

# ARCHERY SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

## 2008 Rules of Competition

### GENERAL RULES:

- A. Each ASA Pro/Am tournament will consist of two (2) rounds of twenty (20) individual 3-D targets contested over a one or two-day period as determined by the Tournament Director. Each day will have morning and afternoon "shotgun" starts.
- B. Severe Weather - ASA retains the right to delay or cancel a tournament day in case of severe weather. Should a round be suspended, all shooters are to leave the range immediately and in the interests of safety all shot arrows are to be left in the target and are not to be scored or pulled. All scorekeepers shall retain the score cards in their possession and no shooter is to have possession of their own card. The Tournament Director will have two hours to exercise one of the following options based upon the weather and the availability of ranges: (1) resume shooting that day within two hours of that day's suspension and subject to being able to complete the round that day, (2) complete the round the next day if there are five or fewer targets for every group on the range to be shot, or (3) cancel the round completely. Should a round be cancelled all competitors that post another completed round score will receive 200 points for the cancelled round, no refunds will be made, and all results and paybacks will be based on the round of twenty (20) targets completed by the class. No competitions may be decided solely on the results of a partially completed round, unless the Tournament Director is proceeding under Shooting Time Allowed.
- C. All competitive shooters are required to wear collared shirts. Both professionals and amateurs will be allowed to compete while wearing shorts (men's shorts must have a minimum inseam of six (6) inches). All competitive shooting classes are prohibited from competing in T-shirts, tank tops, cut-off jeans or short-shorts.
- D. Each registered shooter will receive a Range Assignment Card with ASA Membership Number, Start Days, Start Times, and Range & Target Assignments. Each shooter is responsible for having their Range Assignment Card with them, and shooting at the time, target, and range designated unless instructed otherwise by a tournament or range official. All times are on a first registered / first assigned basis by shooting class. Failure to have your assignment card, failure to shoot your designated time, or shooting the incorrect range for your designated class will result in a score of zero ("0") for that day.
- E. Unless required by a rule in the "Classes" section herein, a shooter may change their shooting class only one time during the tournament season. No points from a previous class will be carried forward toward the ASA Shooter of the Year in the new class. Anyone who earned money in a class may only move up in class during the year.
- F. No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances may be carried or consumed on the tournament grounds under penalty of disqualification. No shooter will compete while under the influence of alcohol or any other controlled substance(s) under penalty of disqualification.
- G. Littering the grounds will not be tolerated. Anyone littering will be subject to disqualification from the tournament.
- H. Prior to the start all competitions on the first day, all shooters will be expected to attend a "**Competitor Safety Meeting**" which should be considered as mandatory. The meeting will cover information regarding the location of ranges, updates from the Competition Committee on rulings and rules interpretations, and other special information. This meeting will start thirty minutes prior to the start of each round, and will last approximately ten minutes. Anyone failing to act upon information provided at this meeting may be disqualified from the tournament.
- I. No archer may compete in more than one class at a tournament. Anyone found competing with another shooter's Range Assignment Card will be disqualified.
- J. No one may practice on any target to be used for tournament shooting. Anyone shooting in non-designated areas, including parking areas, will be subject to disqualification.
- K. Should a competitor be unable to participate their entry fees may be transferred to another event at no charge. A request for a refund will require a processing fee of \$10.00 that will be deducted from any entry fees refunded. Entry fees will not be refunded or credited if a competitor leaves a competition early because their shooting time was extended by the Tournament Director.
- L. On all unknown distance competition ranges Shooters may not be on any range that they have been assigned to shoot before they compete. Any shooter who is found to be in violation of this restriction will not be allowed to shoot any competition range that they were on and will receive a score of zero ("0") for each range they visited. This restriction does not apply to competitors or spectators that are on the ranges that are being used during the Friday team competition, or for parents of Eagle class competitors subject to the

approval of the Tournament Director. Any parent supervising their child is not allowed to leave the spectator viewing area of that range.

M. Spectators & Guests:

1. Spectators are not allowed on the tournament ranges until the "shotgun start."
2. Providing information or coaching to a shooter is strictly prohibited.
3. All shooters are requested to remind our spectators and guests to avoid conversation while others are shooting as a courtesy. All cell phones and pagers are to be turned off to avoid disturbing the competitors.
4. Each Pro/Am competition site establishes and enforces its own policy regarding pets. Should a site allow pets, they shall be kept on leashes at all times. Pet owners shall be responsible for their pet's behavior and for cleaning up after them. Pets are not allowed to walk on competition ranges or on access routes to ranges at any time. Any breach shall prohibit that pet from future ASA attendance.
5. Video and digital image cameras are not allowed on tournament ranges without prior approval from ASA. Still photography is allowed, but the use of flash equipment during competitions is prohibited. (Special exceptions may be made for the working press with official press badges or credentials.)
6. Spectators may not have range finders in their possession unless that range or competition area has been designated for known distance competition. Anyone with range finders will be required to surrender them or leave the ranges.
7. Spectators may assist by carrying items such as stools, umbrellas, ice chests, food, drinks, or other items for the convenience of shooters, but must stay outside the shooting ropes at all times.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, RELEASES, AND WAIVERS:**

