

SHOOTING RULES:

- A. Archery Alberta ASA Tour adheres to a maximum arrow speed in each competition class as measured by the official on-site chronographs with a three percent (3%) margin of error rounded up to the nearest whole number. Refer to the section "CLASSES" for the maximum speed allowable in each class. Each competitor understands and agrees that they may be required to shoot through the designated on-site chronograph and an arrow shot through the chronograph during or after a tournament round that exceeds the maximum arrow speed for their class will result in the disqualification of that round's score.
- B. All targets will be 3-D targets manufactured by McKenzie Targets that feature the ASA Pro 12-Ring™ set at maximum distances as shown in the "CLASSES" section of these rules. ASA strives to adhere to the maximum recommendation, but range conditions may create target positions that may exceed the maximum. All targets will be placed vertical to the horizon and all groups are to insure that the targets are returned to this position after removing their arrows. No target will be placed with the head of the target quartered toward the shooter ("front-angled"), and the head of the target may not be quartered away ("rear-angled") from the shooter at an angle greater than that which would promote damage to the target or create glance-offs. The entire 8, 10, & 12-ring scoring areas will be visible from the stake and shooters may have a range official remove any limbs or debris that blocks their view of these scoring areas to the target.
- C. Arrows of any type may be used provided they subscribe to the accepted principle and meaning of the word arrow as used in target archery, have not been altered (except cut to size) from the manufacturer's original specifications and do not cause undue damage to the targets. An arrow consists of a shaft with a field or glue-in point, nock, fletching which may only consist of individual vanes used to stabilize the arrow and which may not be connected to each other by any means above the shaft and cresting. The maximum diameter of arrow shafts will not exceed .422"; the field or glue-in point for these arrows may have a maximum diameter of .425".
- D. Shooters are required to be on their assigned target fifteen (15) minutes before the shotgun start to provide range officials sufficient time to ensure that all participants are in groups of no less than three (3) shooters. Each group will "draw lots" to determine who will shoot first, second, third, etc. The shooters will alternate being the first shooter at each subsequent stake, with their shooting order maintained throughout the round. Any shooter who does not shoot the first target with their assigned group, except as may be permitted in Shooting Time Allowed "D", will not be allowed to shoot that round and will receive a score of zero.
- E. It is recommended and desirable that groups have no more than five shooters, however, individual tournament circumstances may require a maximum of six shooters on a stake. Groups must have a minimum of three shooters and if a group.

The following rules will be monitored, judged and adhered to by each group among themselves during each day's competitions.

- F. Except as may be required due to an approved medical exemption, each shooter must straddle, or touch with either foot, the appropriate "shooting stake" for their class. Or be behind the stake in a 1 yard box. A shooter will receive a warning from the group for failure to straddle or touch the stake on the first offense. The penalty for the second offense is a deduction of five points from their target score with any subsequent offense receiving a score of zero. Anyone that deliberately does not attempt to shoot from the designated shooting stake, or that deliberately stands on or bends the shooting stake, shall not only receive a score of zero for that target but will be in violation of Competition Committee Rules paragraph D-1 "Unsportsmanlike Conduct" and will be referred to the Competition Committee for action including suspension.

