Archery Tournament Rules 2027

Recurve, Compound, and Longbow
Tri County 4-H Tournament

1. To be eligible to take part in this tournament you must be registered as a WI 4-H Shooting Sports archery project member as recognized in your county. A 4-H Archery Leader or Extension Educator acknowledgement is required on the registration form.
2. Archers must be "checked in" and on the shooting line prior to their assigned shooting times.
3. **Archers must shoot with the proper equipment at their assigned times. Indicate on your registration form your class & also indicate your 1st, 2nd, & 3rd choice with shooting times for each class . We cannot guarantee your choices as they will be scheduled in the order the registrations are received. CIRCLE your class for team or first shooting will be used.**
4. Archers are limited to four archery classes that must be in the same age division. **Indicate (NQ) for National Qualifying Opportunity on the proper event line as it affects your shooting distance. The 20 yard class required.** The Wildlife Contest participation is required for NQ and must be completed during the tournament.
5. ***Your age will be determined by your age on January 1st.*** **Your birth date is required on the registration form.**
6. Junior (age 8yr + 3rd grade-11yr.) will shoot 60 arrows at 10 yards (longbow - 40 arrows at 5 & 10 yards). Intermediate (age 12 yr - 14 yr) will shoot 60 arrows at 15 yards (longbow - 40 arrows at 10 & 15). Senior (age 15yr-1yr/f/hs (following high school) will shoot 60 arrows at 20 yards (longbow – 40 arrows at 15 & 20 yards). Two practice ends are allowed prior to the first scoring end. (10 arrows total.)
7. Archer may request a 5-spot target prior to shooting the practice rounds. Also, see #24.
8. Archers can register in the next older age division on the original registration form only and not onsite. Your entry age division must be the same throughout the tournament. (See NQ exception.)
9. Only target or field points are to be used. No hunting points.
10. All standard bows (except foot bows and crossbows) are permitted. There are separate classes for recurve, compound, and longbow (See additional long bow rules.)**. Barebow** is any recurve or compound bow without aids (no aids means string nock and arrow rest are acceptable). **Bow with aid(s)** permits use of a sight pin, peep sight, stabilizer, release, etc. **EXCEPT - No releases are allowed in the RECURVE CLASSES**.
11. Each article listed is considered as one aid: **bow sights, stick on sight, release, peep sight, kisser-button, clicker, level, stabilizer, wrist or finger sling, participant face mark, any original or made marking on the bow which could aid in sighting (need to be covered with tape), etc. D-loop is not considered as an aid.** Magnified sights are automatically entered in the four aids class. Laser sights are not permitted. **Blinking or flashing lighted nocks or sights are not permitted.** Arm guards (recommended but not required), gloves/tabs, and hip or ground quivers are considered safety equipment and are not counted as an aid. (We'll have supplies available for your use.) For safety reasons, shoulder/back quivers are not allowed.
12. A recurve bow with more than 3 aids is entered in the 3 aids class. No releases.
13. A compound bow with four or more aids **and shooting fingers** (no release) is in the "3 aids compound class".
14. Bow draw weights may not exceed **60 pounds** for safety purposes. **Heavy draw weight bows are subject to testing before, during and/or after shooting.**
15. **Equipment determined to be unsafe by a certified check-in archery leader or by range commander or tournament committee cannot be used in the tournament. Corrective action may be taken provided it does not affect the participant's scheduled shooting time.**
16. Archers are responsible for loss or damage of their equipment and for property damage/harm to themselves, and as inflicted upon others.
17. Deleted.
18. Designated scoring personnel will do all scoring. Any arrow or target touched before scoring will be scored as a zero. All arrows that miss the target or hit the wrong target will be scored as a zero. Bounce outs or pass through will be scored only if the designated scorer can unquestionably determine the point of impact; otherwise, these arrows will be re-shot at the end of the round.
19. **Scoring is determined by the position of the arrow shaft. The shaft must touch the scoring ring to score the higher value.** The range commander will immediately determine any questionable calls. This decision is final. Tie breakers will be determined by the most number of "x's", then the most # of x's in a row etc, "5's", etc.
20. Archers are given the option to re-add their scores when finished shooting and will be done between the shooting and waiting lines. Scorecards are signed by the archer and scorekeeper. Scorecards will be rechecked for mathematical errors and corrected. Scorecards are property of the tournament and will not be returned. Archers are encouraged to write their score on the target face, which they can keep. No scoring challenge may be made from a participant's target face.