As a participant in ASA Pro/Am events, all shooters and spectators (hereinafter referred to as Releasor) acknowledge they are VOLUNTARILY participating or attending. Releasor should be aware that an archery tournament creates the risk of serious personal injury or death. By participating, they realize they may experience loss or damage to personal property. Releasors assume all risk of injury, death, and loss of personal property that may result from their participation in these archery tournaments. By registering to participate and thereby agreeing to abide by the rules herein, Releasor releases and discharges the Archery Shooters Association, LLC, 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 by the shooter as a result of negligence or strict liability of the released parties.

- A. **Liability Release:** Releasor, being of lawful age, (or, in the 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 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 or 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 Facility, 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 all 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 Facility, and while competing, officiating, working, spectating, or for any purpose at the Releasees Facility. Releasor fully and completely releases the Releasees and any of its related parties or and from all liability to Releasor and to anyone or any entity claiming by, through or under Releasor, by subrogation or otherwise, it being Releasor's intent to fully waive and release all subrogation rights. Releasor agrees that this Release Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law and that if any portion hereof is held invalid, the balance hereof 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 any and all activities Releasor attends while at the Releasees facility. Releasor has carefully read this release and understands all of its terms. Releasor accepts the same voluntarily and with full knowledge of its content and significance as a condition of competing or participating.
- B. **Participant Agreement:** ASA Pro/Am events are sanctioned sporting events governed by rules. The ASA Tournament Director and Competition Committee shall settle all disputes, and all decisions will be final and without legal appeal. ASA reserves the right to restrict or deny entry into any event by any individual, or to designate their competitive class.

- C. **Photo Release:** By registering to participate in an ASA Tournament, shooters acknowledge and agree that photographs or videotape of them may be taken while participating in ASA Tournaments and/or tournament related activities. Shooters further agree that photographs and videotape may be used by the Tournament Director, Sponsors, or the Press without royalties or prior consent to help promote ASA and the sport of archery. This is not a release for specific product endorsements without the shooter's prior consent.

#### **COMPETITION COMMITTEE:**

The Competition Committee will consist of five (5) shooters, along with five (5) alternates. Members must commit to be in attendance at every tournament. A maximum of three (3) members from the pro classes will be selected to serve on the Committee, along with a minimum of two (2) amateurs or semi-pros. In addition to reviewing infractions and ruling on grievances submitted by shooters, the committee will establish penalties that are not delineated in the ASA Rules, as well as sanctions for conduct violations and repeat rules violators. They will also review general rules interpretations submissions, and serve on the annual Rules Advisory Board.

- A. Competition Committee will review all grievances and protests, as well as interpret the rules. All protests filed that could affect the results of the competition must be resolved prior to the next round of competition, or prior to the announcement of final results. All shooters agree to be bound by the decisions of the Competition Committee as final.
- B. Any grievance or protest must be filed in writing with the Competition Committee within one (1) hour of completion of a round, along with a \$50.00 protest fee. If the Committee rules in favor of the protest, or the protest/grievance is withdrawn, the fee will be returned. All decisions of the Committee will be final.
- C. A general inquiry for an interpretation of a rule may be submitted in writing to the Competition Committee. The Committee will review the submission at their earliest convenience, and a written response will be provided. No fee is required for this review.
- D. Unsportsmanlike conduct on the ranges or tournament grounds will not be tolerated.
1. Any incident of unsportsmanlike conduct will be reported to a tournament official who will file a report with the Competition Committee immediately following the completion of the day's competition. The first offense upheld by the Committee will result in disqualification of the shooter from the event. A second offense will result in a suspension for the remainder of the season with no refund of any entry fees already paid.
  2. Verbal abuse directed at tournament officials, other shooters, or spectators will result in immediate disqualification of the shooter from the tournament, along with a referral to the Competition Committee for further disciplinary action.
  3. The use of profanity is prohibited and violators are subject to disqualification.

