after 5 sets(targets) shoot off with 1 arrow each is executed.

The first 4 competitor after basic round is preseeded and do not have to shoot the first round. (first round is shot by competitor placed 5-12 in basic round) Secound round is shot by the remaining 4 competitors from first set and the preseeded 4 from basic round.

The vinner wins all matches. Ranking is decided by the set results of shooters when elimineted. In case of same points shootoff on same target with 1 arrow decides.



- 3.1.4. Members organizing high quality national and international competitions according to IAA rules have privilege to organize international tournaments
- 3.1.5. A request to organize any international tournament for the upcoming year has to be submitted to the General Secretary of IAA no later than **one year before the event.**
The decision to award an event will be made by the Board of Directors and listed in the tournament schedule of IAA.
- 3.1.6. **As latest 11 months prior to the event organizer has to sign a contract and pay a deposit fee according to the actual levy table decided by BOD to the bank account of the IAA. The deposit is deducted from the payable levy fee to IAA. If payment is not done till deadline the right to host the event is automatically cancelled without any warnings or decisions to be taken. If event is cancelled of any reason the paid deposit fee is given to organizer willing to organize the tournament with short notice as a compensation for additional costs and not realized revenues due to late bid and announcement of tournament.**
- 3.1.7 IAA member countries may organize an unlimited number of national tournaments. National associations may transfer the rights to organize these tournaments to their own clubs. These national tournaments have to be organized according to the stated and accepted rules to maintain the unique tournament standard of IAA.
- 3.1.8. IAA member countries should submit their own calendar of national tournaments for the upcoming year to the Secretary of IAA till 30th of November. The schedules of individual member countries will be properly sorted and listed in the official IAA website.

4. RULING AND SUPERVISION

4.1. JUDGES, DELEGATES

- 4.1.1. The presence of judges and delegates at tournaments is mandatory. They are to monitor the observance of the stated rules.
- 4.1.2. The IAA Committee of Judges assigns judges for World, Continental, GP-s and international tournaments. There must be at least one international judge at each of the tournaments above.
- 4.1.3. The IAA BOD assigns the technical directors (TD) for international tournaments. They are responsible for all questions regarding organization and supervision.
- 4.1.4. Judges and delegates are authorized to intervene and correct procedures of a tournament according to the stated rules of the IAA.
- 4.1.5 There is a possibility to protest against the decision of the judge. The protest committee has minimum 3 members if possible people that know the rules possibly from different countries named before the start of the competition. One of the



members is the TD, who's voice is deciding in case of equal votes. The committee's task is to decide whether the judge's decision was according to the rules or not. If yes the protest is objected. If not the judge's decision will be corrected.

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

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

5. AWARDS

5.1. TROPHIES AND MEDALS AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

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

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

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

5.3. AWARDS GIVEN BY THE IAA

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

6. PARTICIPATION IN CHAMPIONSHIP AND TOURNAMENT

6.1. PARTICIPATION

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

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



6.2. GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

- 6.2.1. All competitors must register for an international tournament at least 14 days prior to the date of competition (30 days before Championships) on the registration part of IAA webpage. The organizer is not obliged to accept any applications after the deadline. The entry fee for applications made after the deadline will be increased by 50%.
- 6.2.2. Competitors have to be at waiting area at least 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the tournament.
- 6.2.3 As a courtesy to fellow competitors, there will be no talking to spectators, other groups or archers in the group while the group is shooting. Making any kind of disturbing noises are not allowed except for the finals.
- 6.2.4 Usage of electronic devices is not allowed by competitors and spectators on the courses (including phones headsets, walkie-talkies, cameras etc.). Competitors can take their mobile phone to the field only if the device is muted or switched off. Mobile phones can be used only in case of emergency. Special exception for camera usage may be made for press on duty wearing official press badges. Anyone who wants to take pictures or video of competitors, must get their permission first. Participating shooters agree to that photographs or video of them may be taken and published.
- Judges have the right to check the equipment and accessories before a tournament start. They may require alterations or changes in case equipment or accessories are not in accordance with the stated rules. Judges may check equipment or accessories at any time during the tournament to determine its suitability for competition. Any violation of the IAA rules will result in penalty.
- 6.2.5 A shooter will receive a warning by judges in case of any rule violation. Warnings have to be recorded on the individual scorecards. Three warnings will result immediate disqualification. A report on disqualifications will be filed by the Competition Committee till of end of competition day.
- 6.2.6. Scorecards must have room for the recording of warnings.
- 6.2.7. Littering the ground will not be tolerated. Anyone being seen littering will be immediately disqualified from the tournament.
- 6.2.8. Alcohol is strictly forbidden for all archers before and during the competition. Smoking is forbidden except if the organizer prepares special smoking areas. It is not allowed to use technical devices of any kind at the ground.



