



HUACHUCA MOUNTAIN ARCHERS AND BOWHUNTERS CLUB

HMABC Rulebook

Effective: February 2023

(Rules Subject to Change Without Notice)

2-Day Shoot

Dates: Every year in March

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Monthly Shoots

Dates: Most 2nd Sundays of the Month (see website)

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I. FORMAT

2-Day Shoot Scoring

- The host club will track scores and the number of 12s for all shooters.
- If a tie exists, the archer with the highest total number of 12s from their scores in the same class will win. If a tie still exists, the host club will declare a shoot-off. A shoot-off will consist of a 3D animal set at an unknown distance within the limits of the relevant class (unless the tie is in a known distance class). The archer with the highest score will be declared the winner. This process will be repeated until a winner is declared.
- If only one archer is present at the shoot-off, he or she will be declared the winner.

II. COURSES

- Adult and youth classes will shoot 60 targets total for the event.
- PeeWee and Cub classes will shoot as many targets as possible (60 total).

III. AWARDS

- In order for a class to be eligible for awards there must be a minimum of three (3) shooters in that class.
- The host club will present participation awards to all PeeWee participants.
- The overall winner of each “unknown yardage” and “known yardage” class will be awarded a plaque or trophy. Second and third place for each class will be presented with an award selected by the host club.
- A representative from host club should present awards to the overall winner of each class.

IV. SHOOTING CLASSES

- Male/Female Senior Traditional (Age 62+) – MSTRD/FSTRD
- Male/Female Traditional – MTRD/FTRD
- Youth Male/Female Traditional – YMTRD/YFTRD
- Cub Male/Female Traditional – CMTRD/CFTRD
- Pee Wee Traditional - PWTRD
- Male/Female Bowhunter Senior (Age 62+) – MBSR/FBSR
- Male/Female Bowhunter Open – MBO/FBO
- Male/Female Bowhunter Release – MBR/FBR
- Known Hunter Class Male/Female – KHCM/KHCF
- Known Male/Female Open – KMO/KFO
- Male/Female Bowhunter Fingers – MBHF/FBHF
- Youth Male/Female – YM/YF (Age 14-17)
- Cub Male/Female – CM/CF (Age 10-13)
- PeeWee – PW (Age 9 and under)

V. MAXIMUM YARDAGE (Marker = Stake, Fuzzy, or Whisker)

- To minimize confusion, all competitions will use the same yardage marker colors.

Red – 50 yards

MBO, FBO, BHF, KMO, KFO, and MBR

Blue – 40 yards

MBSR, FBSR, FBR, KHCM, KHCF, YM, YF, MSTRD, FSTRD, MTRD, FTRD, YMTRD, and YFTRD

Green – 25 yards

CMTRD, CFTRD, CM and CF

PW – Shoot at parent’s discretion.

VI. TARGETS

- Targets shall consist of 3D type animal targets having an official IBO and/or ASA scoring areas (if multiple rings are within the 10 rings, the center ring will be used and scored a 12).
- Targets shall be set at unmarked distances, except for the known yardage courses.
- Personnel who intend to participate in the competition and assist with competitive course setup (i.e., carry targets) are **NOT** allowed to set the competition yardage markers.
- Targets should be set so they are distinguishable with the vital area (8 ring) unobstructed and visible to **ALL** adult and youth archers (consider left-handed archers, heights, etc.).
- Care shall be taken by the host club when setting targets not to over-rotate or excessively lean the targets to ensure that the entire vital area can be shot safely.
- If a target is leaned back (extreme angle) and the target cannot be adjusted by the shooters (correcting a safety issue), the shooters **MUST** notify a range/event official immediately (it is not permitted to shoot the target).
- **Host clubs have the option of resetting the targets to different distances between Day 1 and Day 2.**

VII. SCORING AREAS

- Circle centermost of the 10 ring = 12 points.
- Circle inside the vital area = 10 points.
- Vital area = 8 points.
- The remainder of the target = 5 points.
- Excess material (foam stumps, horns, etc.) outside of the outline of the animal = 0 points
- Failure to hit target/arrow does not stick in the target = 0 points.
- **If more than one scoring area is visible centermost scoring area will be used.**

IX. GENERAL EQUIPMENT

Arrow Weight

- It is the individual competitor's responsibility to ensure that their arrows meet manufacturer recommendations for minimum arrow weight per pound of draw weight. It is the individual competitor's responsibility to know and follow the limitations on arrow weight.

Overdraws

- Overdraws are permitted entirely, excluding Traditional classes.

