

THE  
INTERNATIONAL FIELD ARCHERY ASSOCIATION  
BOOK OF RULES  
  
incorporating  
  
THE CONSTITUTION  
THE BY-LAWS  
THE WORLD FIELD ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES  
THE WORLD BOWHUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES  
THE WORLD 3D CHAMPIONSHIP RULES  
THE WORLD INDOOR ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS  
POLICIES

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## PREAMBLE

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

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

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

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

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## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this Association shall be the "INTERNATIONAL FIELD ARCHERY ASSOCIATION", indicated by the abbreviations I.F.A.A. or IFAA.

### **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

- A. To provide a basic plan by which one national field archery association from each nation of the world may become affiliated with the I.F.A.A..
- B. To promote and develop field archery, and any other games the Association may adopt, throughout the world.
- C. To develop and promote competition between international and national associations.
- D. To formulate rules governing international competition.
- E. To arrange for the organisation of World Championships and such other Continental or Regional Championship tournaments as the Association may decide from time to time.
- F. To formulate programmes that will give recognition to archers for proficiency with the bow and arrow in all sanctioned competitions.
- G. To adopt a set of standards recognised by the International Olympic Committee (I.O.C.) permitting the archer to maintain an amateur status for competition as conducted by and/or sanctioned by the I.F.A.A..

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Members shall be national field archery associations or their counterpart, one from each affiliated Nation.
- B. Cross Membership  
This Section serves only as a statement of recommendation and guidance for the national affiliated of the IFAA.
  - 1. The problems that may occur as a result of a nation, or nations, accepting members from, another nation, are National in nature.
  - 2. The IFAA cannot dictate to its member nations in the matter of who it may, or may not, accept as members.
  - 3. Each nation should handle these problems within its own Constitution/By-Laws or Rules by indicating therein, its rights to accept or refuse non-resident members as it sees fit.

4. Each nation which desires that its citizens are not allowed membership in a foreign national affiliate, must request (through the IFAA Secretary) that nations co-operate with its wishes that no IFAA affiliate accept its members. It must be noted that this action does not prohibit a nation from accepting whomever it desires as a member.
  5. It is the privilege of each nation to define what rights of national association membership are afforded to each of its members.
  6. It is the privilege of all nations to enter into mutual agreements with other nations to define their membership policies and conditions.
  7. The IFAA will continue to honour each nation's individual members who hold national membership. In the case of members who have been denied membership or, have been expelled from membership in their national association, the IFAA will forward such notification to that effect to its affiliated nations, upon receipt of such notice, with its recommendation of non-acceptance of that individual as a member.
- C. Corporate membership may be accepted from any firm, business or company which supports the purposes of the I.F.A.A., upon payment of required fee as determined from time to time.  
The Corporate member shall not exercise a vote in the affairs of the I.F.A.A.

#### **ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATION**

- A. National Associations wishing to join the I.F.A.A. must submit a written application for membership.
- B. Applications for membership shall be dealt with by the I.F.A.A. Committee and the I.F.A.A. Committee may decline any application with a stated reason for denial of the application.
- C. In the event that an application for membership is denied, the annual subscription remitted shall be refunded.
- D. When application for membership has been completed by a national field archery association or their counterpart, that Association may enjoy temporary membership while pending I.F.A.A. Committee approval, unless valid objections against such Association are raised in writing, and after consideration, are upheld by the I.F.A.A. Committee.

#### **ARTICLE V - LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP OR SUSPENSION.**

Any National Association shall be subjected to loss of membership or suspension if it fails to:

- A. Pay membership fees and dues within the deadlines prescribed by the I.F.A.A..

- B. Abide by or enforce the rules, regulations and policies of the I.F.A.A. when conducting competition under the auspices of the I.F.A.A. or competition sanctioned by the I.F.A.A..
- C. Abide by or enforce standards to assure amateur status of the individual archer for world championships or any other championship tournament the I.F.A.A. may sanction or conduct.
- D. Provide a system of classification recognised by the I.F.A.A..
- E. Provide a duly elected or delegated individual to serve as a member of the I.F.A.A. Committee.

#### **ARTICLE VI - MODE OF SUSPENSION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT**

- A. Upon presentation of evidence of cause for action, the I.F.A.A. Committee shall present specific charges against the National Association.
- B. The National Association shall have 60 days to correct the deficiency and/or prepare a defence.
- C. At the end of 60 days the I.F.A.A. Committee shall either sustain its action by a 2/3 majority vote, or reinstate the National Association if the vote fails by the required majority.

#### **ARTICLE VII - MEMBERSHIP VOTING**

- A. Legislative items are to be submitted by the member nations on the proper legislative forms, to the I.F.A.A. Secretary within 120 days before the World Field Archery Championships on even numbered years only. The I.F.A.A. Secretary will then prepare copies of all legislative items and post them to the National Representatives 90 days before the I.F.A.A. Committee Meeting. The President of the I.F.A.A. and the other elected Officers may submit legislative items for consideration by the I.F.A.A. Committee in the same manner as set forth herein for a member nation.
- B. All affairs of the I.F.A.A. shall be conducted bi-annually on even numbered years at the World Field Archery Championships.
- C. Special matters may be submitted to the member nations by Postal Vote.

Determination of matters to be submitted to the membership shall be made by the elected officers of the I.F.A.A. A question so submitted, except altering or amending the Constitution and By-Laws, shall be decided by the majority of member nations voting and shall be binding upon the Association.

- D. A vote which is not cast shall be considered as a vote neither for nor against the motion or proposal under consideration.



## **ARTICLE VIII - I.F.A.A. COMMITTEE**

- A. The I.F.A.A. Committee shall consist of one member from each affiliated national association or its counterpart.
- B. The Archery Association of Europe (A.A.E.) may be allowed a representative on the I.F.A.A. Committee. The Representative of the A.A.E. will serve without vote, unless asked by the National Field Archery Association of the United States of America to cast the USA vote in their absence.
- C. Each member Nation shall be accorded one vote. The member Association's vote shall be cast by the Association's Committee member. He/she shall be selected in any manner prescribed by the member Association and may hold tenure on the I.F.A.A. Committee to the complete discretion of the member Association.
- D. The I.F.A.A. Committee shall elect the Officers of the I.F.A.A., namely a President; Vice-President; Secretary and Treasurer. (The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.)
- E. The I.F.A.A. Committee shall conduct its affairs under Roberts Rules of Order.
- F. Duties of the I.F.A.A. Committee:
  - 1. Consider and vote on all proposed changes to the I.F.A.A. Constitution and By-Laws.
  - 2. Adopt an operating budget developed by the Treasurer and the President.
  - 3. Elect Officers in accordance with provisions of this Constitution and terminate office of any elected Officer on just cause shown.
  - 4. Establish annually, fees, dues and other sources of revenue required to defray operating expenses.
  - 5. Establish all programmes, policies and procedures to be followed by the I.F.A.A..
  - 6. Formulate, establish and adopt all the purposes of the Association under Article II of the Constitution.
  - 7. Shall fill any vacancy in any elective office for the I.F.A.A. for the non-expired term of the office. (See Committee Policy on filling vacancies in office, contained in Policy Article 8 in the Policy Section of this Rule Book)

## **ARTICLE IX - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

### **A. President**

1. Shall preside at all meetings of the I.F.A.A. Committee or any other duly constituted body.
2. Appoint standing and special committees.
3. Shall, along with the Treasurer, develop a two year budget for the association, to be submitted to the IFAA Committee for approval.
4. Initiate and develop activities of the I.F.A.A. Committee or any other duly constituted body.
5. Shall conduct the affairs of the Association in accordance with the programmes, policies and budgets established by the I.F.A.A. Committee.

### **B. Vice-President**

1. Shall perform the duties of the President if the President is unable to act.
2. Shall be responsible for the implementation and conduct of all tournaments and events sponsored by the I.F.A.A..

### **C. Secretary**

1. Shall maintain all the official records of the Association.
2. Shall supervise the fiscal affairs of the Association in accordance with the budget when the Offices of Secretary and Treasurer are combined.
3. Assure the proper publication of all official publications, reports and notices as well as promotional material.

### **D. Treasurer**

1. In the event this office is not combined with the Secretary, shall render such reports as required by the constitution and/or requested by the IFAA Committee or President.
2. Shall be responsible for such fiscal duties as outlined for the Secretary.

### **E. Election**

1. On the first day of June of each election year the I.F.A.A. Committee shall act as a nominating committee. Each member nation may file the name of a candidate for each office with the I.F.A.A. Secretary on or before that date. All

candidates will have been contacted beforehand and agreed to accept the office if elected.

2. On or before the first day of July, the Secretary will post to the I.F.A.A. Committee members the names of all nominees. Any nominee shall be privileged to withdraw his/her name from the ballot on or before the first day of August.
3. On the first day of August the Secretary shall post an official ballot to each I.F.A.A. Committee member. The ballot shall be returned to the Secretary no later than the first day of October. The winning candidate for each office shall be the candidate receiving the largest number of valid votes. In the event of a tie, the President-Elect shall cast the deciding ballot. In the event of a tie for the Office of the President, the Secretary shall re-submit the ballot to the I.F.A.A. Committee on the first day of October, which shall be returned not later than the first day of November. If the matter is not resolved by the first day of January, the current President will remain in office until a new President is voted into Office.
4. Write-in candidates shall not be considered.
5. Nominees may be any member in good standing with an affiliated national field archery association.
6. Nominations by I.F.A.A. Committee members shall be accompanied by a brief history of the nominee's qualifications and certification of his/her membership in an affiliated national field archery association. Such descriptive material shall be submitted to all I.F.A.A. Committee members by the Secretary.

F. Term of office.

1. The term of office for all office bearers shall be 2 years concurrent with the fiscal year.
2. The officers may hold office for more than two consecutive terms.

**ARTICLE X - FISCAL YEAR**

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

**ARTICLE XI - SOURCE OF FUNDS AND MEMBER'S LIABILITY**

- A. The funds of the Association shall be derived from membership fees comprising a joining fee and annual subscription fees, donations and, subject to any resolution of the Association, such other sources as the Committee determines.

- B. A member's liability for contribution towards payment of the debts and liability of the Association or the costs, charges and expenses of winding up of the Association shall be limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect to the annual subscription fee.

## **ARTICLE XII - OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

- A. The official language of the I.F.A.A. shall be English.
- B. All instructional items at World Tournaments shall be in the official language. The instructions may be duplicated in alternate language providing, the information is a true translation.
- C. Copies of the IFAA Book of Rules, will be considered "non official" if they are translated into a language other than English.
- D. The IFAA will work from the "Collins English Dictionary".

## **ARTICLE XIII - DISSOLUTION**

In the event of the I.F.A.A. becoming defunct for any reasons, the net worth of the assets of the I.F.A.A., shall be divided equally amongst those National Associations which are members of the I.F.A.A. at the time of such occurrence.