- G. A shooter who feels that another competitor's equipment is not in conformity with the class rules must report the issue to the range official before the equipment in question leaves the range.
- H. In consideration of time, no shooter may glass the target from the shooting stake after taking their shot. Shooters may glass the target prior to shooting, but are reminded of the time restriction after assuming their position at the stake. A shooter will receive a warning from the group for the first offense. The penalty for the second offense is a deduction of five points from target score and each subsequent offense will receive a score of zero.
- I. As a courtesy to fellow competitors there will be no talking to spectators or other groups while other competitors in the group are shooting.
- J. Cell phones or other electronic devices are to be turned off or silenced and their use is prohibited unless being used for photos only.
- K. After a shooter sets their sight and draws the bow, the sight may not be reset after a letdown. A shooter may only let-down two (2) times on a target. Upon a third letdown, or upon resetting their sight, the shooter will receive a score of zero for that target.
- L. For safety considerations, and to ensure a timely competition, no archer will go behind a target to look for a lost arrow or for any other reason except to retrieve an arrow that is visible to the group. Shooters are expected to carry enough arrows to complete the round. A shooter will receive a warning from the group for the first offense. The penalty for each subsequent offense will be to receive a score of zero for that target.
- M. A group or individual may not approach the next shooting stake until the group occupying that stake has fully cleared the area. Anyone advancing to the competitor's area of any other stake and/or interfering with another group will receive a score of zero for that target. Anyone found examining or touching the equipment of another shooter without permission shall be in violation of Competition Committee Rules paragraph D-1 "Unsportsmanlike Conduct."
- N. Only one arrow, per shooter, per target will be shot from their designated stake. Anyone shooting the wrong target, or from the wrong stake, will receive a "0" for the target which should have been shot. Groups, or individual shooters, may be allowed to shoot a target out of sequence by the range official to help expedite the round.
- O. An arrow that drops while being nocked onto the string in preparation for a shot may be picked up and shot with no penalty. If in the process of letting down an arrow drops off the bow, or is jarred off by hand contact with bow, it may be picked up and shot with no penalty. The shooter is responsible for maintaining control of the arrow at all times and an arrow must not be released or otherwise propelled by the string or it will be scored a zero.
- P. Releasing an arrow by pointing the bow at the ground in front of the shooter is dangerous and if an arrow is intentionally released at the ground, the shooter shall not only receive a score of zero for that Triple Crown competition, they will be in violation of Competition Committee Rules paragraph D-1 "Unsportsmanlike Conduct" and will be referred to the Competition Committee for possible further disciplinary action.
- Q. A shooter whose arrow makes contact with an "outside agency" during its flight will be allowed to reshoot that arrow. Outside agencies are defined as animals, tree limbs or other debris that may fall or travel into the path of the arrow. Fixed or stationary impediments such as trees and bush, and any limbs or foliage that were still in contact with stationary impediments are not considered an outside agency.
- R. Shooters are permitted to receive assistance from only one shooter in their group. Assistance will be limited to holding nothing larger than a golf-style umbrella.
- S. Binoculars are allowed and there are no magnification limits. They may be checked at random by a tournament official if requested by another competitor. In Unknown Classes, if the official determines that any markings are inappropriate, or they are pre-marked by the factory, and they are being used by the shooter as a mechanical device for range finding, the glasses will be confiscated and presented to the Competition Committee under the Shooting Rule on range finding.
- T. The projection of a light or reference point while shooting, either directly or by reflection, onto a target is prohibited. This prohibition includes lighted nocks which may be used but which must go dark prior to the next shooter assuming the stake. Anyone in violation of this prohibition will receive a score of zero for that round.

- U. Except as may be required due to an approved medical exemption the use of any device or outside agency (including stabilizer bar or prop stick) that allows the mass weight of the bow to be relieved from either arm while shooting is prohibited. Anyone in violation of this rule shall receive a score of zero for each target where the violation occurred.

Known Distance & Unknown Distance Competition: In the “Classes” section all classes have been designated as Known or Unknown.

- **For all Unknown Distance competition classes range finding is prohibited:** All distances will be judged by the naked eye. No equipment, including but not limited to sights, binoculars, spotting scopes or personal communication device apps will be used in a manner inconsistent with this prohibition. Using any part of the shooter’s body is prohibited, which includes “gapping techniques” that may also use equipment, or the “stepping off” of the distance to or from any target. Shooters may carry “target cards” reflecting a picture or rendering of the specific targets being shot, but no marks or notations of any type may be made on these cards. In addition, the prohibition on marks or notations includes carrying, or making, any additional notes about yardages or features of any target on a competition range. Exchanging target information with spectators or other shooting groups at any time during the tournament is strictly prohibited. Target information may only be discussed among members of a shooting group after all members of that group have shot the target. Violations will be referred to the Competition Committee and the first offense will result in disqualification of the shooter from the event. A second offense will result in a suspension for the remainder of the tournament season with no refund of any entry fees paid.
- **For all Known Distance competition classes:** Shooters may use range finders and are required to share their information if requested by another competitor in their group. Using a personal communication device application, any part of the shooter’s body which includes “gapping techniques” or the “stepping off” of the distance to or from any target is prohibited. Shooters may carry “target cards” that show a picture or rendering of the specific targets being shot, but no marks or notations of any type may be made on these cards. In addition, the prohibition on marks or notations includes making any notes about yardages or features of any target on a competition range. Rangefinders with image storage and data transmission capabilities may be used as long as these functions are disabled and the shooting group confirms that only the distance ranging function of the device is enabled.