Sights

- There is no limit to the number of pins on a sight.
- Sights that project a laser light or other aiming dot on the target are NOT allowed.
- A verifier or clarifier style peep sight will be allowed in any class that permits the use of sights.
- Sights with a built-in rangefinder must shoot KMO or KFO only.

X. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS BY CLASS

PeeWee (PW), Cub Male (CM), and Cub Female (CF)

- A compound, recurve, or longbow can be shot with or without sights.
- A sight shall have fixed pins, cross hair, or circle style pins **WITHOUT** lens or magnification. If circle style pins are used, all circles must be the same size. A sight may have a rear aperture (i.e., peep sight or fixed rifle type sight). Sights may **NOT** be adjusted after entering the shooting course.
- Only **ONE** stabilizer may be used. The stabilizer shall be no more than 12 inches long and extend no more than 12 inches from the point of attachment to the riser of the bow. Additional counterbalances or weighted attachments are prohibited (for the purposes of this rule, any device adding length or weights to the stabilizers shall be considered part of the stabilizer and shall be subject to the 12-inch rule). Unweighted vibration dampeners are not considered to be stabilizers, however unweighted vibration dampeners attached to the stabilizer are measured as a part of the stabilizer and are subject to the 12-inch rule above.
- Equipment in this class may be shot with any manner of release.

SAFETY RECOMMENDATION: Use a "field quiver" (arrows pointed to the rear of the body), a bow quiver, or parents carry arrows.

Youth Male (YM) and Youth Female (YM)

- A compound, recurve, or longbow shot with or without sights.
- A sight shall have fixed pins, cross hair, or circle style pins **WITHOUT** lens or magnification. If circle style pins are used, all circles must be the same size. A sight may have a rear aperture (i.e., peep sight or fixed rifle type sight). Sights may **NOT** be adjusted after entering the shooting course.

- Only **ONE** stabilizer may be used. The stabilizer shall be no more than 12 inches long and extend no more than 12 inches from the point of attachment to the riser of the bow. Additional counterbalances or weighted attachments are prohibited (for the purposes of this rule, any device adding length or weights to the stabilizers shall be considered part of the stabilizer and shall be subject to the 12-inch rule).

Unweighted vibration dampeners are not considered to be stabilizers, however any unweighted vibration dampeners attached to the stabilizer are measured as a part of the stabilizer and are subject to the 12-inch rule above.

- Equipment in this class may be shot with any manner of release.

Known Hunter Class Male and Female (KHCM/KHCF)

- A compound, recurve, or longbow shot can be shot with or without sights.

- A sight shall have fixed pins, cross hair, or circle style pins **WITHOUT** lens or magnification. If circle style pins are used, all circles must be the same size. A sight may have a rear aperture (i.e., peep sight or fixed rifle type sight). Sights may **NOT** be adjusted after entering the shooting course.

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Unweighted vibration dampeners are not considered to be stabilizers, however any unweighted vibration dampeners attached to the stabilizer are measured as a part of the stabilizer and are subject to the 12-inch rule above.

- Equipment in this class may be shot with any manner of release.

Known Yardage Classes – Individuals must have a rangefinder. Yardage will **NOT** be marked by the host club. If needed, archers in the same group are allowed to share rangefinders.

Male Bowhunter Open (MBO), Female Bowhunter Open (FBO), Known Male Open (KMO), and Known Female Open (KFO)

- A compound, recurve, or longbow shot with no restriction on sights, stabilizers or style of release.

Male Bowhunter Release (MBR) and Female Bowhunter Release (FBR)

A compound, recurve, or longbow with no restriction on stabilizers or style of release. A sight shall have fixed pins, crosshair, or circle style pins without a lens or magnification. If circle style pins are used, all circles must be the same size. Sights may **NOT** be adjusted after entering the shooting course.

Male Bowhunter Fingers (BHF) and Female Bowhunter Fingers (FBHF)

A compound, recurve, or longbow shot with no restriction on sights or stabilizers. Equipment in this class must be shot with fingers directly contacting the bowstring using a glove, finger tab, or bare fingers.

Male Bowhunter Senior (MBSR) and Female Bowhunter Senior (FBSR) – Archers 62 years and older.

- A compound bow shot with no restriction on sights, stabilizers, or style of release.

Male Senior Traditional (MSTRD) and Female Senior Traditional (FSTRD) – Archers 62 years and older.

- Any traditional bow.

Male Traditional (MTRD), Female Traditional (FTRD), Youth Male Traditional (YMTRD), Youth Female Traditional (YFTRD), Cub Male Traditional (CMTRD), Cub Female Traditional (CFTRD), and PeeWee Traditional (PWTRD).