## **ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

- A. The Constitution and By-laws may be altered or amended by a 2/3 vote as represented and voted by the I.F.A.A. Committee on even numbered years.
- B. At times other than the bi-annual meeting, the President may submit requests for altering or amending the Constitution and By-Laws to the I.F.A.A. Committee by postal vote. These requests will require a 2/3 majority vote as represented and voted by the I.F.A.A. Committee in a postal vote.
- C. All alterations and amendments shall be effective on the first day of January of the following year unless the President determines adoption must be immediate to assure the successful operation of the Association.

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## **BY-LAWS**

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

The World Continental Regions of the IFAA shall be:

Africa  
Australasia  
Europe  
North America  
South America

### **ARTICLE II - REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall periodically prepare written reports of their activities and submit copies thereof to each member of the Committee.

### **ARTICLE III - SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

The President, at his discretion shall appoint special committees to carry out functions of the Association. Any qualified individual may be selected to serve on a special committee.

### **ARTICLE IV - FEES**

The annual fee shall be established by the Committee and shall be effective from the first day of January. The final acceptance date for fees due shall be the last day of February of the same year.

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

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

1. The time and place shall be determined by a 2/3 majority vote of the Committee. The Committee shall establish any and all conditions for the conduct of the tournament. The World tournaments shall include the I.F.A.A. World Field Archery Championships (W.F.A.C.), the I.F.A.A. World Indoor Championships (W.I.A.C.), the I.F.A.A. World Bowhunter Championships (W.B.H.C) and the IFAA World 3-D Championships (W3DC). The venue for each of the world tournaments shall rotate progressively through the I.F.A.A. regions.
2. Where a region fails to nominate for its allotted W.F.A.C., W.I.A.C., W.B.H.C. or W.3D.C. , bids will be accepted from other regions. When a bid is accepted out of the established normal rotation, the next following tournament of the same kind will be offered to the next region in order. This will be the region that would normally have been next in rotation before the bid is taken out of sequence.

3. A nation wishing to host a World Championship will pay a deposit to show good will. On acceptance of a nomination, or within 60 days there from, the sum of 500 Pounds Sterling will be deposited with the Treasurer of the I.F.A.A.. If, after the first year, the accepted nominee withdraws the nomination, the sum of 200 Pounds Sterling shall be forfeited. After the second year, the sum of 350 Pounds Sterling shall be forfeited. After the third year, the sum of 500 Pounds Sterling shall be forfeited. Such sums as forfeited shall be passed on to the member nation who accepts the staging of the Championship.  
The above forfeit table applies where nominations are accepted on a four year notice period. Where a lesser notice period is given a pro rata forfeit table shall apply.

B. Other tournaments

1. The Committee may conduct and/or sanction tournaments for the archers of one nation as well as archers of two or more nations. The Committee shall establish all conditions for the conduct and/or sanction. The Vice-President shall have complete authority to determine if all conditions for sanction by the I.F.A.A. have been or will be complied with.

C. National team

1. Be current members of their country's Association.
  2.
    - a. To have resided in that country for a period of 30 days in the previous twelve months, or
    - b. Be a national of that country by birth or naturalisation.
  3. Not to have shot as a member of another I.F.A.A. affiliated country's team in the same twelve month period.
- E. The Secretary shall be custodian of all prizes and trophies of the I.F.A.A. and shall keep a record of them, including the names of the donors, the conditions of competition governing the awards, and the names and scores of those who win them. The responsibility for the recovery or replacement of lost trophies lies with the winners Association and a similar trophy to the one lost must be provided.

## **ARTICLE VI - DIVISIONS OF COMPETITION**

- A. All tournaments shall provide for all styles of shooting.

B. System of awards

National level - in accordance with the system adopted by the National Association.

Special I.F.A.A. sponsored or sanctioned tournaments - in accordance with the system adopted by the I.F.A.A. Committee.

At the World Bowhunter Championships, the World Field Archery Championships, the World 3D Championships and the World Indoor Archery Championships, gold, silver and bronze medals shall be awarded in each division competing. Class awards in the B and C class for the World Field Archery Championships only and will be determined by the number of competitors in each class.

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

There will be no class awards in the A class.

- C. Rules governing amateur competition shall be those recognised by the I.F.A.A. Committee.
- D. Rules governing professional competition shall be those recognised by the I.F.A.A. Committee.
- E. The I.F.A.A. adopts the I.O.C. Doping policy. The operation and implementation of such policy shall rest with the I.F.A.A. Committee.
- F. World records may be obtained at I.F.A.A. World Championships or I.F.A.A. sanctioned Regional Championships. The I.F.A.A. will recognise world record scores shot in Field Archery and Indoor Archery in sanctioned World and regional tournaments by archers in good standing of I.F.A.A. member nations in good standing only. The I.F.A.A. will post, at all its World and Regional tournaments, the highest scores obtained in each style and division.  
The I.F.A.A. Secretary will maintain the current scores list and will establish time limits and other criteria for recognition of new record scores.

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

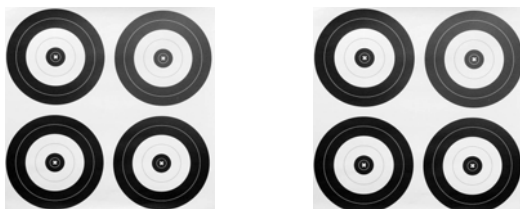
### A. Terms

- Unit - A 14 target course including all official shots.
- Round - Shooting two such units or twice round one unit.
- Marker - Shooting position.
- Face - Target face.
- Butt - Any object against which a face is placed.
- Target - This term in connection with the marker number, e.g. "4th target".
- Spot - Aiming centre.
- Stop - Warning call to other archers.

- Walk up - A target at which shooting positions are at different distances and at which the longest distance is shot first and the other distances in sequence, walking up to the butt.
- Fan - A target at which there are 4 shooting positions, all at equal distance from the butt.
- Straight - A target at which there is a single shooting position from which all arrows are shot.

## B. Targets

1. Faces shall not be placed over other larger faces, nor shall there be any artificial marks on the butt or in the foreground that could be used as points of aim.
2. All butts must be positioned square to the centre of the shooting lane.
3. In all tournaments using official I.F.A.A. rounds, a minimum of 8 faces must be used on all butts requiring 20 cm faces. Faces shall be arranged as follows:-  
Two square blocks of four faces each (see diagram).



A minimum of two faces must be used where 35 cm faces are specified, these faces shall be placed side by side on a horizontal level.

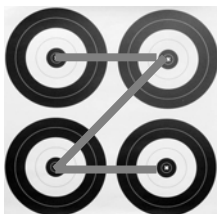
## C. Shooting positions

1. Each target shall have an indicator board at the shooting position, each board shall be visible on approach to the first shooting position, this board shall carry the following information: -  
  
Target number and distance.
2. The distance of each shot shall be clearly shown on each marker. At least one marker per shooting position is mandatory. More markers may be used as preferred by the host nation.



3. Where equal distance markers are used, the minimum distance between any two adjacent markers shall be 3 ft, and the maximum distance between the extreme markers shall be 15 ft.
4. 20 cm faces shall be shot in sequence:-

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



5. 35 cm faces shall be shot all four arrows at a single face. Arrows shot from the left hand side shall be shot at the left hand face and vice versa, except on fan shots where the two arrows from the left hand markers shall be shot at the left hand face, and the arrows from the right hand markers shall be shot at the right hand face.
6. 50 cm faces shall be shot all 4 arrows at a single face, rule C5 will apply if multiple faces are used.
7. 65 cm faces shall be shot all 4 arrows at a single face, rule C5 will apply if multiple faces are used.

#### D. Equipment

1. Any kind of bow, having two flexible limbs, except a crossbow or bow incorporating a mechanical drawing device.
2. Optical spotting aids are permitted.
3. The archer shall support both the mass weight and the holding weight of the bow without any assistance from any external aid, other than those defined in the relevant styles.
4. Arrow speed shall not exceed 300 foot per second (fps) plus or minus 3 (three) percent.

#### E. Shooting styles

1. Barebow - Recurve and Compound (B.B)
  - a. Bow, arrows, strings and accessories shall be free from sights, marks,

blemishes or laminations which could be used for aiming.

- b. An adjustable arrow rest may be used to control the space between the arrow and the face of the bow window.
  - c. The use of stabilisers shall be permitted.
  - d. One permanent nocking point only is permitted which may be marked by one or two nock locators.
  - e. No mechanical device will be permitted other than one non adjustable draw check and/or level mounted on the bow, neither of which may extend above the arrow.
  - f. All arrows used shall be identical in length, weight, diameter, fletching and nocks, without regard to colour, with allowance for wear and tear.
2. Freestyle limited - Recurve & Compound (F.S.)
- a. Any type of sight is permitted.
  - b. Release aids are not permitted.
3. Freestyle Unlimited (FU)
- a. Any type of bow, sight, release aid recognised by the I.F.A.A. Committee is permitted.
4. Bowhunter - Recurve & Compound (B.H.)
- a. Bows, arrows, string and accessories shall be free from sight marks, blemishes and/or laminations which could be used for aiming. A levelling device is not permitted.
  - b. No device of any type that may be used for sighting may be attached to the archer's equipment. No clicker will be permitted.
  - c. One permanent nocking point only, is allowed on the string. Nocking point may be marked by one or two nock locators.
  - d. One consistent anchor point only is permitted.
  - e. An archer shall touch the arrow when nocked with the index finger against the nock. Finger position may not be changed during competition. In cases of physical deformity or handicap special dispensation shall be made.
  - f. All arrows used shall be identical in length, weight, diameter, fletchings

and nocks, without regard for colour, with allowance for wear and tear.

- g. Brush buttons in their proper places at the recurve tip of the bow, string silencers no closer than twelve inch above or below the nocking point and bow quiver installed on the opposite side of the sight window with no part of the quiver visible in the bow window is permitted. One straight stabiliser, coupling device included, if used, not exceeding twelve inch as measured from the back of the bow may be used. No forked stabiliser or any counter balance will be legal. The plunger (where the stabiliser is screwed in) is part of the stabiliser.
  - h. Bow weight shall not be adjusted during any one round.
5. Bowhunter Unlimited (B.U.)
- a. Any type of bow and release aid recognised by the I.F.A.A. Committee is permitted.
  - b. A sight with a maximum of 5 fixed reference points that must not be moved during a round will be allowed.
  - c. Pin sights are to be of straight stock from point of anchor to sighting points with only one sighting reference possible from each pin or reference point. Hooded pins or scope sights are not permitted.
  - d. Release aids are permitted.
  - e. A kisser button or string peep sight will be permitted but not both. No form of magnifying device may be incorporated in, or attached to, the peep sight.
  - f. Pin Guards/brush guards may be used provided that the distance between the bottom of the top guard and the top pin must be greater than the distance between the top pin and the next highest pin. The same clearance as for the top sight pin applies also to the bottom pin and the bottom guard.
  - g. All other rules for the Bowhunter style will apply.
6. Bowhunter Limited - (B.L.)
- a. Same rules apply as for Bowhunter Unlimited except that the release aids are not permitted.
7. Longbow - (L.B.)
- a. A one piece straight ended bow of any material, 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.