#### **SHOOTING RULES:**

- A. ASA adheres to a maximum arrow speed in each competition class as measured by the official on-site chronographs, with a three percent (3%) margin for differences between chronographs. Refer to the section "CLASSES" of these rules for the maximum speed allowable in each class. Each competitor understands and agrees that they may be required to shoot through the designated on-site chronograph. Any arrow required to be shot through the chronograph during or after a tournament round that exceeds the maximum arrow speed for their class, plus three percent (3%) will result in the disqualification of that round's score.
- B. All targets will be 3-D animals featuring the ASA **Pro 12-Ring™** and **Pro 14-Ring™** set at distances as shown in the "CLASSES" section of these rules as the maximum recommended distance for each class. ASA strives to adhere to the maximum recommendation, but range conditions may create target positions that may exceed the maximum. All targets will be placed vertical to the horizon and all groups are to insure that the targets are returned to this position after removing their arrows. No target may be placed with the head of the target quartered toward the shooter ("front-angled"), and the head of the target may not be quartered away ("rear-angled") from the shooter at an angle greater than that which would promote damage to the target, or create glance-offs. The entire 8, 10, 12 & 14-ring scoring areas will be visible from the stake. Shooters may have a range official remove any limbs or debris that blocks their view of these scoring areas on the target.
- C. Shooters are required to be on their assigned target fifteen (15) minutes before the shotgun start to provide range officials sufficient time to insure that all participants are in groups of no less than three (3) shooters. Each group will "draw lots" to determine who will shoot first, second, third, etc. The shooters will alternate being the first shooter at each subsequent stake, with their shooting order maintained throughout the round. Any shooter who does not shoot the first target with their assigned group (except as may be permitted in "Shooting Time Allowed Rule 'E'") will not be allowed to shoot that round and will receive a score of zero ("0").

- D. It is recommended and desirable that groups have no more than five (5) shooters, however, individual tournament circumstances may require a maximum of six (6) shooters on a stake. Groups must have a minimum of three (3) shooters for an official score. If a shooter in a group of three (3) experiences a breakdown which leaves only two (2) shooters in that group, the range official will become the second scorer and accompany the group to score arrows until the third shooter returns.
- E. Prior to shooting, each range will be instructed to proceed under "Free Pull" or under the instruction of the Range Official. In both procedures, each group will signal their completion of the target by standing five (5) steps inside the shooting stake toward the target. They will remain there until: (1) the groups on each side are finished and have also moved forward under "Free Pull"; or (2) the range official announces "pull" and they may then proceed to the target. Any group proceeding to the target too soon will receive a warning for the first offense with the penalty for any subsequent offense being a score of zero ("0") for the entire group.

**The following rules will be monitored, judged and adhered to by each group among themselves during each day's competitions.** No warnings are required to be issued during any special competitions that are being conducted by ASA tournament officials.

- F. Each shooter must straddle, or touch with either foot, the appropriate "shooting stake" for their class. A shooter will receive a warning from the group for failure to straddle or touch the stake on the first offense. The penalty for the second offense is a deduction of five (5) points from target score (but no less than a zero ("0")). Each subsequent offense will receive a score of zero ("0"). Anyone that deliberately does not attempt to shoot from the designated shooting stake, or that deliberately stands on or bends the shooting stake, shall not only receive a score of zero ("0") for that target but will be in violation of Competition Committee Rules paragraph D-1 "Unsportsmanlike Conduct" and will be referred to the Competition Committee for action including suspension.
- G. In consideration of time, no shooter may glass the target from the shooting stake after taking their shot. Shooters may glass the target prior to shooting, but are reminded of the time restriction after assuming their position at the stake. A shooter will receive a warning from the group for the first offense. The penalty for the second offense is a deduction of five (5) points from target score (but no less than a zero "0"). Each subsequent offense will receive a score of zero ("0") for that target.
- H. As a courtesy to fellow competitors there will be no talking to spectators or other groups while other competitors in the group are shooting. The use of cell phones is prohibited during competition and cell phones and pagers are to be turned off. A shooter will receive a warning from the group for the first offense. The penalty for the second offense is a deduction of five points from target score (but no less than a zero). Each subsequent offense will receive a score of ("0") for that target.
- I. After you set your sights and draw your bow, you cannot reset your sights after a letdown. Penalty: A score of zero ("0") for that target.
- J. Shooters with movable sites are required to keep their yardage indicator covered before and after setting. A shooter will receive a warning from the group for the first offense. The penalty for the second offense is a deduction of five (5) points from target score (but no less than a zero ("0")). Each subsequent offense will receive a score of zero ("0") for that target.
- K. For safety considerations, and to insure a timely competition, no archer will go behind a target to look for a lost arrow or for any other reason except to retrieve an arrow that is visible to the group. Shooters are expected to carry enough arrows to complete the round. A shooter will receive a warning from the group for the first offense. The penalty for the second offense is a deduction of five (5) points from target score (but no less than a zero ("0")). Each subsequent offense will receive a score of zero ("0") for that target.
- L. A group may not approach the next shooting stake until the group occupying that stake has fully cleared the area. Anyone advancing to the next stake and interfering with the movement of the other group will receive a score of zero "0" for that target. Anyone found examining or touching the equipment of another shooter without permission shall be in violation of Competition Committee Rules paragraph D-1 "Unsportsmanlike Conduct."
- M. Only one arrow, per shooter, per target will be shot from the stake. A dropped arrow that falls while being nocked onto the string in preparation for a shot may be picked up and shot with no penalty. If in the process of letting down the arrow drops off the bow it may be picked up and shot with no penalty. However, the shooter is responsible for maintaining control of the arrow at all times and the arrow must not be intentionally released, or in any way propelled by the string, or it will be scored as a zero ("0"). In addition, pointing the bow at the ground in front of the shooter is dangerous. If an arrow is intentionally released at the ground, the shooter shall not only receive a score of zero ("0") for that Pro/Am competition they will be in violation of Competition Committee Rules paragraph D-1 "Unsportsmanlike Conduct" and will be referred to the Competition Committee for possible further disciplinary action.
- N. Shooters are permitted to receive assistance from only one (1) shooter in their group. Assistance will be limited to holding a cap or a single standard golf-style umbrella.

