



## GOOD TO KNOW

### Information about archery rules, categories and tournaments

It looks like there is a bit of confusion in the archery world if it comes to shooting categories and tournament rules.

Let's look into it and take the 'fog' out of the picture :-)

1. BTA is a traditional archery club. This means, we're shooting an arrow 'off the shelf' of the bow or with a **non adjustable** arrow rest. We **do not** use any stabilizers or other mechanical tools. We do not use a range finder (a tool where you can measure the distance to the target.)
2. There are two kinds of tournaments. A tournament which **is registered** with Archery Canada and a tournament without registration. The tournament which is **NOT registered** is called a 'FUN SHOOT'.

A Fun shoot doesn't mean that there are no rules. It just means the event is NOT registered with Archery Canada. Rules still have to be followed.

3. There are Traditional only shooting events or mixed shooting events. Mixed tournaments means there are compound and traditional shooters.
4. Mixed tournaments have different rules and categories than traditional only events.
5. Shooting categories in **traditional only** events are easy:

Female/Male, Adult, Junior 20 and less, Cadet 17 and less, Cub 14 or less, Pre-Cub 12 or less and Peewee 9 or less.

Recurve bow, Longbow and Primitive bow. Any kind of arrow shaft.

#### Shooting categories in **mixed events**:

**Female/Male** and all the age classes like mentioned above

**Master 60 traditional** – archers 60+ recurve and longbow with **any kind of arrow shaft**

**Longbow class Senior** under 60 (**Wood Arrows only**)

**Instinctive Senior under 60** (traditional shooters are called instinctive in this setup)

Longbow/Recurve **any type of arrow shaft**

6. Rules at **traditional only** events :

White Shooting Stake (Some clubs are using different colours for the stakes) with a maximum of 30 Yards. 2 white stakes per target in different positions. If both white stakes are at the same spot this means shooting 2 arrows from this spot or there are two different targets, which means 1 arrow for each target.

One round is 20 targets, 2 arrows per target.

All the arrows have to be left in the target until all shooters are scored.

The arrows must be in the animal. A hit in the horn/antler, hoof or background, not touching body colour or any other miss or *glance off* is counted as a miss.

(Note: a "glance-off" occurs when an arrow hits the edge of a target, but does not remain in the target, nor is a pass-through.)

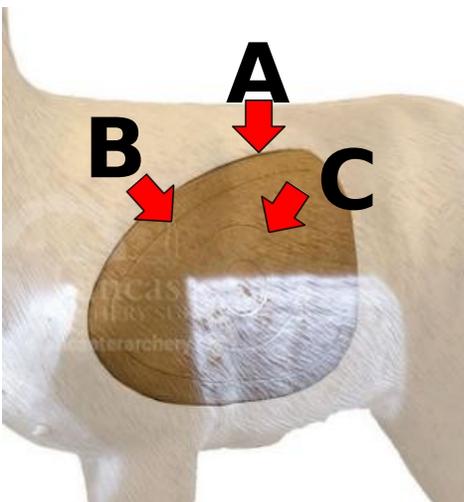
If in case of a rebound or pass-through or arrow embedded in the target and not showing on the face, the scoring shall take place as follows:

If all of the athletes in that shooting group agree that a rebound or pass-through has occurred, and can see that there is an embedded arrow, they may also agree on the value of that arrow;

In 3D rounds if they cannot agree on the value of the arrow, the arrow shall be scored a five (5).  
In 3D, an arrow ricochet will score a Miss (M)

The archer can stand or kneel up to approximately 1m in any direction **beside** or **behind** (not in front) of the shooting peg/stake.

Range finders are **NOT permitted**. Binoculars can be used before the shoot to check the kill zone. After the arrows are shot an archer can use the binoculars to view their arrows but not from the shooting line. String or face walking are not permitted.



**Scoring:** 10 – 8 – 5 - miss

**Insert:** Dark brown in the picture.  
The insert lane outside 'A'.

The kill zone lane 'B' scored as 8

The kill 'C' circle is scored as 10

If the arrow hits the area between A and B it is scored as a 5 as all the hits on the animal outside of B.

If an arrow touches the line and the line is 'BROKEN' the higher score will count.

#### 7. Rules at **mixed** events:

All the rules above but the scoring is **11 – 10 – 8 – 5 – miss**. The 'eleven' is the small inner circle in the 'C'.

We are NOT barebow shooters. Our classes/categories are **instinctive or traditional**.

We presume that members of BTA while attending a tournament play fair, respect the rules of the host and do not cheat.

If someone sees an archer cheating, please do not hesitate to bring it to the host. It's up to the host to deal with it.

Last but not least, attending a tournament is more than scoring and bring home a medal. It is about socialising, friendship, supporting the sport, get more experience and to present the club as a proud member.

**On this note - shoot straight and have fun.**

## **AC 22.14 TRADITIONAL**

For the Traditional Division the following equipment is permitted:

### **AC 22.14.1**

Any type of traditional recurve or longbow.

### **AC 22.14.2**

The bow must be shot with a, glove, finger tab or other finger protection. No form of release aid is permitted.

### **AC 22.14.3**

Sights are not permitted.

### **AC 22.14.4**

Stabilizers are not permitted.

### **AC 22.14.5**

String and face walking are not allowed.

- A single anchor point shall be used.
- While shooting the archer must touch the arrow with the index finger against the nock.