Tip reinforcing not exceeding ½" in height, as measured from the surface of the bow limb and not exceeding 1½" in length as measured from the limb tip will be permitted.

- b. The belly must be free of any marks or blemishes that can be used as sighting aids.
- c. The bow may contain a window and an arrow shelf.
- d. Only one nocking point only is allowed on the string, which may be marked by one or two nocking point locators.
- e. Arrows must be of wood, fletched with natural feather, and must be of the same length, fletch and pile, without regard for colour.
- f. Nocks may be of any material, any weight of pile may be used.
- g. An archer shall touch the arrow when nocked, with the index finger against the nock. Finger position may not be changed during competition. In cases of physical deformity or handicap, special dispensation shall be made.
- h. One consistent anchor point must be used.
- i. Adding weight to the riser of the longbow is tantamount to using a stabilizer and is therefore not permitted.
- j. Sighting devices are not allowed in the longbow division. The use of rings at, or near the tips of the arrows provides the archer with a physical sighting device and is not permitted.
- k. The use of a tennis style wrap, which would allow the archer to move his/her hand up and down on the handle and is regarded as a physical sighting method. The use of any type of wrap for this purpose is not permitted.

## F. Divisions of Competition

### 1. Professional Adults Only - Professional Status

Anyone who claims to be a Professional, or who registers as a Professional at any shoot, or who competes for a Professional cash prize or Professional award at a tournament.

Two styles of competition:

Unlimited - No restriction. Men and Women will compete in separate divisions.

Limited - No release aids.

A Professional may retire from the Professional Division after no less than one year as a Professional shooter. After retiring, this archer may not compete for Championship awards for one full year. Notice of retiring will be posted with the I.F.A.A. Secretary, who will notify each member nation through its I.F.A.A. Committee member.

The action of retiring from the Professional Division shall be afforded once only during the archer's competition life.

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

Every archer registered as a member of an I.F.A.A. affiliated Association will be recognised as an Amateur until such time as they become Professionals under the I.F.A.A. rules.

Adult Men and Women :

Barebow recurve and compound	B.B.
Freestyle limited recurve and compound	F.S.
Freestyle unlimited	F.U.
Bowhunter recurve and compound	B.H.
Bowhunter unlimited	B.U.
Bowhunter limited	B.L.
Longbow	L.B.

Veterans Men and Women :

Those archers who are 55 years of age on or before the first day of a Tournament will be given the choice to participate in the Veteran or Adult division (not both).

The decision to participate in the Veteran division is not binding on subsequent Tournaments. The choice is always optional. Proof of age will be compulsory. There will be no classes in the Veteran Division and shooting styles are as for Adult Men and Women above.

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

Barebow recurve and compound	B.B.
Freestyle limited recurve and compound	F.S.
Freestyle unlimited	F.U.
Bowhunter recurve and compound	B.H.
Bowhunter unlimited	B.U.

Bowhunter limited  
 Longbow

B.L.  
 L.B.

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

Barebow recurve and compound  
 Freestyle limited recurve and compound

B.B.  
 F.S.

### 3. Style and Division nomenclature

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

	Adult		Veteran		Junior		Cub	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Barebow-Recurve	AFBB (R)	AMBB (R)	VFBB (R)	VMBB (R)	JFBB (R)	JMBB (R)	CFBB (R)	CMBB (R)
Barebow-Compound	AFBB (C)	AMBB (C)	VFBB (C)	VMBB (C)	JFBB (C)	JMBB (C)	CFBB (C)	CMBB (C)
Freestyle Limited Recurve	AFFS (R)	AMFS (R)	VFFS (R)	VMFS (R)	JFFS (R)	JMFS (R)	CFFS (R)	CMFS (R)
Freestyle Limited Compound	AFFS (C)	AMFS (C)	VFFS (C)	VMFS (C)	JFFS (C)	JMFS (C)	CFFS (C)	CMFS (C)
Freestyle Unlimited	AFFU	AMFU	VFFU	VMFU	JFFU	JMFU		
Bowhunter-Recurve	AFBH (R)	AMBH (R)	VFBH (R)	VMBH (R)	JFBH (R)	JMBH (R)		
Bowhunter-Compound	AFBH (C)	AMBH (C)	VFBH (C)	VMB (C)	JFBH (C)	JMBH (C)		
Bowhunter Unlimited	AFBU	AMBU	VFBU	VMBU	JFBU	JMBU		
Bowhunter Limited	AFBL	AMBL	VFBL	VMBL	JFBL	JMBL		
Longbow	AFLB	AMLB	VFLB	VMLB	JFLB	JMLB		
Professional Unlimited	PFFU	PMFU						
Professional Limited	PFFS	PMFS						

## G. Tournament Officials

1. At every tournament a Field Captain shall be appointed and it shall be his duty to: -
  - a. Make up the groups.
  - b. Appoint a Target Captain and two scorers for each group.
  - c. Designate the targets from which each group shall start.
  - d. Have the option in any tournament to set a time limit, either by target or round, when such a tournament must be completed.
2. The duty of a Target Captain shall be to order the shooting in the group and to settle all local questions. His decision on arrow values shall be final except on his own arrow values when the decision shall be made by the first scorer.
3. The scorers shall keep an accurate account of scores at each target, maintain a running total and compare these at each target.

## H. Tournament Rules

1. Archers shall shoot in groups of not less than three and not more than six. Normally the preferred number is four.
2. Juniors shall shoot in their own groups at I.F.A.A. sanctioned tournaments.
3. Cubs shall shoot in their own groups with a non-shooting responsible adult at I.F.A.A. sanctioned Tournaments.
4. The shooting positions of the group shall be decided by mutual agreement.
5. Each archer shall shoot from the same side for the first fourteen target unit, for the remaining fourteen target unit the archer shall shoot from the other side. An archer may opt, with the consent of the Target Captain, to shoot from the opposite side if he considers himself to be at a disadvantage from his own side at a particular target. At the conclusion of each fourteen target unit the archers shall change their order of shooting. Those who shot first shall shoot last, and those who shot last shall shoot first.
5. Single marker lay-out:  
No archer shall shoot from in front of an imaginary line, parallel to the target, running through the appropriate marker. One foot shall not be more than six inches behind or a maximum of three feet to either side of such marker. For all animal rounds, marked or unmarked, one foot shall touch or not be more than six inches behind or to either side of such marker.

Double marker lay-out:

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

6. One group shall not hold up the following group by looking for lost arrows. Enough arrows shall be carried so that each archer may continue shooting and return to find missing arrows when shooting has ceased.
7. No archer may practice on any target of a course that is currently being used for purposes of a Tournament. Special practice targets must be provided. In the event of an indoor range "sighters" are permitted if the organisers of the event so allow.
8. If for any reason a group is holding up another group mutual arrangement may be made between the Target Captains to allow the following group to pass through.
9. An archer obtaining the Target Captains permission to leave the range for any valid reason, may be privileged to return to his group and complete the unfinished round. His group may wait for his return but must allow the other groups to pass through. The Target Captain shall set a reasonable time limit for his return, upon the expiry of which, the group will continue. He may make up any targets missed in the interim at the discretion of the Field Captain.
10. No archer may shoot (or compete) in any one Tournament more than once unless advertised as a multiple registration Tournament.
11. Competitors may not shoot at practice targets during the course of a round except at an official break. In the event of an equipment failure, after repairs, an archer may shoot four arrows at a practice target under a Field or Range Captain's supervision.
12. Archers must shoot for the full duration of a Tournament as laid down in the Tournament specifications. Any scores made by an archer who does not complete the Tournament will not be taken into consideration for any awards. In the event of inclement weather the Tournament shall continue unless a pre-arranged signal is given by the Field Captain. Archers leaving the range before such a signal shall be withdrawn from the competition.
13. Targets shall be shot in the sequence intended. Any targets omitted shall be forfeited at the discretion of the Field Captain.
14. Groups shall not approach or interfere with other groups whilst either is shooting a target, but shall remain separate until all members of the group have finished shooting.
15. A Technical Control is to be appointed before the tournament. Each



competitor must present their equipment to the Technical Control for equipment check at the designated time and place. It is the responsibility of the archer to maintain his/her equipment within the rules. Failure to do so may result in a protest by another archer resulting in disqualification.

16. No archer shall draw a bow with the bow hand above the top of the head, when drawing on a horizontal plane.

## I. Scoring

1. No arrows in the target or butt may be touched until the arrows have been scored.
2. On all targets less than 55 yards, arrows may be scored and drawn in the prescribed manner after each pair of archers have shot, to minimise arrow damage. The Target Captain and both scorers must go to the target to record the score.
3. Arrows passing through the target face but still in the butt may be pushed back by the Target Captain or deputy who did not shoot the arrow, and scored accordingly.
4. Skids or glances off the ground into the target shall not be counted.
5. 'Bounce-outs' believed to have hit the scoring area shall be re-shot. Arrows believed to have passed through the scoring area but not retained in the butt shall be re-shot with a marked arrow.
6. In the event of a tie for any award in any Tournament, the archers concerned will break the tie by shooting off over three targets. If the tie is not then broken they will continue until one wins a target. If the archers agree they may shoot "sudden death" from the first target.
7. An archer who shoots arrows in excess of the prescribed number shall lose the score of the arrow or arrows of the higher value.
8. An archer who shoots from the wrong marker or at the wrong face will lose the score of that arrow. It may not be re-shot.
9. In the event of a mis-shot arrow, an archer may shoot another arrow provided the mis-shot arrow can be reached with the bow from the archers position at the marker.
10. An arrow hitting another within the target and remaining embedded in that arrow shall have the same scoring value as that arrow. Arrows being deflected by other arrows shall be scored by their position.

11. Where a line having a specific width separates one scoring zone from another on the face, the line is in the lower scoring area. Where there is no line the arrow must cut the higher scoring area to score the higher value.
12. The number of times an archer draws an arrow before releasing that arrow will be limited to four. If the arrow is not then shot it will be scored as a miss.

The only exception to this rule will be in a dangerous situation at the discretion of the Target Captain. (or the first scorer if it is the Target Captain in question).