- O. Binoculars are allowed, but may be checked at random by a tournament official or if requested by another competitor. If the official deems any markings as inappropriate, the glasses will be confiscated and presented to the Competition Committee under the Shooting Rule on range finding. In addition, any binoculars that are pre-marked by the factory, but are being used by the shooter as a mechanical device for range finding will be confiscated and presented for review to the Competition Committee.
- P. The projection of a light or reference point, either directly or by reflection, onto a target is prohibited. Anyone using these devices (lasers, mirrors, etc.) will receive a score of zero "0" for that round.
- Q. The use of any device or outside agency (including stabilizer bar or prop stick) that allows the mass weight of the bow to be relieved from either arm while shooting is prohibited. Anyone found in violation of this rule shall receive a score of zero ("0") for each target where the violation has occurred.
- R. Competitors in "Fixed Pin" classes may make one "gang adjustment" of their sight during competition without calling a breakdown. The adjustment may be made following a shot and prior to proceeding to the next target, under the following procedure: (1) inform the group, (2) make the adjustment to the whole pin set in front of the group. Individual pins may not be adjusted, and any further adjustments must be made under Shooting Time Allowed, Rule "E-1".

**Known Distance & Unknown Distance Competition:** The Tournament Director shall have the option to designate individual classes or ranges for Known Distance or Unknown Distance competition for either or both days.

**Unknown Distance competitions only:**

- S. **Range finding is prohibited.** All distances will be judged by the naked eye. No equipment, including but not limited to sights, binoculars, or spotting scopes will be used in a manner inconsistent with this prohibition. Using any part of the shooter's body is prohibited, which includes "gapping techniques" that may also use equipment, or the "stepping off" of the distance to, or from, any target. Shooters may carry "target cards" reflecting a picture or rendering of the specific targets being shot, but no marks or notations of any type may be made on these cards. In addition, the prohibition on marks or notations includes carrying, or making, any additional notes about yardages or features of any target on a competition range. Penalty: Any offense upheld by the Competition Committee will result in disqualification of the shooter from the event, (with no refund of entry fees paid) and a minimum suspension for the remainder of the season. The shooter will be required to submit a request for reinstatement that must be reviewed and approved by the Competition Committee before the shooter will be permitted to compete in an ASA sanctioned event.
- T. Exchanging target information with shooters in your group, spectators, or other groups while shooting is strictly prohibited. This prohibition also includes the taking of notes on target distances which is prohibited under Rule "S" on range finding. Violations will be referred to the Competition Committee. The first offense will result in disqualification of the shooter from the event. A second offense will result in a suspension for the remainder of the tournament season with no refund of any entry fees paid.

**Known Distance competition only:**

- U. For ranges designated for Known Distance competition, yardages will be provided as measured within a one yard tolerance based on the equipment used. Shooters may elect to use range finders, but may not delay the time allowed and are required to share their information if requested by another competitor in their group. Using any part of the shooter's body is prohibited, which includes "gapping techniques" that may also use equipment, or the "stepping off" of the distance to, or from, any target. Shooters may carry "target cards" reflecting a picture or rendering of the specific targets being shot, but no marks or notations of any type may be made on these cards. In addition, the prohibition on marks or notations includes carrying, or making, any additional notes about yardages or features of any target on a competition range.
- V. For Known Distance competition, the time allowed will be three hours with one minute allowed for each shooter including the first shooter in the group. See "Shooting Time Allowed" for penalties and procedures.

**SHOOTING TIME ALLOWED:**

- A. Each twenty (20) target Unknown Distance round will be shot in three hours and thirty minutes and each twenty (20) target Known Distance round will be shot in three hours, unless the competition is extended by the Tournament Director in the event of severe or threatening weather, or other extenuating circumstances. It shall be the final determination of the Tournament Director to cancel, postpone, delay tournament activities, and / or determine the appropriate time frame for completion of the round. (See Rule "E", paragraphs 1 & 2 below regarding individual exceptions to the time limit.)
- B. After the allotted time the range official will call time and shooters may complete the target being shot. Further shooting will cease and scores will be totaled on targets completed and a zero ("0") for each incomplete target.
- C. Each group will be responsible for monitoring and adhering to the following pace of shooting:

1. Upon commencement of the round by a verbal announcement of the range official the first shooter at each target will be allowed two (2) minutes in Unknown Distance and one (1) minute in Known Distance to shoot his arrow.
  2. Each remaining member of the group will be allocated one (1) minute to shoot.
  3. Each group will be permitted four (4) minutes to score the target, pull arrows and reach the next stake at which point the time allotment procedure repeats.
  4. Any shooter who fails to adhere to their specified time limit will receive a warning from the group or range official for the first offense. The penalty for all subsequent offenses is a deduction of five (5) points from target score (but no less than a zero ("0")). Each subsequent offense will receive a score of zero ("0") for that target.
- E. The following are the only conditions under which a shooter may leave the range and return to receive credit for the day's competition. The shooter will be allocated additional time to complete any targets missed in the presence of two scorers designated by the range official, or by the range official, who will be responsible for scoring and completing the shooter's score card.
1. Equipment failure need not be visible, but must be reported to a tournament official. If the equipment failure occurs during the act of shooting, the arrow will be scored as shot. The shooter will have up to forty-five (45) minutes from the time the shooter is picked up for equipment replacement or repair. Each shooter is limited to one (1) repair or replacement of equipment per tournament. A shooter with a second breakdown will be allowed to repair or replace their equipment, but will not be allowed to make up missed targets and each target missed will be scored as zero ("0").
  2. Any shooter leaving the range for a personal time-out to use the restroom must first obtain approval by a tournament official. Upon approval of the request, the shooter must then check back with the official within five (5) minutes, and rejoin his original group to complete the round.

#### **SCORING RULES:**

- A. Scorecards will be available at the entrance to each range. Shooters will pick up the official colored scorecard for that day, along with one white "shooter's copy" scorecard which is to be retained by the shooter for their record, at the beginning of each round. The properly completed official colored scorecard must be turned in by the group within fifteen minutes of completion of competition, and prior to leaving the range to receive credit for that day's competition.
1. All information on the scorecard must be accurate with all information completely and properly filled in. Information blocks left blank, incomplete, or reflecting incorrect information will result in a deduction of ten (10) points from their score.
  2. If the number of 12 & 14 Rings™ is left blank it will be scored as zero ("0").
  3. No changes may be made to the official score card after the scorekeeper and shooter have signed the scorecard. If a shooter changes his scorecard after it has been signed by the scorekeeper, the shooter will receive a score of zero ("0") for that tournament (and toward Shooter of the Year rankings if applicable) and will be brought before the ASA Competition Committee for further action.
- B. Each group will designate two (2) members of their group as "Scorers" and two (2) as "Scorekeepers." If a group has only three (3) shooters, one (1) will act as Scorer with the two (2) Scorekeepers alternating as the second Scorer.
1. Scorers will judge and score each arrow and call out the results to be recorded on the respective shooter's scorecards by the Scorekeepers. (See Scoring Rule "C").
  2. Scorekeepers will maintain one scorecard for each shooter and be responsible for recording each arrow. A scorekeeper may not keep his or her own colored "official" card. Scorekeepers will record the total score and total number of 12 & 14 Rings™ at the end of the round.
  3. The completed official colored scorecard must be reviewed and signed as correct by the Scorekeeper and the shooter. Any shooter serving as a scorekeeper must turn in the scored and signed "official" scorecard of the other scorekeeper. Any shooter turning in an "official" card on which they are both the shooter and scorekeeper will receive a score of zero ("0") for that day, as well as toward qualification for the ASA Classic and Shooter of the Year rankings.
  4. The Scorekeepers for each shooting group must turn in the official scorecards for the group together except when a shooter is permitted to make-up targets due to an equipment failure or other approved leave. Shooters assume full responsibility for the accuracy of the information and scores on their cards. Any group that does not turn in their scorecards together before leaving the range will receive a score of zero ("0") for that day, as well as toward qualification for the ASA World Championship Classic and Shooter of the Year rankings, if applicable.
- C. All arrows must remain in the target until all arrows are scored. The arrow shaft must be touching any portion of the next highest scoring line to be scored for the higher value. All scoring shall be done with the

naked eye without the aid of any special magnification with the exception of prescription glasses or contacts. The status of any doubtful arrows must be determined before drawing any arrow from the target. The score is based on the status of the arrow while all other arrows remain in the target. Arrows may not be removed until a scoring judgment has been made and no changes may be made to the score after removal of any arrow. Targets may not be moved or dislodged for scoring purposes, and shall be returned to their proper upright position upon removal of the arrows. If both Scorers are in agreement, the score will stand. Should the Scorers be unable to reach an agreement, the Scorekeepers will alternate the responsibility of making the final determination before any arrows are removed. Groups will be responsible for calling their own arrows. ASA Range Officials will not make arrow calls except when a group has only two (2) shooters, or during special competitions, shoot-offs, etc.