- A recurve or longbow shot with fingers directly contacting the bowstring using a glove, finger tab or bare fingers. Archers may use up to two (2) nock locating devices, but they must use the same nocking and anchor point for each shot and the index finger must contact the sting in the same place for each shot. The index finger must touch the nock of the arrow. Face or sting walking is not permitted. No sighting device of any kind may be used. There shall be no markings on the bow or bowstring (intentional or accidental) that could be construed as sighting marks. No type of draw check will be allowed. No stabilizers, counterbalances, or weights of any kind may be attached or built into the bow, except a quiver clearly designed to hold arrows.

XI. SHOOTING RULES

- Competitive course must be shot in sequential order. (i.e. - start on Target #1, finish on Target #15).

- In a group that contains archers shooting from different markers, the archers shooting from the farther markers must shoot first. No archers shall approach a target prior to the entire group shooting.

- When shooting, the archer must touch the appropriate marker with some part of his or her body or stand directly over the yardage marker (straddle). At times, yardage markers will be set to challenge to archer with various shooting positions.

- Each archer shall be allowed a maximum of two (2) minutes to complete his or her shot.

- Time will begin for the first archer when the previous group clears the target. Time will begin for the next archer when the previous archer releases his or her arrow.

- After shooting, the shooter must immediately clear the marker for the next shooter. Using binoculars from the shooting marker after the shot is prohibited; shooter must first move away from marker to use binoculars.

- No more than two letdowns within the time limit. Archers must shoot on the third draw. (Penalty = Automatic Zero).

- There shall be no discussion of yardage while on a competitive course.

- No more than ONE umbrella may be used to assist a shooter at the marker. The maximum umbrella size will be 70" arched top (like typically used in golf).

- All competitive events are based on a "Free-hand" style of shooting. No archer shall use any device such as shooting sticks, slings, or other such accessories or shooting positions to create a "braced" shot.

- An archer may not use parts of his or her body, the bow, or any other accessories or equipment to calculate yardage. Archers using adjustable sights may not adjust their sight elevation after drawing the bow and sighting the target.
- Once an archer begins a shooting course, he or she must finish with his or her group unless given permission to leave by a range/event official or his/her group (equipment failure). Any archer that leaves a course without the authorization from a range/event official or his/her group will **NOT** be allowed to continue.
- Archer shall not shoot in mixed known and unknown groups.

XII. RANGEFINDERS, CELL PHONES, AND BINOCULAR RELEASE

- An integral part of 3D competition is the archer's ability to judge yardage without the assistance of range finding devices or assistance from others. Therefore, **ANY** devices that may be used to calculate yardage and/or angles to the target are not allowed (Exception: Known Yardage Classes).
- Cell phones are **ONLY** to be used on a course when the group decides there is an emergency (injury, equipment failure, etc.) requiring such use **OR** an archer who is "on call" may answer an incoming phone call. Cell phone texting is **NOT** allowed (primary concern is communicating yardages to other archers).
- Handheld binoculars are allowed in all classes.
- Binoculars with rangefinder capability are **NOT** allowed. Exception: known yardage classes (Penalty: Disqualification for the applicable shoot).
- Any scribed mark (other than factory marks) on otherwise legal binoculars that could be construed as a reference point for range finding is prohibited.
- Binoculars are to be inspected by all archers within a group before the first shot of the day.
- An archer with an adjustable sight may **NOT** readjust his or her sight after using binoculars at the shooting marker.
- Archers may utilize binoculars from behind the shooting marker to view the target while waiting their turn or behind a group that is in the process of shooting the applicable target.

XIII. SCORING RULES

- Scorecards must be held by one scorekeeper per group.
- Scoring will be judged by **EVERYONE** in the group (all archers must go to the target). If an agreement for the higher scoring ring by most of the group is not possible (a split decision), the shooter will receive the higher score.
- Scorekeepers must mark **ALL** scorecards **BEFORE** arrows are pulled from the target. Archers should not touch arrows until scoring is complete, any arrows pulled early will receive a zero.
- If more than one scoring area is visible on a target, the centermost scoring area will be scored.
- An arrow touching the line (no visible gap) of a higher scoring area shall be given the higher score.
- Archers **CANNOT** lift a target off the stake for scoring.
- Arrows must stick in the target in order to receive a score other than a zero except for a pass-through, "robin-hood", or bounce-back.
- An arrow that passes completely through a target may be scored if witnessed and agreed upon by most archers in the group. A pass-through is an arrow passing completely through the target with material 360

degrees around the arrow (no bounce off), leaving a separate entrance and exit hole. If the pass-through was witnessed by a member of the group other than the shooter, and the group cannot agree, the archer may re-shoot that target before the group advances to score the target.