## **ARTICLE VIII - OFFICIAL ROUNDS**

### **A. Field Round**

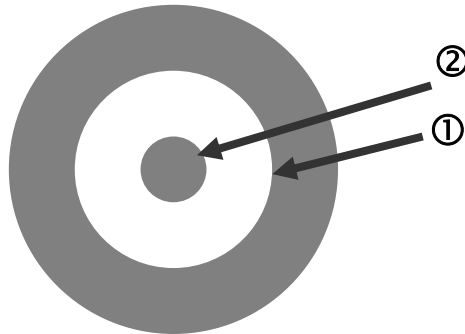
1. The standard unit shall consist of the following shots:

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

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

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

The scoring is five for the spot, four for the inner ring, three for the outer ring. All markers to be coloured white.

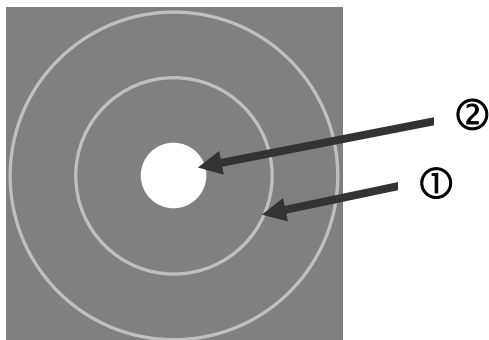


**B. Hunter Round**

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

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

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



### C. Animal Round Marked Distances

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

Group 1 face	Three 5yd walk-up shots with first marker set between 60 and 40 yards (3 markers)
Group 2 face	Three 3yd walk-up shots with first marker set between 45 and 30 yards (3 markers)
Group 3 face	Four one position shots (one marker) with marker set between 35 and 20 yards
Group 4 face	Four one position shots (one marker) with marker set between 20 and 10 yards

### 2. Targets

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

- e. The high scoring area of Group 4 faces is 2 ½" wide by 3⅝" long with rounded ends.



### 3. Shooting Positions

- a. A maximum of three shots is allowed, but an archer shoots only until a hit is made. If the first arrow hits the scoring area no more arrows need be shot.
- b. An archer may not return to shoot the other arrows if he has moved towards the target.
- c. An archer's arrows must be clearly defined by rings, arrows to be shot in ascending order. If an archer accidentally shoots the wrong arrow first, he must immediately declare the fact to the Target Captain.
- d. Juniors shall shoot Group 1 targets from the closest marker on these walk-ups.
- e. The first archer shall shoot at the first target face and the sequence of first, second, third and fourth archer (etc), thereafter shall be in rotation according to the score card order.

### 4. Scoring

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

All markers to be coloured yellow.

D. Animal Round unmarked distances

1. Standard Unit

Shall be as the Animal Round marked distances except that the markers shall have no distances indicated on them.

2. Targets

Shall be as the Animal Round marked distances.

3. Shooting positions

Shall be as the Animal Round marked distances.

4. Scoring

Shall be as the Animal Round marked distances.

5. The use of range finders shall not be allowed.

E. International Round

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

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

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

Three arrows to be shot at each distance. The scoring is five for the spot, four for the inner ring, three for the outer ring. On the thirty five yard field fan the two centre markers shall be used for the shooting positions in the International Round. All other rules of the Field Round shall apply to the International Round

## F. Expert Field Round

1. All distances and target faces as for the I.F.A.A. Field Round shall apply, except that the sub dividing lines shall be used, these lines being midway in each of the spot (for tie breakers only) inner and outer.
2. The scoring is as follows:-  
Five points for the spot, four points for the second circle, three points for the third circle, two points for the fourth circle and one point for the fifth circle. The white 6 in the centre spot is used for tie breakers only. All other rules of the I.F.A.A. Field Round shall apply to the Expert Round.

## G. Flint Indoor Round

### 1. Standard unit

- a. 56 arrows shall be considered one round or twice on the seven target unit.
- b. The standard unit shall consist of the following shots:-

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

- c. Scoring shall be the same as for the Field Round.

### 2. Targets

- a. The targets are standard 20cm and 35cm field target faces placed in two rows on each butt. The centre of the upper row shall be 48" from the floor. The centre of the lower row shall be 30" from the floor and directly below the upper target.

### 3. Shooting Positions

- a. This round is to be shot on a 30 yard range with shooting lines marked parallel to target line at distances of 20 feet, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 yards.
- b. Starting at the 30 yard line and proceeding toward the target line, the shooting lines are to be numbered 3, 1, 5, 4, 6 and 2.

- c. There shall be a separate lane for each butt and the archer shall go from one shooting line to his next shooting line in the lane for the butt which his two targets are placed.
- d. The targets on the butt in the second lane shall be reversed from those in the first lane. Those in the third lane shall be exactly the same as those in the first. Those in the fourth lane shall be exactly the same as those in the second.

#### 4. Shooting Rules

- a. If an archer starts out on a high target, as in lane one, he shoots his second end of the low target in the same lane. The archer continues to shoot at the targets in his lane until he has shot at seven targets.

For his second seven target score, he should go to another lane in which the targets are in reverse from the one he started out on.

### H. I.F.A.A. Indoor Round

#### 1. Standard Unit

Shall consist of 60 arrows, shot as 3 games, at a distance of 20 yards.

(Cubs will shoot at a distance of 10 Yards)

Each game shall consist of 4 ends of 5 arrows per end.

#### 2. Targets

- a. The target face shall be 40cm in diameter and shall be a dull blue colour. The spot shall be two white rings with a blue X in the centre ring. All inscribed scoring rings shall be white. (X-ring is used for tie breakers only).
- b. The bulls-eye shall be 8cm in diameter with 4cm diameter X-ring.
- c. The Tournament Director may allow the archer to use the Indoor 5-spot target which will contain five 16 cm targets on a screened blue surface. A single target will consist of:
  - 1) A white scoring area of 8.0 cm diameter.
  - 2) An outer scoring area of 16.0 cm being of a dull blue colour.
  - 3) Scoring will be: White scoring area: 5 points  
Blue scoring area: 4 points
  - 4) One arrow will be shot at each five targets on the face. They may be shot in any preferred sequence.



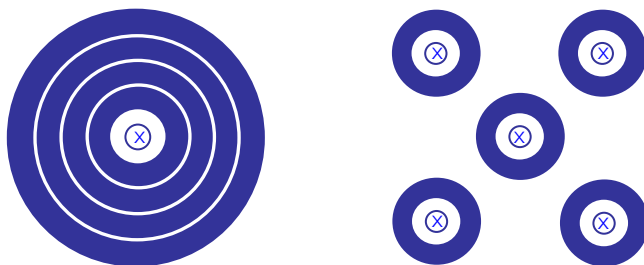
- 5) The targets on the face shall be arranged similar to the number "five dice".

### 3. Shooting Positions

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

### 4. Shooting Rules

- a. An archer shall stand so that he has one foot on either side of the shooting line.
- b. The time limit per end shall be four minutes.
- c. All other shooting rules shall apply as listed under I.F.A.A. Tournament rules.
- d. In the event of equipment failure, the archer will have 15 minutes repair time without holding up the tournament. He shall be allowed to shoot the missed arrows after the final end of the round, with a maximum of five arrows.



### 5. Scoring

- a. The scoring is 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 from the spot out.
- b. All arrows shall be scored and recorded before touching or drawing any arrows from the target.
- c. An arrow cutting two rings shall be scored in the ring of greater value. Scoring is determined by the position of shaft. The shaft must cut through the line and touch the area of higher value in order to be scored as the higher value.
- d. Witnessed bounce-outs or arrows passing completely through the target will be re-shot.

- e. Hits on the wrong target will be scored as misses.
- f. When an arrow is dropped while the archer is in the act of shooting, he may shoot another arrow in place of the dropped arrow if the dropped arrow is within 10 feet of the shooting line.
- g. If an archer shoots more than five arrows in an end, only the five arrows of the lower value may be scored.
- h. If an archer shoots less than five arrows in one end he may shoot his remaining arrows if the omission is discovered before the end is officially completed; otherwise they shall be scored as misses.

## **ARTICLE IX - COURSE LAY-OUT REQUIREMENTS**

- A. In setting out a field course, the following points are to be adhered to: -
- 1. Distances used shall be those designated for the round to be shot.
  - 2. All distances shall be correct within six inches, the distance of the target is the distance from the archers side of the marker to the centre of the butt.
  - 3. All butts must be stable so there is no danger of tipping.
  - 4. Shooting lanes must be cleared so the arrows will not strike foliage or branches.
  - 5. Any person, regardless of height, must have a clear view of the full face of the target.
  - 6. Paths must never pass directly behind a target butt, it is preferred that paths should leave the butt at such an angle that archers leave the line of shooting quickly. Paths and target lanes must be clearly marked and adequate direction signs placed.
  - 7. Target butts must be placed so that misses do not constitute a hazard to other groups of archers. Bales or butts must not leak arrows or be reinforced with any material which will damage arrows or be likely to cause bounce-outs.
- B. Safety Requirements
- 1. No course shall receive approval until all hazards to safety, in the opinion of the Range Inspector have been removed.
  - 2. If a target butt is situated so that any path, target, road or building is behind at an unreasonable distance, then the target must be provided with adequate backstop.

3. The practice area must be placed so that no paths or roads pass behind the practice butts.
4. A minimum of 25 feet is necessary between any paths or shooting lanes parallel to another shooting lane. This minimum permits a tolerance depending on terrain and length of shot, but the distance used must preserve absolute safety.

C. Approvals and Procedure

1. Courses shall be inspected and approved annually. No alterations are permitted without prior consent to the Range Inspector.
2. At an I.F.A.A. World and Regional Tournament or any other special tournament sponsored by the I.F.A.A., course approval by the I.F.A.A. is required. Official approval will be through the Vice-President of the I.F.A.A. or his designated representative.
3. For sanctioned I.F.A.A. tournaments, course approval shall be by the Committee member for that particular nation and approval shall be for that particular tournament only.

**ARTICLE X - CLASSIFICATION**

A. Records

1. Each member nation shall adopt and maintain a system which accurately records scores shot by archers on each 28 targets whether shot in Field or Hunter Rounds or a combination thereof. Only scores shot in sanctioned tournaments shall be recorded.
2. In tournaments sponsored or sanctioned by the I.F.A.A. each member nation and the archer shall make available to the Tournament Chairman such records as he deems necessary to ensure proper classification of all participants.
3. The I.F.A.A. World Field Archery Championships shall be used to establish world ranking.

B. Classification Classes

1. In the Barebow, Freestyle Limited and Freestyle Unlimited Divisions for Men, Women and Junior Boys and Girls, there shall be the following classes based on a 28 target round: -

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

2. In the Bowhunter, Bowhunter Limited and Bowhunter Unlimited Divisions for Men, Women and Junior Boys and Girls, there shall be the following classes based on a 28 target round:

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

3. In the Longbow Division for Men, Women and Junior Boys and Girls there shall be the following classes based on a 28 target round: -

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

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

**C. Classification procedures**

1. For the World and Regional tournaments and other tournaments sponsored by the I.F.A.A. the Tournament Chairman shall follow the procedure as follows to determine an archer's class:-
- No score recorded two years prior to the tournament shall be considered.
  - An archer who is not classified shall compete in the highest contested class in his style in that tournament.