6.2.9 The competition format:

The long distance shooting is executed on target figures, hitting zones.

Competition is divided in 2 parts. Distances are increasing in first and decreasing in second part.

7 arrows are shot on each distance. Only 7 arrows can be kept by the competitor when entering the shooting position if told so.

Time limit for one series of 7 arrows is 3 minutes.

Only the competitor that is shooting is allowed in shooting position.

Archer next in line has to wait at the waiting line.

7. SHOOTING Field

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

7.2. Safety zones taken in consideration the ideal field measurements are: the minimum is a zone of minimum 70 m x150 m. It must be adjusted to the distances to be shot.

7.3 Marking the field

Poles(sticks) is marking the shooting line and a band or paint is running between them to mark the line. Waiting line is also marked located at least 3 meters behind the shooting line.

Starting from shooting line the distances are measured and marked by sticks.

On 50 and 100 meters red wind indicator flags shall be set up in the line of the field.

On targets located 80 meters and below there is no need for target zones on the ground. Ground zones around targets above 80 meters should be arranged.

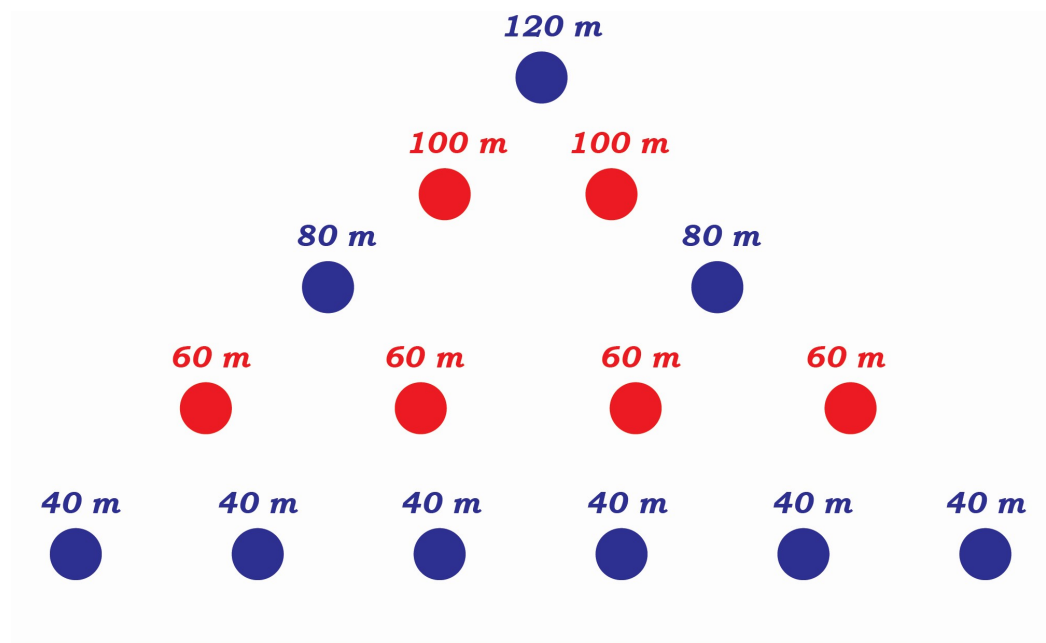
With paint spray or other suitable tool a circle is drawn and the target will be placed in the middle of this circle. Different sized circles are made on different distances. The diameter of the circle is 1/10-th of the distance to the target from shooting line. (ex. 90 meters distance requires 9 meter diameter circle)

Maximum allowed tilt of targets compared to flat ground is 15 degrees backwards. Stands that can affect the flight of incoming arrows can not be used.

After each round targets must be laid down on ground or carried away from field not to hinder shooters on next distance. Before next round on the particular target it must be placed back on same place as it was before.