- All whole arrows or partial arrows that include the point that are sticking in the target shall be scored where they penetrate the target. An arrow embedded into another arrow (robin hood) in the target shall be scored the same as the arrow embedded into the target.

- An arrow that hits another arrow and sticks in the target will be scored independently. If the arrow does not stick, the arrow will be scored a zero.

- A bounce back is an arrow that squarely strikes the target and bounces back toward the shooter. An arrow that glances off the target is NOT considered a bounce-back. A bounce-back may be scored if the score can be agreed upon by most archers in the group. If a member of the group other than the archer witnesses the bounce-back and the group cannot agree, the archer may re-shoot the target before the group advances to score the target. This rule typically applies to Cub and PeeWee classes.

- An arrow released accidentally will be scored a zero unless the archer is able to retrieve the same arrow while remaining in contact with the appropriate marker with some part of his or her body and re-shoots the arrow within the two (2) minute time period.

- If the scorekeeper for a group mistakenly records different scores, the inconsistent scores must be corrected as agreed upon by most of the group. The error must be crossed out and initialed by the scorekeeper and the correct score will be marked accordingly.

- Scorecards must be legible, complete (total score and number of 12s), and **MUST** be signed or initialed by the archer and scorekeeper to be accepted. Scorecards cannot be changed by a competitor or scorekeeper after submitting the scorecards to a range/event official.

- Each group's scorecards must be turned in together by the **ENTIRE** group. Any attempt by an archer to knowingly falsify a score, or knowingly allow another person to falsify his or her score, shall result in a disqualification of those involved for the shoot.

- It is up to each archer to ensure that his or her scorecard meets the listed requirements. Duplicate score cards will not be issued to replace lost or damaged scorecards, except in unusual circumstances approved by host club officials.

- The host club reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to correct unintentional errors including, but not limited to, score tabulation, lack of initials or signature, and posting, etc., which the opinion of the host club is clearly not a result of an attempted inflation or deflation of the archer's score.

- Host club will keep scorecards until the end of the applicable calendar year.

XIV. THE SCORES – Top Three Positions Only

- The total number of 12s will be used to break ties at each shoot. The archer with the most 12s will be the winner. If a tie still exists, the host club will declare a shoot-off. A shoot-off will consist of a 3D animal set at an unknown distance (unless the tie is in a known distance class), within the limits of the relevant class. The archer with the highest score will be declared the winner. This process will be repeated until a winner is declared.

- If only one archer is present at the shoot-off, he or she will automatically be declared the winner.

- To separate the tied score in the database, the applicable host club will add an additional 12 to the winner's overall scores

XV. RULE VIOLATIONS, SCORING DISCREPANCIES, UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT, AND DISQUALIFICATION

Rule Violations

-Range and event officials are to be respected and have authority to disqualify an archer from an event for unsafe behavior and/or violations of the rules. **Integrity and discipline are expected of every archer. Compliance with the rules is the responsibility of each archer. Host club's range and event officials are NOT expected to be at every target for every shot.**

Protests

- If an archer feels that a rule violation has occurred, the archer must submit an official protest in writing along with a \$20 administration fee to the host club officials within **1 hour** of turning in score cards.
- The host club board members and/or officers who are present at the applicable shoot will decide the outcome of the protest.

Scoring Discrepancies

- In the event of a scoring discrepancy as a result of a simple error or mistake, the host club can correct the scoring. In the event a discrepancy is received after the award ceremony, host officials can correct the scoring, but will **NOT** be held responsible for awards given based on the results of the event at the award ceremony.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

-Unsportsmanlike conduct will **NOT** be tolerated. Any action considered unsportsmanlike by the host club will be grounds for disqualification. Examples of unsportsmanlike conduct include but are not limited to:

1. Projecting any illuminated aiming point onto a target.
 2. Throwing equipment (bow, release, arrow, etc.)
 3. Littering or improper disposal of trash (broken arrows shall **NOT** be left on the courses).
 4. Communicating verbally or nonverbally to another archer the yardage of a particular target.
 5. Disobeying or disregarding the orders of a range official, event official, or chronograph official.
- No alcoholic beverages may be carried or consumed on any shooting course, range, or practice area by ANYONE during shooting hours. If in the opinion of a range/event official, an archer is under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and attempts to enter a course, range, or practice area, the archer will **NOT** be allowed to participate in the applicable event (competition or fun).

Disqualifications

- Host clubs will assign a disqualified archer a score of 1 point at each course for the applicable shoot.