- c. Classification of an archer shall be determined by the archer's two highest scores in a twelve month period.
- d. Reclassification shall occur on an archer attaining two higher classification level scores in a twelve month period where the higher classification shall apply for the balance of that twelve month period and for the following twelve month period unless a higher class is attained in that period.

#### **ARTICLE XI - JUNIOR DIVISION**

- A. A Junior division is established for archers under the age of seventeen years.
- B. Competitors in the Junior division will shoot from the appropriate adult markers up to a maximum distance of 50 yards. The junior markers will be coloured blue.
- C. A Junior may elect to shoot in the adult division with written parental consent, but having done so may not revert back to Junior.
- D. The Junior division shall be eligible for awards in the same manner as adults.
- E. Age will be determined by that attained on the first day of the tournament. Acceptable proof of age must be submitted.

#### **ARTICLE XII - CUB DIVISION**

- A. A Cub division is established for archers under the age of thirteen years.
- B. A Cub may elect to shoot in the Junior division with written parental consent, but having done so may not revert back to Cub.
- C. Cub shooting markers will be coloured black.
- D. The Cub division will be split into boys and girls, but there will be no classes within the divisions.
- E. The Cubs will be allowed to compete in the Barebow and Freestyle Limited divisions only. Compounds will be permitted.
- F. Age will be determined by that attained on the first day of the tournament. Acceptable proof of age must be submitted.
- G. Cub division official targets units will consist of :-

Distances of Position	Field	Hunter	Size of face Big Game Group	International
20 ft	20 cm	20 cm	4	-
10 yds	35 cm	35 cm	4	-
10 yds	35 cm	35 cm	4	35 cm
10 yds	35 cm	35 cm	4	35 cm
10 yds	35 cm	35 cm	3	35 cm
15 yds Fan	50 cm	35 cm	3	50 cm
15 yds	50 cm	50 cm	3	50 cm
20 yds	50 cm	50 cm	3	50 cm
20 yds	50 cm	50 cm	2	50 cm
20 yds	50 cm	50 cm	2	50 cm
20 yds	65 cm	50 cm	2	65 cm
25 yds	65 cm	65 cm	1	65 cm
30 yds	65 cm	65 cm	1	-
15-20-25-30 yds*	65 cm	65 cm	1	-

\*Big Game Round : Walk up to be shot at 30-25-20 yards.

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

### **A. DURATION**

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

### **B. BIDDING**

Bidding by an IFAA affiliated nation to host WFAC will be in accordance with the IFAA By-Laws.

Any nation bidding for the WFAC must assure the IFAA Committee (or, the IFAA President if the bidding is done at a time other than a designated IFAA Committee Meeting) that:

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

### **C. ROTATION**

Rotation of WFAC through the IFAA Continental Regions, shall be in accordance with IFAA By-Laws.

2006	2016	Australasia
2008	2018	Africa
2010	2020	Europe
2012	2022	South America
2014	2024	North America

### **D. FORMAT**

The WFAC Format will consist of:

Sunday	-	Opening ceremonies.
Monday	-	One 28 target IFAA Field Round.
Tuesday	-	One 28 target IFAA Hunter Round.
Wednesday	-	One 28 target IFAA Animal Round (Paper faces)
Thursday	-	One 28 target IFAA Field Round
Friday	-	One 28 target IFAA Hunter Round.
Saturday	-	Awards Ceremony and optional Banquet/Dinner, Passing of IFAA Banner to next host nation of WFAC, Closing Ceremonies.

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

Rules for: Tournament Officials; Protest Committee; Technical Control; Official Rounds; Targets; Equipment; Style and Division; Classification; Shooting Distance; Position & Scoring and; Insurance; will be those rules contained in the By-Laws and Policy as is applicable.

Rules for the IFAA Champion of Nations competition associated with the WFAC will be as specified in the Policy Section of the IFAA Book or Rules.

A Technical control is to be appointed before the WFAC tournament and, by the host nation. All bows and equipment will be inspected and, marked as having been inspected, prior to the start of WFAC competition. Each competitor must present his/her equipment to the Technical Control for equipment check at the designated time and place. It is the responsibility of the archer to maintain his/her equipment within the specified IFAA rules.

Failure to do so may result in a protest by another archer which may result in disqualification.



## I.F.A.A. WORLD BOWHUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS (W.B.H.C.)

### **A. DURATION.**

The WBHC will be held on four (4) consecutive days.

### **B. BIDDING.**

Bidding by an I.F.A.A. member nation to host the WBHC will be in accordance with the I.F.A.A. By-Laws.

### **C. ROTATION.**

Rotation of the WBHC through the I.F.A.A. Regions will be in compliance with the I.F.A.A. By-Laws and the following schedule:

2003	2011	Australasia
2005	2013	Africa
2007	2015	Europe
2009	2017	South America
	2019	North America

### **D. FORMAT.**

The WBHC Format will consist of two compulsory rounds and, two or more alternate rounds. All WBHC Bowhunter rounds will be UNMARKED.

### **E. OFFICIAL ROUNDS FOR WBHC**

#### 1. COMPULSORY ROUND(s)

2-I.F.A.A. Unmarked Animal Round (Paper).

#### 2. ALTERNATE ROUNDS (Host's Choice)

- a. I.F.A.A. Unmarked Animal Round (Paper).
- b. 3-D
- c. 3-D Two shot Round
- d. Special Animal Round
- e. Precision Round
- f. Game Trail Round

NOTE: Alternate rounds may be a repeat of compulsory rounds or any combination, at the organiser's choice.

## F. SPECIFIC RULES FOR WORLD BOWHUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS (WBHC).

(The General rules, as set forth in the I.F.A.A. Rulebook, will apply except where specific rules are set forth herein.)

### 1. OFFICIALS

Tournament officials such as Shoot Director, Range Captain etc., will be appointed in accordance with the I.F.A.A. Rulebook and as required.

### 2. PROTEST COMMITTEE

A Protest Committee will be appointed in accordance with the I.F.A.A. Rulebook or I.F.A.A. Policy.

### 3. TECHNICAL CONTROL

A Technical Control is to be appointed before the tournament. Each competitor must present their equipment to the Technical Control for equipment check at the designated time and place. It is the responsibility of the archer to maintain his/her equipment within the rules. Failure to do so may result in a protest by another archer resulting in disqualification.

### 4. TARGETS

Paper Targets will be those Association and commercial faces recognised by I.F.A.A. and set forth as follows: Guthrie's (R.S.A.), DFBV (Ger.), NFAA (USA). These targets will have Kill and Wound areas uniform with the provisions of the I.F.A.A. Rulebook (eleventh Edition, page 27, ART VIII, Sect C, Para. 2)

#### 3-D Targets

Targets recognised by the I.F.A.A. are:  
All commercially produced 3-D targets.

### 5. SHOOTING DISTANCE

- 1 Distance for the WBHC are to be UNMARKED (Unknown).
- 2 Each target of the range shall have an Indicator Board at the shooting position. This board shall carry the following information:
  - a. Target Number.
  - b. Face Size (Group I, II, III, IV or 3-D).
  - c. Time allowed IF a timed target.

### 6. EQUIPMENT

(Shooting equipment to be as defined by the I.F.A.A. By-Laws).

- a. Arrows must be clearly marked by rings. One ring for the first arrow, two

rings for the second arrow and three rings for the third arrow. Arrows are to be shot in ascending order, first arrow first. If an archer accidentally shoots the wrong arrow first, he/she must immediately declare that fact to the Group Captain (Target Captain).

- b. Bow quivers are permitted for all divisions if their binding (mounting) system is not visible in the sight window.
- c. Field glasses, optical spotting devices such as scopes, range finders, and other optical aids, are not permitted.  
Cameras may not be used as range finders and may be used (as a camera to take pictures) only after all archers in the group have finished shooting the target.
- d. Change of equipment during tournament:
  - 1. Changing an equipment part involving a style (division) change or for the purpose of making the shoot easier in one or another of the different rounds, shall not be permitted.
  - 2. An archer must compete in the WBHC with the same equipment he/she starts with except in the case of equipment failure.
  - 3. Bow weight shall not be adjusted during any one round of the tournament.
  - 4. Sight pins shall not be moved during any one round of the tournament.
  - 5. Arrow speed shall not exceed 300 foot per second (fps) plus or minus 3 (three) percent.

## 7. MISC. SHOOTING RULES

- a. No competitor, or any other person not officially associated with the tournament, will be allowed to survey or inspect the Bowhunter courses prior to shooting.
- b. No person may accompany the groups on the ranges who is not a competitor assigned to that group (No guests). Cub Minders are excepted. The organisers may authorise person on the range such as officials and media.
- c. Relating distances to another archer is strictly forbidden and may result in disqualification.
- d. No member of the group (or another group) may go forward of any shooting stake until all members of the group have shot their arrows at that stake.

- e. Within the shooting groups the first two archers shall shoot first on the 1st target, the next two archers will shoot first on the next target and so on through the round. These numbers may require modification depending on the total of archers in a group and the number who can shoot at one time at a given target.
- f. No archers shall shoot from in front of the appropriate marker. One foot shall touch, or be not more than six inches behind or to either side of such marker.

8. SCORING

- a. The arrow must cut through the line, touching the scoring area, to be counted.
- b. On 3-D targets, the arrows sticking in the target stand or base, and those in the horn or antler are not counted.

**G. WBHC OFFICIAL ROUNDS**

1. I.F.A.A. UNMARKED ANIMAL ROUND (Paper)

- a. Targets. The targets approved for the I.F.A.A. Marked Animal Round: GUTHRIE'S, DFBV and NFAA. (Specified in the specific rules for WBHC).
- b. Standard Unit. As specified in I.F.A.A. By-Laws for the I.F.A.A. Marked Animal Round.
- c. Shooting Positions. As specified in I.F.A.A. By-Laws for I.F.A.A. Marked Animal Round except that the distances shall not be marked or noted.
- d. Scoring. As specified in the I.F.A.A. By-Laws for the I.F.A.A. Marked Animal Round:

	Kill	Wound
1st arrow	20	18
2nd arrow	16	14
3rd arrow	12	10

2. 3-D HUNTING ROUND (1 Arrow)

- a. Target. 3-D Targets as recognised by the I.F.A.A. and identified under specific rules for WBHC. Only three dimensional targets will be used for this round.