7.4 Field illustrated, an example:

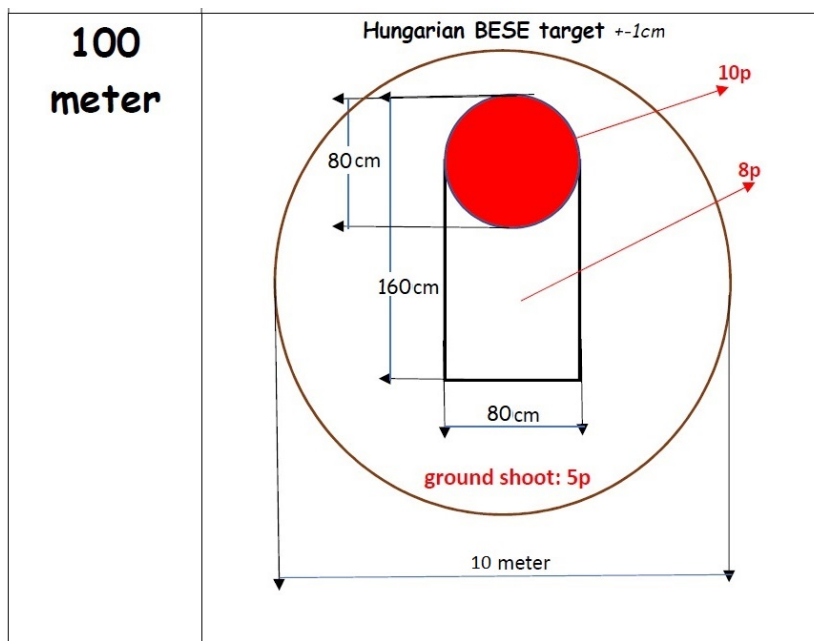


Minimum distance is 35 meters, maximum distance is 145 meters

On 80 meters and below targets should be placed on ground or maximum 100cm above ground level. Scoring zones are marked on the targets. (10-8-5 zones)

Above 80 meters a ground zone is marked around the targets that are in the middle of the marked zone. The zone is 1/10-th of the distance from shooting line. (pl 10 meters in case of 100 meters) Targets must be placed on the ground.

On targets only 2 scoring zone needs to be marked (10-8 zones) The ground zone is the 5 points scoring zone.



7.5 When placing targets out ratio of difficulty (size of scoring zones) and distance must be considered.

7.6 Targets have 3 scoring zones (10-8-5)

7.7 The shooting field should be separated from the viewers with hedge or other separator on a way enabling to watch the competition the most effective and spectacular way but from a safe place. The separated area can only be entered by authorized personnel.

7.8 Fields for international competitions must be ready for inspection executed by judges and technical director one day before start of competition giving opportunity for eventual corrections to be executed by organizer.

7.9 Practice field must be available one day before and during the competition with marked distances.

7.9.1 Medical aid must be available at competition field during the competition.

7.9.2 At least 2 rest stations must be available on each competition field where Food, drink and restroom (toilet) is available.



8. CLASS DEFINITIONS AND RULES

8.1. Technical control

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

8.2 Equipment

8.2.1. No marks of any kind are allowed in the limbs

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

8.2.3 No accessories for the purpose of stabilization, levelling, aiming, draw-weight reduction or draw checking are permitted.
No accessory enabling overdraw are permitted. (draw behind the grip)
Thumb ring, finger protection, tabs and other protectors are permitted. The drawing finger must touch the nock.

8.2.4. Arrows can be made of single or composite kind. Arrows shall be made of wood, bamboo, or cane fletching only with natural feathers. Plastic nocks may be used. Nock cut (hollowed) in the end of the shaft is only allowed if ensured with appropriate materials. No marks are permitted on the arrow that may help in draw checking.
The owner's name shall be indicated on the arrow.

8.2.5. Binoculars and rangefinders not allowed.

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



8.3. Bow styles defined

8.3.1. Historical bow made of modern materials

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

8.3.2. Historical bow made of natural materials

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

General definition:

The shape and form of the bows shall align to historical bow types(e.g. egyptian,grec,hungarian,turkish,tatar,mongolian, english, yumi etc) In case of disputation proving tha the bow is historically correct is the task of the archer.

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

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

8.3.3. Historical longbows and other stick bows:

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

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 (continually decreasing limb-string distance from the grip)

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



8.3.4. Hunting Bows

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

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The bow may contain a window and an arrow shelf. Different kind of aids are allowed on the window which are capable of supporting the arrow (e.g. fur or leather support etc...). Arrow rest like T300, NEET, Hoyt Hunter, Bear, etc. are not allowed

8.3.5 Historical crossbows

General definition

The shape and form of the crossbows shall align to historical x-bow types In case of disputation proving tha the bow is historically correct is the task of the archer!