- D. In the event of a Pass Through: (1) Arrows passing through the front of, but still in, the target will be pushed back and scored, (2) If the group agrees and confirms that the arrow actually passed through and was not still in the target due to the high number of arrows that had been shot at the target, the range official is to be notified and the shooter will be allowed to take the score where the "pass-through" occurred as determined by the group up to a maximum score of 10 points (a score of 12 or 14 points will not be permitted under this rule), (3) If the group agrees and confirms that an arrow passed through at the target's "Insert Seam" the shooter will be given a score based on the point of pass through not to exceed eight (8).
- E. Any arrow embedded ("Robin Hood") in the nock of another arrow will be scored the same as the arrow it is embedded in.
- F. Any arrow rebounced (a "Robin Hood" that strikes and damages another arrow and does not proceed toward the target, but bounces back) will be scored the same as the arrow it struck, provided the damaged arrow can be identified.
- G. Any arrow deflected by contact with another arrow already in the target and still proceeding toward the target will be scored as the greater of: (1) where it lies in the target; or (2) a maximum of five (5) points if it is not in the target.
- H. Arrows in the corresponding area of the target will be scored with point values of 5, 8, 10, 12 or 14 as shown in the diagram as follows. Each target will have two (2) 12-rings, but only one will be scored each day as specified by the Tournament Director. Knowing the correct 12-ring for that day's competition is the responsibility of the shooter prior to beginning the round.

### **(Insert target diagram here)**

- I. Except as allowed for in rules "D" through "G" above, the point of the arrow must be imbedded in the target to be scored or the arrow will be scored as a zero ("0").
- J. In classes where a final Shoot Down is not conducted, scoring ties (including first place) will be broken by the number of 12 & 14 Rings™. If a 1<sup>st</sup> place tie cannot be broken by 12 & 14 Rings™, a one-arrow sudden death shoot-off will take place if time and weather permit. The arrow that is determined to be the closest to the center of the 12 Ring™, regardless of actual score, will decide the winner. If for any reason a shoot-off cannot be held, and for all other places that are tied by 12 Rings™, the sum of the prize money for the tied places will be divided equally between the shooters. Special rules apply to all ties for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in classes designated for a final Shoot Down and are addressed in the "Final Shoot Down" section of these rules.

#### **CLASS DEFINITIONS AND RULES:**

All "Open" classes may use any compound or recurve bow, sight, release, stabilizer or equipment unless specifically prohibited in any other part of these rules, or by a ruling of the Competition Committee. Overdraws do not designate shoot class or shooting style. Sight type and/or release type is the determining factors for all non-Open classes. In Limited classes, only gloves, tabs, or fingers are acceptable, or a chew strap (tab held by the teeth) may be used in place of fingers. ASA reserves the right to review any equipment / accessories and determine its suitability for competition. The following equipment / accessories are prohibited in all classes: (1) Broadheads or any other point or tip not intended for target use; (2) Retaining mechanisms which allow the bow to be mechanically held in the drawn position; (3) Crossbows; (4) Laser sights; (5) Devices or an outside agency (including stabilizer bar or prop stick) that allows the mass weight of the bow to be relieved from either arm while shooting. ASA retains the right to waive certain equipment restrictions or shooting rules as they may apply under specific circumstances to physically challenged competitors.

#### **CLASSES:**

All earnings requirements for classes are based on a shooters ASA Pro/Am earnings and year-end bonuses from their individual class competition. Paybacks and bonuses exclude the Friday Team Shoot, Known Distance Shoot, and ASA Federation paybacks. All classes shown include the maximum unmeasured yardage and arrow speed.

ASA reserves the right at any time to assign a registered shooter to a higher competition class based on knowledge of the competitor's prior archery experience, performance in other archery competitions, or the individual's established competition level in another organization. If, for example, someone shooting ASA for the first time feels that they are entitled to compete in the Open "C" class, but their previous archery experience, or competition status in another organization, confirms that they are not a novice, then ASA reserves the right to require that individual to compete in a higher Open class. Anyone who competes using a compound bow as a professional or semi-professional in other nationally sanctioned 3-D or field events must compete in the respective ASA Pro class. In addition, anyone who receives sponsor support that exceeds \$2,000.00 per year in products, equipment, services, or cash is required to shoot in semi-pro or pro. Anyone who has earned more than \$5,000.00 in career ASA Pro/Am earnings must compete in Semi-Pro or Pro. Any requests for special consideration for assignment to a lower class must be submitted in writing for approval by the Competition Committee

**AGE REQUIREMENTS: Youth:** All youth classes with an age requirement will be based on the age of the shooter as of February 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. A youth may request to be allowed to compete in the next age group subject to a review and approval by the ASA Youth Director. **Senior:** All Senior and Super Senior classes are based on the age of the competitor as of the final Sunday of the ASA Classic of the current competition season.