- b. Standard Unit. The standard unit is 28 targets.
- c. Shooting positions. Shooting positions will be unmarked and placed at a maximum of 60 yards for Adults, 50 yards for Juniors and 30 yards for Cubs.
- d. Scoring. One arrow only per target.

Kill	20 points
Wound	18 points

3. 3-D ROUND (2 Arrow)

- a. Target. 3-D targets as specified for the one-arrow 3-D Hunting Round and in the specific rules for the WBHC.
- b. Standard Unit. 28 Targets.
- c. Shooting positions. Two markers per target set at different distances. Distance maximums same as for the one arrow 3-D round above.
- d. Scoring. Both arrows are counted for score.

Kill	10 points
Wound	8 points

4. SPECIAL ANIMAL ROUND

- a. Targets. I.F.A.A. approved paper targets as specified in the specific rules for WBHC. Targets may be cut out and glued or affixed to laminated cardboard or other butt material if desired. If cut out, the animal's hide/hair line must be left intact. 3-D Targets of appropriate size may be used where so stipulated in the individual portions of the round.
- b. Standard Unit. The standard unit will be 28 targets consisting of:
 

6	(maximum)	Timed Targets
6	(maximum)	Herd Targets (3-D may be used).
6	(maximum)	Group Targets
10	(minimum)	Classical Animal Targets
- c. Shooting Positions. Maximum 50 yards for Adult and Junior, 30 yards for Cubs. No minimum distance.
- d. Scoring. Three arrows are to be shot and scored as follows:

	Kill	Wound
1st arrow	10	5
2nd arrow	6	3
3rd arrow	4	2

Note Maximum score of three arrows is 20 EG:(3 kill: 10+6+5=20).

e. TIMED TARGETS

- 1) One marker only (per archer).
- 2) Three arrows to be shot within 30 seconds.
- 3) If the archer exceeds the time limit allowed, all three arrows are forfeited.
- 4) The archer will stand at the ready with the 1st arrow knocked and the bow not drawn. The second and third arrow will be held in the bow quiver, back-quiver or standard quiver. Ground quivers will not be allowed unless provided at all timed target markers by the organiser. Arrows will not be stuck in the ground or laid within reach on the ground. The archer shall indicate to the time keeper that he is ready by "Ready". The time keeper will give the start signal. The bow may be drawn only at the start signal.
- 5) Arrows are to be shot one at a time only in the standard fashion. Devices allowing more than one arrow to be shot at a time, are prohibited.
- 6) The archer must stop shooting immediately when the stop signal is given.
- 7) In the case of immediate danger that can constitute a hazard, the time will be stopped by the time keeper and the time keeper will restart the group when it is deemed safe to do so.

f. HERD TARGETS (3-D targets may be used.)

- 1) One marker only, per archer.
- 2) Three different target butts, marked A-B-C, at different distances.
- 3) The three arrows to be shot in sequence A-B-C, one arrow at each target.
- 4) All three arrows will be scored.

g. GROUP TARGETS

- 1) 3 markers at different distance.
- 2) 1 target butt with three different target faces on the butt marked A, B and C.
- 3) Two or more target butts abutted side by side, for the purpose of accommodating 3 target faces at the longer distances, will

constitute 1 butt.

- 4) 3 arrows to be shot in sequence A-B-C, one arrow from each stake.
- 5) All three arrows will be scored.

h. CLASSICAL ANIMAL TARGETS

- 1) One target and one face.
- 2) Three markers at different distances.
- 3) Target butts to be placed as the terrain allows within the maximum distances of 50 yards Adult and Junior, 30 yards Cubs.
- 4) Archers will shoot the first marker first and advance toward the target shooting one arrow at each markers.
- 5) All three arrows will be counted.

5. PRECISION ROUND

- a. Target. Targets to be I.F.A.A. approved animal targets.
- b. Standard Unit. The Standard unit shall consist of the following 28 targets:  
8 Group I faces at a maximum of 50 yards for Adults and Juniors,  
30 yards for Cubs.  
10 Group II faces at a maximum of 40 yards for Adults and Juniors,  
20 yards for Cubs.  
10 Group III faces at a maximum of 30 yards for Adults and Juniors,  
15 yards for Cubs.
- c. Spots. One coloured spot will be placed inside the existing Kill area of each target at a minimum distance from the Kill area line of 2cm. The spot may be placed wherever the organiser chooses within the Kill area

as long as the minimum distance of 2cm from the kill line is observed/maintained.

d. Spot sizes.

Coloured spots will be sized as follows:

Group I faces	: 10 cm
Group II faces	: 7.5 cm
Group III faces	: 5 cm

e. Shooting Position. One marker per target.

f. Scoring. One arrow per target.

Spot	: 20 points
Kill	: 10 points
Wound	: 5 points

## 6. GAME TRAIL ROUND

- a. Standard Unit. The standard unit shall be 28 targets, as follows:  
7 (Max) Game trail targets (3-D targets may be used on any or all targets).  
7 (Max) Tree stand targets (3-D targets may be used on any or all targets).  
7 (Max) Moving targets.  
7 (Min) Classic Animal Targets.
- b. Maximum of three arrows are allowed and only one of the three is scored, (EXCEPT on the moving targets where only one arrow is shot and recorded). The archer shoots only until a scoring hit is made. If the first arrow hits the scoring area no more arrows need to be shot. The first arrow to hit the scoring area is recorded. An archer may not return to the marker to shoot remaining arrows once that archer has advanced toward the target.
- c. GAME TRAIL TARGETS  
One archer of the group at a time will follow a rope trail. The target will not be visible from the starting point. As the archer follows the trail the target will come into view. The archer must make the decision at which point along the trail to shoot the target. The archer may not return back along the trail if he/she loses sight of the target.  
Game Trail Targets/Rounds and their safety and construction, are discussed in Courses Lay-out Requirements.
- d. TREE STAND TARGETS  
Tree stand targets will utilise shooting platforms at the shooting position. Cubs will shoot from a ground marker and will not use the platforms. Shooting platforms and their safety and construction are discussed in "Course Layout Requirements".
- e. MOVING TARGETS
- 1) Only one arrow is to be shot on the moving targets.
  - 2) The target is shot from a position between two flags, one at each end of the shooting line. Each flag will have a safety margin of at least 10 yards minimum.
  - 3) A safety shield must be provided to protect the operator. The target may be run before the group begins shooting so that they may see at what speed the target is moving.
  - 4) Scoring: On moving targets only one arrow is permitted. Kill 20 points, Wound 18 points.
  - 5) Moving targets, their safety and construction are discussed in Course Layout Requirements.
- f. CLASSICAL ANIMAL TARGETS
- 1) Utilises the CLASSICAL ANIMAL Targets rules as discussed under the SPECIAL ANIMAL ROUND:



1 target butt and face.

3 markers of different distance. 50 yard maximum for Adult and Junior, 30 yards for Cubs.

No minimum distance.

From 1st marker, advance toward the target shooting one arrow at each marker.

All three arrows will be counted:

	Kill	Wound
1st arrow	10	5
2nd arrow	6	3
3rd arrow	4	2

## H. COURSE LAY-OUT REQUIREMENTS

1. In laying out or setting up a Bowhunter course the following points must be followed:
  - a. Distances used shall be those designated for the individual round or portion of the round being used.
  - b. All target butts must be stable with no danger of tipping.
  - c. Any competitor, regardless of height, must have a clear view of the target. When constructing a CUB only range, take into consideration the reduced heights of the competitors.
  - d. Target lanes, areas, etc., are not required to be maintained at the same level of a Field Course. IE: targets may be placed in a reasonably representative area of natural growth. The target must not be purposely obscured from view. While realising some hunters will take a more difficult shot, the organiser must not accept that as a norm. We are presenting representative and competitive rounds, not constructing an obstacle course or a test of acrobatic skills. Some degree of difficulty is permissible, tempered with a balance of consideration for the average and the non-hunting archer. All archers must have a clear view of the target.
2. MOVING TARGETS

So that moving targets will not create an obstacle to the flow of traffic through the ranges, only one arrow is to be shot and scored by each archer on these targets.

Moving targets must be planned and created with the utmost consideration of safety, both of the archer and of the operator of the moving target mechanism.
3. OPERATORS.

Operators must not be in the line of fire. Their position must not be at a point

between the archer and the target. If the position of the operator is behind the archer, away from the target, no special precautions may be necessary. If the position of the operator is other than behind the archer, the operators position must be shielded from a possible stray arrow. A shielded position is defined as a constructed barrier that will prevent a stray arrow from penetrating the position. The operator must not allow himself/herself to be exposed to harm from the time the animal is released until it has completed its run AND an "all clear" signal has been relayed from the shooting line.

4. TREE STAND SHOTS

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

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

5. SHOOTING PLATFORMS

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

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

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

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

NOTE: A platform built against the side of a hill may allow straight access to the platform from the target trail. In such a case, the requirement for steps could logically be waived.

The Organiser of the tournament should keep in mind that the purpose of the platform is to provide an elevated shot, simulating a tree stand shot, and not to construct an obstacle course.

Shooting platforms that are not considered to be safe by the inspecting I.F.A.A. Official, will not be used. Instead, that shot shall be converted to a round level shot.

6. GAME TRAIL ROUNDS

Trail Shoots, String or Rope Shoots, Game Trail Shoots or, the same under any other name, must be laid out with special consideration to safety. The Organiser must exercise extreme caution in determining the shooting zones.

Basic conditions are:

- a. A Game Trail Round should utilise an elevated rope or other device to mark the trail.
- b. The beginning of the shooting zone should be marked with a flag, of a bright colour, tied or attached securely to the rope and the end of the shooting zone should be similarly marked. It is suggested the entry and exit flags be of pre-designated colours such as green (start) and red (stop or end).
- c. NO SHOTS are to be taken expect from between the two markers.
- d. Special attention must be given to assure that no archer on the trail will come within the safety zone of an archer shooting from any point on the marked shooting area of the trail.
- e. The normal consideration to a safety zone behind the target must be amplified due to the greater angles involved with shots from different points of the trail.
- f. It is recommended that Game Trail Rounds, whenever possible, be set up on the perimeter of the range area so that no activity takes place in the direction of the shooting. (No trails or targets behind the shooting and safety angles to the target).

## **IFAA WORLD 3-D CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT (W3-DC)**

### **Specific Rules for World 3D Championships (W3DC)**

#### **A. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE**

The World 3D Championships shall be shot over 5 days (5th day reserved as additional tournament day if numbers warrant) and shall comprise the following 28 target rounds:

1 Round of the IFAA Classic 3D	– 1 Arrow Round
2 Rounds of the IFAA Classic 3D	– 2 Arrow Round
1 Round of the IFAA Classic 3D Animal Round	– 3 Arrow Round

Rounds shall be shot in the following sequence:

Day 1 – 1 arrow round  
Day 2 – 2 arrow round  
Day 3 – 3 arrow round  
Day 4 – 2 arrow round

Targets will be set-up within the distance range specified for each target group, and actual distance for each target shall be unknown (unmarked).