XVI. EQUIPMENT FAILURES

- Equipment failures must be visible and agreed upon by most of the group (throwing your equipment is **NOT** equipment failure). The procedure for dealing with equipment failures shall be as follows:

1. The scorekeepers will tabulate the archer's score to that point, write "equipment failure" on the back of the scorecards of the archer with the equipment failure and sign or initial the back of the scorecards.
2. Scorecard will remain with the archer.
3. If three or more archers remain in the group, they may continue shooting. If two or fewer remain, they must join the following group (so long as it does not result in a group of six or more) or step aside and wait for a range/event official before proceeding.
4. The archer with the equipment failure shall then cautiously proceed **FORWARD** through the course and immediately notify a range/event official. The archer will be given a time by the range official of when the repair must be completed in order to complete the course.
5. A range/event official will arrange for the archer to be escorted back onto the course to complete the course.
6. Scorecards will be collected and marked by a range/event official.

XVII. COMPLIANCE

- Integrity and discipline are expected of every archer. Compliance with the rules is the responsibility of the archers. Host club range and event officials are not expected to be at every target for every shot.
- Equipment requirements (bow, arrows, binoculars, etc.), scoring, and shooting rules must be enforced by the individual competitors.
- The tournament committee is responsible for the competition rules and format, posting event results, and presenting awards.

XVIII. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, RELEASES, AND WAIVERS

As a participant in the Huachuca Mountain Archers and Bowhunters Club event, all participants and/or spectators (hereinafter referred to as Releasor) acknowledge by registering or signing/initialing a score card the Releasor is VOLUNTARILY participating, allowing participation, and/or attending the applicable event. The Releasor should be aware that an archery tournament creates the risk of serious personal injury and/or death.

The Releasor assumes ALL risk of injury, death, and/or loss of personal property that may result from participation in these archery tournaments. By registering to participate and thereby agreeing to abide by the rules herein, Releasor releases the host club, tournament directors, tournament sponsors, host organizations, property owners, and the tournament staff and volunteers (herein collectively referred to as Releasees) from liabilities or injuries, damages, or other loss sustained as a result of negligence or strict liability of the released parties.

Liability Release: Releasor, being of lawful age, (or in case of a minor, through his/her parent or guardian) in consideration of being permitted to participate in various shooting disciplines and activities,

either as a member or guest, do it for themselves, their spouse, legal representatives, heirs, assigns and subrogors, hereby release, waive and forever discharge Releasees from any and all liability for any and all losses and damages of any type of kind, and from any and all claims, suits, demands, actions or rights of actions, of whatever kind, either in law or equity, arising from or by reason of death, personal injury (known or unknown), or property damage resulting from any incident which may occur during Releasor's presence at the event site, and/or participation in any activity, whether caused in whole or in part by the Releasees or any other person or thing at the host while Releasor is present.

Releasor, and his/her parent or guardian in the event Releasor is a minor, agree to fully indemnify, defend and hold Releasees harmless for the Releasor's actions or omissions while at the host. There is no limit to this indemnity. Releasor assumes full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury, death or property damage due to the negligence of the Releasees or any other third party or thing while at the Releasees event site, and while competing, officiating, working, spectating, or for any purpose at the Releasees event site. Releasor fully and completely releases the Releasees and any of its related parties and/or from all liability to Releasor and to anyone or any entry claiming by, through or under Releasor, by subrogation or otherwise, it being Releasor's intent to fully waive and release all subrogation rights.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in related events and activities, the Releasor and his/her parent or guardian in the event Releasor is a minor, acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including, but not limited to: MRSA, Influenza, and COVID-19. While rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist.
2. Releasor, and his/her parents or guardian in the event Releasor is a minor, FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others and assume full responsibility for her/her participation.
3. Releasor, and his/her parents or guardian in the event Releasor is a minor, agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation as regards protection against infectious diseases. If, however, I observe any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately.
4. Releasor, and his/her parents or guardian in the event Releasor is a minor, for myself and behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Huachuca Mountain Archers and Bowhunters Club, their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Releasor agrees that this Release Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, the balance thereof will continue in full force and effect.

Releasor agrees that this release constitutes the entire agreement between Releasor and Releasees and the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital, and the same shall continue in full force and be applicable to all activities Releasor attends while at the Releasees event site. Releasor has carefully read this release and understands its terms. Releasor accepts the same voluntarily and with full knowledge of its content and significance as a condition of competing and/or spectating.

Registering for the applicable event (competitive or fun), signing or initialing a scorecard acts as my signature and confirms my release of liability and my understanding of the Huachuca Mountain Archers and Bowhunters Club rules and format.