**PROFESSIONAL** - Open Pros may roll back to Semi-Pro if they did not earn any money in the previous two years. Competitors in all other Pro Classes that have not won any prize money in their most recent two years of competition may request to be considered for the highest amateur class available for their equipment setup subject to the submission and approval of a written request to the Competition Committee.

- A. Competing in any Pro Class requires the payment of an annual ASA Pro Certification.
  - 1. Open Pro - No restrictions on age or sex. 50 yards, 280 FPS
  - 2. Women's Open Pro – Open to female competitors only. 50 yards, 280 FPS
  - 3. Senior Open Pro\* - Age 50\* and over, no restriction on sex. 50 yards, 280 FPS
  - 4. Limited Pro – No restrictions on age or sex. Fingers only. 50 yards, 280 FPS
  
- B. AMATEUR – Open to ASA members in good standing.
  - 1. Semi-Pro - No restrictions on age or sex. 50 yards, 280 FPS  
 Anyone who competed in the Semi-Pro class in their most recent year of ASA Pro/Am competition, had at least two top-ten finishes, and earned over \$2,000.00 in ASA Pro/Am earnings must compete in Open Pro. Anyone that won over \$200.00 in Semi-Pro in their most recent year of ASA Pro/Am competition, competed in a Pro Class within the last two years, has career earnings over \$5,000.00, receives sponsor support over \$2,000.00 per year in products, equipment, services or cash, or had two top ten finishes and more than \$600.00 in ASA Pro/Am earnings in Open A last year is required to shoot in Semi-Pro or Pro.
  - 2. Men's Open A 45 yards, 280 FPS  
 Anyone in Open "A" that had at least two top-ten finishes, and earned over \$600.00 in their last year of ASA Pro/Am competition must compete in Semi-Pro. Any Open B Class shooter who won more than \$400 in cumulative prize money in their most recent year at ASA Pro/Ams must shoot Men's Open A. Anyone who won \$200 or more in Open A during their most recent year of competition may not move down in class. All Open Class rules apply.
  - 3. Men's Open B 45 yards, 280 FPS  
 This class is open to anyone who did not win more than \$400 in Open B, or less than \$200.00 in Open A, during their most recent year of ASA Pro/Am competition. Anyone that won more than \$300.00 in their most recent year of ASA Pro/Am competition in any men's class must shoot this class or higher. All Open Class rules apply.
  - 4. Senior Men's Open Class - Age 50\* and over. 45 yards, 280 FPS
  - 5. Men's Unlimited - Release, fixed pins with magnification, any stabilizer. 45 yards, 280 FPS
  
- C. AMATEUR - ONE EVENT PER YEAR WITHOUT FULL ASA MEMBERSHIP.
  - 1. Men's Hunter 40 yards, 280 FPS  
 This class is open to anyone who did not compete in Open A (or higher), win more than \$200 in prize money in Unlimited or Open B, or win more than \$400.00 in Hunter during their most recent year of ASA Pro/Am competition. All other amateur classes are eligible. Release, fixed pins with magnification allowed. Stabilizer Rule - A front stabilizer (or system including quick releases and/or enhancers) may be used, but may not exceed twelve inches (12") in total length from the tip of the stabilizer (or system) to the point of attachment on the front of the riser provided by the manufacturer. A rear stabilizer or counter balance weight system may be used with a maximum of two extensions, but may not extend more than six inches (6") in length as measured from either: (1) the point of attachment on the rear of

the riser provided by the manufacturer, or (2) if there is no rear point of attachment the system may not extend more than six inches (6") beyond the back of the grip.

2. Men's Open C 40 yards, 280 FPS  
This class is reserved for first year ASA Pro/Am competitors, or those who won less than \$300.00 in prize money in their most recent year of ASA Pro/Am competition in any class that competes at 40 yards or less. At any point during the season that a competitor in Open C earns more than \$300.00 they are required to compete in their choice of Open B, Hunter, Limited or other higher class for the remainder of the season. No Shooter of the Year will be awarded in this class.
3. Super Senior Men's Open Class - Age 60\* and over. 40 yards, 280 FPS
4. Men's Limited - Fingers with any sights. 40 yards, 280 FPS
5. Traditional 25 yards, 280 FPS  
Bow must be either recurve or longbow without wheels or cams. No release aid, no sights, a single stabilizer up to 12" in length measured from the point of attachment, no overdraws, no draw checks and must have one finger touching the arrow nock. No marks on the sight window, string, or bow to judge yardage or use as an aiming reference.
6. Women's Open 40 yards, 280 FPS
7. Women's Unlimited - Release, fixed pins with magnification, any stabilizer. 40 yards, 280 FPS
8. Senior Women's Open - Age 50\* and over. 40 yards, 280 FPS
9. Young Adult Male Open - Ages 15-17\*. 40 yards, 280 FPS
10. Young Adult Female Open - Ages 15-17\*. 40 yards, 280 FPS
11. Women's Hunter - Fixed pins, no magnification, any release. 30 yards, 260 FPS  
This class is reserved for ASA Pro/Am participants who have won less than \$300.00 in prize money and had less than two top ten finishes in any class, or year, of ASA Pro/Am competition. See "Hunter" above for stabilizer rules and restrictions.
12. Bow Novice - Fixed pins, no magnification, any release. 30 yards, 280 FPS  
This class is reserved for first year ASA Pro/Am participants, or those who won less than \$300.00 in prize money in this class in their most recent year of ASA Pro/Am competition. At any point during the season that a competitor in this class earns more than \$300.00 they are required to compete in their choice of Open C, Hunter, or other higher class for the remainder of the season. See "Hunter" above for stabilizer rules and restrictions. No Shooter of the Year will be awarded in this class.
13. Youth Open Boy's Ages 13-14\* 30 yards, 240 FPS\*\*
14. Youth Open Girl's Ages 13-14\* 30 yards, 240 FPS\*\*
15. Senior Eagle Open Ages 11-12\*, Parental supervision. 25 yards, 230 FPS\*\*
16. Eagle Open Ages 9-10\*, Parental supervision. 20 yards, 220 FPS\*\*
17. Junior Eagle Open Ages 6-8\*, Parental supervision. 15 yards, 220 FPS\*\*