21. Shooting time limit is 4 minutes per end (5 arrows). You will receive one time limit warning before disqualification.

22. Equipment failure needs to be reported to a tournament official as soon as possible. The shooter will have up to 10 minutes off the line to make any repairs and have two practice ends (10 arrows) prior to returning to tournament scoring. Assistance for repairs is permitted. Only one equipment timeout allowed during each class.

23. F.I.T.A./ USA ARCHERY (formerly N.A.A.) Whistle commands will be used. See the posted safety rules.

24. N.F.A.A. single spot or 5 spot-target will be used. When you come to the line before shooting, shooters must choose a single or a 5-spot target face. When shooting a 5 spot target, more than one arrow may hit any of the spots. A shot-out target face may be replaced by request or required by the range commander. The old target can be removed or and covered with the new target. NO practice shots allowed after the target is replaced.

25. No coaching, spotting, communicating (including electronic), or equipment adjustment allowed by others on line or from behind the line during practice and competition. Archers cannot leave the range and must adjust their own equipment unless there is an equipment failure (see #22). If an adjustment is a safety issues it will be handled by the range commander. Also see #24.

26. Physically challenged accommodations must be requested on the original registration form and approved by the tournament committee prior to the tournament. Last minute accommodations will be reviewed accordingly.

27. N.F.A.A. / USA ARCHERY / FITA (formerly N.A.A.) Guidelines will govern event tiebreakers and any other concerns not covered on Tri-County Tournament Rules as interpreted by the tournament committee chairperson.

28. Archers must maintain proper sportsmanship at all times. One warning will be provided by the range commander.

29. Dress properly. No shooter mid-section may be exposed while shooting.

30. Any rule infraction(s) may disqualify a participant at any time during the tournament.

31. Longbow Target Class Rules:

a) Any straight limb (minimal curve) bow without recurve tips when the bow is strung or unstrung. When strung, the string may only touch the bow in the string notches.

b) Bow material is of wood, plastic, fiberglass, or laminations without metal support except as in part of a take down feature.

c) A nock or shelf on the bow is permitted in the "longbow – any combination of shelf or nock".

d) No aids - sights, marks, kisser button, participant face marking, stabilizer, releases, etc. are permitted.

e) Only target or field points are to be used. No hunting points.

f) Shooting without a string nock should be performed with two fingers below and one finger above the arrow nock. Gloves are permitted.

g) Olympic style targets, pictures, silhouettes, 2-D, and 3-D targets may be used.

h) Junior competitors (age 8yr + 3rd grade/11yr.) will shoot at 5 &10 yards (40 arrows). Intermediate competitors (age 12 yr-14 yr) will shoot at 10 & 15 yards (40 arrows). Senior competitors age 15yr-1yr/f/hs will shoot at 15 & 20 yards (40 arrows). Two practice ends are allowed prior to the first scoring end. (10 arrows total.) Competitors will determine shooting distances without range finders.

i) Bow draw weights may not exceed **60 pounds.**
Heavy draw weight bows are subject to testing before and/or after shooting.

j) Arm guards (recommended-not required), gloves/tabs, and quivers are considered safety equipment. A soft non-reinforced glove is permitted on the bow hand. For safety reasons, back quivers are not allowed.

k) All rule interpretations/modifications will be addressed by the range commander/tournament committee and their decision is final.

l) **Additional rules for the "Longbow without nock and without arrow shelf" class.**
1. No string nock or arrow shelf on the bow. Mark on string is permitted.
2. Arrows must be shot off the hand/grip wrapping (glove permitted) and no other arrow rest is permitted.
3. A flat hand (heel) type bow grip with or without laminated build-up is permitted. No formed or offset grip is permitted.
4. Grip may be covered with material provided it does not build out or form the grip.

m) **Additional rules for the "Longbow - any combination of self or knock" class.**
1. Any arrow shelf on the bow or above the grip is permitted.
2. Arrows must be shot from the shelf and no other arrow rest is permitted.
3. Arrow shelf may have material covering but no groove in the material except normal wear.
4. The bow grip can be any type – angular, formed, curved, or offset.
5. Grip may be covered with material and may build out or form the grip.
6. String nock is permitted but not required.