The General Rules, as set forth in the IFAA Rules Book will apply other than where specific Rules are set forth herein.

#### **B. GENERAL RULES**

##### **1. OFFICIALS**

Tournament Officials such as Shoot Director, Range Captain etc., will be appointed in accordance with the IFAA Rule Book and as required

##### **2. PROTEST COMMITTEE**

A Protest Committee will be appointed in accordance with the IFAA Rule Book or IFAA Policy

##### **3. TECHNICAL CONTROL**

A Technical Control is to be appointed before the tournament commencement date. Each competitor must present their equipment to the Technical Control for equipment check at the designated place and time. It is the responsibility of the archer to maintain his/her equipment within the Rules. Failure to do so may result in a protest by another archer resulting in disqualification.

#### 4. TARGETS

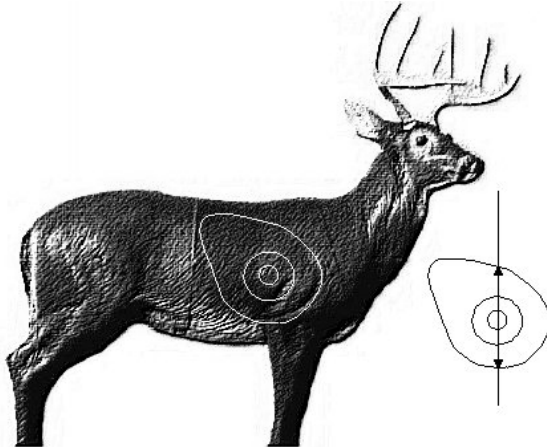
3D Targets will be those recognized by the IFAA: McKenzie (USA), Aussie 3-D (Australia) and Rinehart 3-D Targets (USA).

Targets having only 2 defined score zones shall be scored by including a third score zone which is the area between the outer defined score zone and the hairline.

Targets, such as the McKenzie targets which have 3 defined score zones, shall be scored by combining the defined bull and inner score zone to be the bull zone, and by then adding the third score zone being the area between the outer defined score zone and the hairline.

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

- a. Measure the vertical height of the 2/3 defined score areas/zones through the centre of the score areas/zones, as illustrated.



- b. Having completed such measurement, allocate targets to group size as under:

Group 1 - 3D Targets	9-7/8 inches+ (251+mm)
Group 2 - 3D Targets	7-15/16 to 9-13/16 inches (201mm to 250 mm)
Group 3 - 3D Targets	5-15/16 to 7-7/8 inches (151 mm to 200 mm)
Group 5 - 3D Targets	0 – 5-7/8 inches (0 to 150 mm)

Illustration of such target grouping, using McKenzie 3 defined score zone targets, would then be:

Target	Depth	Group
Standing Bear	11-13/16" (300mm)	1
Bighorn Ram	11-5/8" (295mm)	1
Large Deer	11-5/8" (295mm)	1
Pronghorn	9-1/16" (230mm)	2
Boar	9-3/16" (250mm)	2
Running Bear	8-1/4" (210mm)	2
Coyote	6-7/8" (175mm)	3
Javelina	7-11/16" (195mm)	3
Medium Deer	7-7/8" (200mm)	3
Turkey	5-1/2" (150mm)	4
Woodchuck	5-1/8" (130mm)	4

For scoring purposes the inner McKenzie "12" ring is discarded, but shall be recorded for tie-breaking purposes. The combined "12" and "10" rings shall be regarded as the "bull" or the "critical" score area. The existing outer ring shall be the "middle" or "vital" score area, with the rest of the body (not including legs or antlers/horns etc) as the "outer" or "wound" area.

Some manufactured targets have 3 defined score zones of representative size all within the animal torso, and will be scored as such.

## 5. COURSE SET UP

3D targets shall be freestanding and securely anchored.

Targets may be placed at a point which reasonably represents the natural setting. Targets are not to be purposely obscured from view. Some degree of difficulty is permissible, however the total score area must not be obscured.

The 3D target will be positioned so that the scoring area is face on to the archer. For group 1 and 2 targets, the target may be angled towards or away from the archer, however such angle shall not exceed 15 degrees. (i.e. a facing away or towards archer) "Up-hill" or "down-hill" shots, ideally, should not exceed 45 degrees.

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

A minimum distance of 20 yards shall be provided between the target and such back-stop.

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

One alternative to the natural back-stop is the man-made version using

carpet off-cuts, which can be suspended in 2 layers. The first layer when hit by the arrow will move with the impact with, in most cases, the arrow falling to the ground. In the occasional occurrence where the arrow passes through the first layer, the second layer, and reduced arrow velocity incurred through passing through the first layer, will stop the arrow.

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

## 6. EQUIPMENT (SHOOTING DIVISION EQUIPMENT)

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

- a. A Pro-Am Prize Money Division shall be included in lieu of the standard Pro Division.
- b. Where a Game requires more than one arrow to be shot, all arrows must be clearly marked to identify the sequence of each arrow. (ie one ring for first arrow, 2 rings for second arrow etc). Arrows will be shot in ascending order, first arrow first.  
If an archer accidentally shoots the wrong arrow first, he/she must immediately declare that fact to the Group Captain (Target Captain) who will direct in which sequence the following arrows are to be shot.
- c. Bow quivers are permitted for all Divisions if their binding (mounting) system is not visible in the sight window.
- d. Field Glasses (binocular or monocular), optical spotting devices such as scope, range finders, and other optical aids are not permitted. Cameras may not be used as range finders, and may be used (as a camera) only after all archers in the group have finished shooting the target.
- e. Changing an equipment part involving a style (Division) change or for the purpose of making the shoot easier in one or another of the different rounds, shall not be permitted.  
An archer must compete in the 3DWC with the same equipment he/she starts with, except in the case of equipment failure. Bow weight shall not be adjusted during any one round of the tournament. In the Bowhunter Limited and Bowhunter Unlimited Divisions, sight pins shall not be moved during any one round of the tournament.

## 7. OTHER MATTERS.

- a. No competitor, or any other person not officially associated with the

tournament, will be permitted to survey or inspect the 3D Courses prior to shooting.

- b. Only competitors and officials will be allowed on the ranges during the tournament. (no guests and, no pets).
- c. Discussion of target distance between competitors is strictly forbidden.
- d. No member of the group (or another group) may go forward of any shooting point, (marker) until all members of the group have shot their arrows for that target.
- e. No archer shall shoot from in front of the appropriate marker. One foot shall touch, or be not more than 6 inches behind or to either side of such marker.

## C. ROUNDS

### 1. THE IFAA CLASSIC 3D ROUND – 1 ARROW ROUND

#### a. Number of Targets

This Unknown (Unmarked) Distance Round shall comprise 28 targets made up of seven targets from each target group size. Host shall hold adequate targets in reserve.

- b. Arrows to be shot  
The Round shall be a 1 arrow round.

#### c. Distance Parameters for Target Group

The distance used for each target shall be according to the distance range for each group. The target may be set at the minimum or maximum distance provided, or at any distance within the scale for that group. No target of the same group shall be set at the same actual distance of others in that group.

Target group	Adult Distance	Junior Distance	Cub Distance
Group 1 Targets	40 to 55 yards	30 to 45 yards	20 to 30 yards
Group 2 Targets	30 to 45 yards	20 to 35 yards	15 to 25 yards
Group 3 Targets	15 to 35 yards	15 to 25 yards	10 to 20 yards
Group 5 Targets	10 to 20 yards	10 to 20 yards	7 to 13 yards

#### d. Scoring

To overcome a possible lack of familiarity with targets, and score areas/zones for each type of 3D target, a picture, or photo, of the 3D target, clearly showing the score areas/zones, is to be placed in a visible



position, at or near each target shooting position. Copies may be supplied to competitors, as a part of their competitor's kit.

To score, the arrow must be lodged in the target. A witnessed "pass-through" is to be scored as agreed on by the majority of the group. (A pass-through is defined as an arrow passing completely through the target, with material 360 degrees around the arrow path, leaving both an entrance and exit hole).

The line denoting the score areas/zones shall be in the lower scoring area/zone.

Score values shall be:

Bull (Critical)	20
Middle (Vital)	16
Outer (Wound)	10

## 2. THE IFAA CLASSIC 3D ROUND – 2 ARROW ROUND

### a. Number of Targets

This Unknown (Unmarked) Distance Round shall comprise 28 targets made up of seven targets from each target group size. Host shall hold adequate targets in reserve.

### b. Arrows to be shot

The Round shall be a 2 arrow round, both arrows to score.

### c. Distance Parameters for Target Group

Same as the 1 arrow round and, to include walk-up and fan shots as follows:

Group 1 targets shall include:

Two - three yard walk-up shots with the first marker set between the distances listed for group 1 targets of the Round (2 markers), and Two fan shots with markers set at same actual distance 3 yards apart (2 markers).

Group 2 targets shall include:

Two - three yard walk-up shots with the first marker set between the distances listed for group 2 targets of the Round (2 markers), and Two fan shots with markers set at same actual distance 3 yards apart (2 markers).

No target of the same group shall be set at the same actual distance of

others in that group.

Score values for each arrow shall be:

Bull (Critical)	10
Middle (Vital)	8
Outer (Wound)	5

### 3. THE IFAA CLASSIC 3D ANIMAL ROUND – 3 ARROW ROUND

#### a. Number of Targets

This Unknown (Unmarked) Distance Round shall comprise 28 targets made up of seven targets from each target group size. Host shall hold adequate targets in reserve.

#### b. Arrows to be shot

A maximum of three shots is allowed, but an archer shoots only until a score is made. If the first arrow hits the scoring area no more arrows need be shot.

#### c. Distance Parameters for Target Group

The Rules for this Unknown Distance Round are the same as the 1 arrow Unknown Distance Round and, as set forth herein:

#### d. Target Distances

The round shall consist of the following shots:

##### 1. Group 1 targets:

Five - Five yard walk-up shots with the first marker set between the distances listed for group 1 targets of the Unknown Round. (3 markers), and 2 one position shots (one marker).

##### 2. Group 2 targets:

Five - Three yard walk-up shots with the first marker set between the distances listed for group 2 targets of the Unknown Round (3 markers), and 2 one position shots (one marker).

##### 3. Group 3 targets:

Seven - One position shots (1 marker) with the marker set between the distances listed for group 3 targets of the Unknown Round.