Only bows under drawweight of 110 pounds are allowed and one man should be able to use it and keep the rules for safe usage. The x-bow must meet the requirements for safe usage!

The stock must be made of wood with skrews, inserts strenghtening of any kind of material. The limbs are of one or several piecies whip back ore recurve type or a combination of twisted rope and spring with snaplock.

The libs material can be of wood, metal or the combination of the two materials.

Modern trigger mechanism or aiming device is not allowed.

The arrow must be longer than the arrow rest. The shaft lengths must reach the front of limbs by loaded crossbow

The x-bow must be hold by free hand, no holding or fixation aim is allowed.

Loading of the x-bow(cocking) can be executed by hand or different helping devices.



8.4. IAA agegroups defined

8.4.1. The agegroups are decided by the filled year on 1-st of January for the whole year. Cadets and juniors can enter higher agegroups. Veterans can choose between adult or veteran group.

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

8.4.2 veteran:	51 years of age or older
adult:	21-50 years
young adult:	18-20 years
junior:	15-17 years

9. SHOOTING RULES

9.1. There is a given amount of arrows per target to be shot. Any arrow, which is dropped and can be recovered while touching the shooting line may be re-shot within the time limit.

The archer is responsible for each shot. Any arrow not found in any of the targets scoring zones shall be valued as a miss. (zero points)

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

9.3. Only judges their helpers can touch arrows when scoring.

During scoring and arrow searching it is not allowed to enter scoring zone or touch targets not shot at yet by anyone but judges their helpers and scorers. Walking the field before and during competition is not allowed. The fairness and clean competition as assured by the organizer.

9.4 A group consists of at least 3 but not more than 8 archers. Points are recorded by 2 scorers assigned by the group. If possible the scorers should not be from same club or nation. The first person on the group list is the head of the group.

9.5 Overtaking of a group is only allowed if instructed so by a judge. In this case one group is waiting the other executes the shooting scores and proceeds to next target.

9.6 Only the competitor executing shots on the target is allowed at the shooting line. All other competitors must wait at and behind the waiting line till the shooting line is free for next competitor in line.

9.7 First shooter in group has 180 seconds to execute the shot/s. The head of group decides when first shooter can enter the shooting line. The following archers have 180 seconds shooting time each. When all arrows shot the competitor at shooting line must leave shooting position immediately.



- 9.8 Archers must wait at waiting line till all groupmembers finished shooting.
- 9.9 All competitors must stay around the target shot till the scoring is completed. No arrows must be touched or pulled before completed scoring.
- 9.10. For safety considerations and to insure a timely competition, searching for lost arrows only allowed during scoring and after end of competition.
- 9.11. If the equipment failure occurs during the act of shooting, the arrow shot is scored. Failure must be reported to a judge. The shooter will have up to 5 minutes for repair. In this case the group leaves the shooting area (waiting and shooting line) and waits at a place decided by the judge.
- A shooter may change his/her bow to an inspected reserve bow one time in a tournament in. Only 1 bow is allowed to be carried during competition. After repair or change 2 arrows are allowed to be shot at a target already being shot at by the group.

10. SCORING RULES

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

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



- 10.6. At each target scoring will be done after all archers finished the shooting. Each scorekeeper will maintain 1 card for each shooter and be responsible for recording each arrow.
- 10.8. Both score keepers must compare their recorded scores before the arrows are pulled. In case of mistakes, corrections have to be made immediately. The leader of the group has to sign the corrections.
- 10.9. In case there are disagreements about the score on both scorecards of a shooter at the end of the round; the lowest score will be valid.
- 10.10. When scoring only arrows that are in the target are considered. Pass troughs and bouncing out (back from the target) arrows can be reshot in case of that proofed by vitnesses and the group majority verifies it.
- 10.11. At the completion of each course all scorecards must be legible, completed and signed. No changes may be made to a scorecard after the scorekeeper and shooter have signed the scorecard. The scorecards have to be turned in by the head of the group immediately after the completion of the course.

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

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

Anyone that is suspended from membership, and violates this rule, could be permanently suspended from IAA membership and all of its sanctioned events.

Any shooter who disobeys shoot officials orders, will be disqualified from that event and may be suspended from membership.