\*\* In the interests of safety, and the health and well being of our youth class competitors, all competitors in the Youth and Eagle classes must be able to draw their bow under control and without undue difficulty. If in the opinion of the Range Official the competitor is having difficulty drawing and controlling the bow, the competitor shall be required to decrease the poundage to allow them to properly draw and shoot the bow regardless of arrow speed.

#### **CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING:**

- A. Professionals: Participate in three Pro/Am events, or win one Pro/Am event.
- B. Semi-Pros and Amateurs: Participate in two Pro/Am events, win one Pro/Am event, or compete in their respective ASA Federation State Championship.
- C. ASA reserves the right to extend "at-large" invitations in all classes to shooters who are deemed worthy of competing, but who may have been prevented from regular qualifying due to special circumstances.

#### **SHOOTER OF THE YEAR:**

- A. Shooter of the Year in all classes will be based on a shooter's five highest Pro/Am scores in the same class from the Pro/Am season, plus their Classic score. A tie for first in any Pro Class not broken by 12/14-rings will be broken by a Final Shoot Down. Ties for any place in any Amateur Class not broken by 12/14-rings will be considered co-winners and duplicate trophies will be issued, along with the sharing of any prize money. Anyone not competing at the Classic will not be eligible for any Shooter of the Year consideration.
- B. All Eagle Classes: Based on their best three Pro/Am scores, plus their Classic score.
- C. No "Shooter of the Year" will be awarded in Open C, or Bow Novice.
- D. Bonus programs for Shooter of the Year and Classic Champion in classes that average less than ten paid competitors per Pro/Am event throughout the season will be reduced or eliminated based on actual participation.

### **FINAL SHOOT DOWN:**

- A. Upon completion of each Pro/Am competition the Tournament Director may designate classes for a Shoot Down, plus a Final Arrow (as delineated below) to determine the final order of finish.
- B. Designated classes may have up to five participants as determined by the Tournament Director. In case of a tie in score and in 12/14-rings for the fifth spot the Tournament Director will use the "Closest-to-the-12" tie-break procedure to determine the fifth position.
- C. The initial round of a final Shoot Down will consist of one target for each participant, and will not exceed five as specified in "B" above.
- D. Prior to the start of their Shoot Down, competitors will be provided a ten-minute period to judge all of the initial round targets. Anyone not present for any, or all, of the judging period forfeits this opportunity and will be required to adhere to the Shoot Down pace without additional time for judging.
- E. The first place Shooter will start on target one, second place on target two, and so forth.
- F. The entire group will have one minute to shoot their respective target. Anyone not shooting within the allotted one minute will be given a zero "0" for that target.
- G. Shooters will remain at their stake until their arrow is scored. After their arrow is scored the shooter will proceed to the next target.
- H. Shooters are responsible for having enough arrows to complete the Shoot Down.
- I. After the initial round all shooters within 10 (ten) points of the leader will proceed to a Final Arrow with the lowest score shooting first and proceeding to the leader.
- J. Should a tie in total score exist for first place following the Final Arrow (12/14-rings may not break a tie for first place in the pro classes except as provided under "Postponement or Delay") the Shooters tied for first will continue to shoot until the tie is broken. The individual with the most 12/14-rings is allowed to determine the order of shooting, or if tied, a coin toss will determine the order of shooting.
- K. Due to manufacturer contingency programs there will be a clear second and third place order of finish. Should a tie exist for second and/or third place that is not broken by total 12/14-rings, the Shooters that are tied will continue to shoot until the tie is broken. A coin toss will determine the order of shooting.