##### 4. Group 5 targets:

Seven - One position shots (1 marker) with the marker set between the distances listed for group 4 targets of the Unknown Round.

e. Scoring

Arrow	Bull (Critical)	Middle (Vital)	Outer (Wound)
First arrow	20	18	16
Second Arrow	14	12	10
Third Arrow	8	6	4

## **IFAA WORLD INDOOR ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS (WIAC)**

- A. The IFAA World Indoor Archery Championships (WIAC) will be conducted over a consecutive four (5) day period of time.
- B. Each competitor will shoot four IFAA Indoor Rounds during the course of the competition.
- C. Rules for the Indoor Rounds will be as printed in the By-Laws.

## POLICIES OF THE I.F.A.A.

### ARTICLE 1 - PROTEST COMMITTEE

- A. At I.F.A.A. World and Regional Tournaments, a Protest Committee will consider and rule on all disputes and protests submitted at those tournaments.
- B. Protests will be submitted in writing, no later than one-hour after completion of the day's shooting. Notice of intention to file a protest will be made immediately after the archer filing such protest has completed the day's shooting. All particulars of the protest, witnesses to the incident, reason for the protest being filed, will be contained in the written protest.
- C. A protest fee, amount to be set in advance, will accompany all protests at the time of filing.
- D. COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
The Protest Committee will consist of:
  - Chairman : I.F.A.A. Vice-President or, in his absence, the President.
  - Members : Tournaments Chairman (Shoot Director)  
3 - I.F.A.A. Committee members

Committee members will vary at I.F.A.A. Regional tournaments, using I.F.A.A. personnel in attendance when possible.

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

- E. PROTEST PROCEDURES
  - 1. Protests will be concerned only with game shooting rules and equipment rules as established by the I.F.A.A. Rule Book. All other problems such as misconduct, range problems, etc. will be referred to the Tournament Chairman.
  - 2. No person may file a protest for another; the person submitting the protest must be the injured party.
  - 3. No Cub archer may file a protest.
  - 4. An injured party who does not speak English, may ask an English speaking archer to attend the protest meeting as an interpreter only.
  - 5. Field Marshals who have pertinent information regarding the incident, may be asked to attend the meeting to present their information.

6. No other person other than those mentioned herein may sit in on the protest meeting.
7. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee shall be returned. If not upheld, the fee shall go to the I.F.A.A. Treasurer for deposit in I.F.A.A.'s General Fund.

## **ARTICLE 2 - TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

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

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

The Technical Committee may verify the correctness of the ruling.

- b. An IFAA Officer or member of the IFAA Committee (country IFAA representative)

**NOTE:** These requests would usually be for information (interpretation) of existing rules.
- c. Interpretations requested by manufacturers of new archery equipment.

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

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

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

F. **NEW ARCHERY EQUIPMENT.**

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

G. **RULINGS.**

1. All rulings of the Technical Committee will be based on the rules of the IFAA as they exist at the time of the ruling.
2. Technical Committee rulings shall be final and binding upon the association, pending review by the I.F.A.A. Committee at their next scheduled business meeting. Notice of such rulings will be sent to the Representatives of each member nation by the I.F.A.A. Secretary. If the I.F.A.A. Committee does not uphold the ruling at their next meeting, the ruling will become automatically null and void. For those rulings that are upheld, the correction - if one is required - should be made in the handbook at its next printing.
3. The IFAA Committee, in reviewing a Technical Committee Ruling, should determine if the ruling is/was correct according to the rules in effect at the time of the ruling.

H. **CHANGES TO OPERATING PROCEDURES**

Changes to operating procedures will be made only by the President, who will consider the request of the committee chairman or the I.F.A.A. Committee to make such a change.

**ARTICLE 3 - NATIONAL FLAGS**

Each I.F.A.A. Committee member, or National Representative, will be responsible for their country's flag and to get it to the next tournament

**ARTICLE 4 - VERIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

At all I.F.A.A. tournaments the competing archers will be asked to produce their

national membership card at registration, in order to determine their current membership in an I.F.A.A. member nation.

#### **ARTICLE 5 - TECHNICAL CONTROL PERSONNEL**

All I.F.A.A. member nations will have trained Technical Control Personnel to perform bow checks in all relevant equipment divisions at all I.F.A.A. tournaments.

#### **ARTICLE 6 - INTERNATIONAL SCORE RECORDER**

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

#### **ARTICLE 7 - PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE**

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

The interests of the I.F.A.A. are to be recognised in the wording of the cover policy.

#### **ARTICLE 8 – VACANCY IN ELECTED OFFICE**

- A. A vacancy in any elected Office for the I.F.A.A. for any reason whatsoever, will be filled in the following manner:
1. If a vacancy occurs, the President shall appoint within four weeks a new Officer of his/her choice.
  2. If a vacancy occurs less than six months before the biannual I.F.A.A. Committee meeting, the appointment will be valid for the remainder of the term of office. In all other situations the normal procedures as set out in
  3. Article IX, Section E of the Constitution shall apply, using the same time constraints as set out in the article. (four months).
  4. In the case that the office of the President becomes vacant, The Vice-President will take over the position as President and a new Vice-President will be appointed/elected in accordance with 1. and 2. of this section.
  5. In the case that the office of the Secretary and/or Treasurer becomes vacant, the time limit in 2. above becomes one year.
  6. If an election is required in terms of 2. and 3. above, the Officer appointed by the President will be one of the official nominees for the office.
- B. An office shall be deemed vacant:
1. Upon the death or resignation of the office holder



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

#### **ARTICLE 9 – TOURNAMENT LEVIES**

- A. A levy will be collected by the IFAA from the proceeds of each World and Regional Championship Tournament. Such levy will be based on the total tournament registration and, based on the advertised fees for each person and the total number of entrants (disregarding late fees).
- B. The levy will be set by the IFAA Committee and may be changed from time to time.
- C. The current levy is 15 percent.

#### **ARTICLE 10 – CHAMPION OF NATIONS COMPETITION**

##### **A. PURPOSE**

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

##### **B. ELIGIBILITY**

Each affiliated nation of the IFAA is eligible to enter a team in the Champion of Nations competition. Team members must be members of the national affiliate under which the team is formed. Adults, both male and female and, Veterans, both male and female, of all IFAA shooting styles, are eligible. The IFAA Professional and Junior divisions are not eligible. A registration fee is required.

### C. STYLES

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

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7
AFBH(R)	AFBL	AFBU	AFBB(R)	AFFS(R)	AFFU	AFLB
AMBH(R)	AMBL	AMBU	AMBB(R)	AMFS(R)	AMFU	AMLB
AFBH(C)	VFBL	VFBU	AFBB(C)	AFFS(C)	VFFU	VFLB
AMBH(C)	VMBL	VMBU	AMBB(C)	AMFS(C)	VMFU	VMLB
VFBH(R)			VFBB(R)	VFFS(R)		
VMBH(R)			VMBB(R)	VMFS(R)		
VFBH(C)			VFBB(C)	VFFS(C)		
VMBH(C)			VMBB(C)	VMFS(C)		

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

### D. ACCUMULATION OF POINTS

#### 1. Individual Points

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

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

#### 2. Team totals

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

#### 3. Medal count

Medal count – Medals earned in overall WFAC competition, by members of teams, will receive points as weighted. Medals – Gold, Silver and, Bronze, earned in regular WFAC competition, are weighted to reflect the attendance at WFAC of varying numbers of teams registered in the

“Champion of Nations” competition. The weight of the Gold medal will equal the number of teams participating. In Example: With seven (7) teams entered, the Gold medal will equal 7 points, the Silver will equal 5 points and, the Bronze will equal 3 points. Points will be adjusted to reflect the number of teams if that number is more, or less, than seven (7).

#### E. STRATEGIES

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

As one might see, there is room for many varied strategies in forming a team. If a particular shooter cannot bring significant points to a grouping style, it may

be outweighed by the fact the shooter may be expected to receive a gold, silver or bronze medal during regular competition in that particular style.

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

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

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

#### **ARTICLE 11 – COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.**

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

#### **ARTICLE 12 – IFAA APPROVED TARGET FACES**

- A. FIELD, HUNTER, INDOOR, ANIMAL AND ALL OTHER APPROVED FACES.  
All target faces which have been approved by the IFAA will be reviewed and

kept in compliance in the following manner:

1. IFAA Committee members will be notified which target faces are no longer in compliance.
2. Manufacturers or, affiliated national field archery associations, will be notified that they have a period of six months in which to correct the specifications of those target faces found to be in non-compliance with IFAA standards.
3. Target faces not in compliance after the six months deadline, will be declared non-legal and IFAA approval will be withdrawn.
4. The IFAA Secretary will oversee the compliance of all IFAA approved target faces on an annual basis. The Secretary will require a written verification from each national affiliate stating that their target faces continue to be in compliance with IFAA specifications. This will be done annually at the same time as re-affiliation is accomplished.
5. At each three-year period thereafter, target faces will be sent to a designated appointee of the President, for physical measurement and, re-approval.
6. All target faces must have scoring zones that are within a tolerance of 1/8 inch.
7. 3-D targets that have IFAA approval, will be monitored as are paper target faces in the preceding paragraphs except that, 3-D targets will not be sent for inspection. Rather, the manufacturer will be contacted for the kill zone measurements.

## **ARTICLE 13 – IFAA WORLD MAIL MATCHES**

1. IFAA World Mail match is open to all non-professional archers
2. Divisions :  
Veteran (Age 55 and older) (No classes)  
Adult (Age 17 and older) (Classes A, B and C)  
Junior (Age 13-16) (Classes A, B and C)  
Cub (Age 10-13) (No Classes)
3. Equipment and styles:  
All IFAA Styles are recognised
4. Dates :  
IFAA World Field Mail match: 1 May through to 31 August  
IFAA World Indoor Mail match: 1 December through to 31 March
5. Rounds:  
IFAA World Field Mail match : 1<sup>st</sup> : IFAA Field Round (1 May to 30 June)  
2<sup>nd</sup> : IFAA Hunter Round (1 July to 31 July)  
3<sup>rd</sup> : IFAA Animal Round (1 Aug to 31 Aug)  
IFAA World Indoor Mail match : 1<sup>st</sup> : IFAA Indoor Round (1 Dec to 31 Jan)  
2<sup>nd</sup> : IFAA Indoor Round (1 Feb to 28 Feb)  
3<sup>rd</sup> : IFAA Indoor Round (1 Mar to 31 Mar)
6. Registration: registration must be done:  
IFAA World Field Mail Match: before 10 May  
IFAA World Indoor Mail Match: before 10 Dec.

7. Scores must be transmitted not later than:

1<sup>st</sup> : IFAA Field Round : 06 July  
2<sup>nd</sup> : IFAA Hunter Round : 06 August  
3<sup>rd</sup> : IFAA Animal Round : 06 September

1<sup>st</sup> : IFAA Indoor Round : 06 February  
2<sup>nd</sup> : IFAA Indoor Round : 06 March  
3<sup>rd</sup> : IFAA Indoor Round : 06 April