

OFFICIAL FLIGHT SHOOTING TOURNAMENT RULES
THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL ARCHERY ASSOCIATION
FLIGHT COMMITTEE -1996

GENERAL RULES OF FLIGHT

FLIGHT COMMITTEE

The Flight Committee shall consist of a minimum of five members including:

1. Chairman
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Equipment Custodian

FLIGHT OFFICIALS

- A. Flight Tournament Officials: Shall consist of not less than three (3) members and shall be selected by the N.A.A. Flight Committee. The Officials shall consist of the Flight Captain and his assistants.
- B. Flight Captain: Shall act as final arbiter of all matters concerning the contest.
- C. Assistant Flight Captain: Shall aid the Flight Captain and act in his place at the base line or in the field when required to do so. Other members of the Board shall serve as directed by the Flight Captain.
- D. Equipment Custodian: The Equipment Custodian shall have charge of and be responsible for the maintenance of all equipment used in the Tournament.

FLIGHT SHOOTING AREA

- A. Base Line Or Shooting Line: Defined as the line from which arrows are cast and from which measurements are made.
- B. Contest Space: Defined as the area behind the base line at least ten (10) yards in depth, roped off to provide protection to Contestants and their equipment. Only Contestants, their Assistants (one to each shooter) and Officials will be allowed in this area.

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Each competitor must be at least two meters (2.19 yards) from the next competitor on the shooting line. Except for the Footbow Class, competitors shall shoot from a standing position with both feet behind the base line or shooting line.

- C. Fairway: Defined as the ground between the base line and the landing area.
- D. Landing Area: Defined as the ground upon which arrows are cast are expected to land.

FIELD PROCEDURES AND MEASUREMENT

- A. Inspection Of Landing Area: To open the Tournament, at least three (3) members of the Contest Board and/or their Assistants shall examine the landing area to determine that there are no arrows thereon.
- B. Measurement:
 - 1. The Host Committee shall have measured the Centerline with a standard brand steel tape of certifiable accuracy. If a Surveyors measuring device such as a Theodolite or Complete Measuring Station is being utilized, this requirement is not necessary.
 - 2. All measurements of arrows in the field shall be determined by a right angle intersection of the Centerline. There shall be no allowance for deviation from the Centerline.
 - 3. At the conclusion of the Tournament, the Contest Board shall re measure the Centerline in order to attest and certify it's accuracy. If a Surveyors measuring device such as a Theodolite or Complete Measuring Station is being utilized, this requirement is not necessary.
- C. Bow Weighing Devices:
 - 1. If Scales are being used, bows shall be weighed on scales tested within thirty (30) days by a Sealer Of Weights or equal authority and must carry the stamp of this test or certification. A back up set of scales, also certified, shall be provided by the Host Committee.

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- 2. Drop weights must be made from an approved metal such as Brass or Steel (No

Lead) and be clearly marked as to each unit's weight value. The weights must be tested by a Sealer Of Weights or equal authority and must carry the stamp of this test or certification.

D. Bow Qualification For Competition:

1. One or more bows may be qualified for the same weight class by the same Archer. After the stamp is affixed certifying qualification, the Contestant must present the bow to the shooting line in the same condition in which it was first accepted.
2. Open weight bows and Footbow classes need only qualify the arrows.
3. In the event a bow is broken or damaged during drawing, another bow may be qualified without loss of the shot. Breakage of the string or bow after the arrow has been fairly cast will not entitle the Contestant to a replacement arrow.

FLIGHT DIVISIONS

A. Crossbow:

1. The Crossbow used must conform to the traditional N.A.A. Crossbow in basic features of design and function. Stirrups are allowed.
2. The Contestant shall shoot from a standing position.
3. The Contestant shall cock the piece by hand. No mechanical aid of any description will be permitted in the act of drawing the string up the barrel into the cocked position.
4. Each Contestant shall cock their own bow without assistance.

B. Conventional Footbow:

1. in drawing and releasing, no mechanical aid or devise shall be permitted.
2. The Flight Release/s must be held in the hand. No attachment or anchor of any kind above the wrist will be permitted.
3. The Footbow shall be shot with both feet placed upon the bow or in the bow stirrups. The bow shall be drawn with both hands.

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4. Crossbow type arrow tracks are not allowed.
5. Length Of Arrows: Shall be determined by measurement from the floor of the nock to the extremity of the point of the arrow. The minimum length of arrows cast from hand held Flight Bows shall not be less than fourteen (14) inches.

- C. Unlimited Footbow: Shall qualify if the power supplied by the shooter is not multiplied or augmented by any mechanical device.

CONVENTIONAL HANDBOW FLIGHT - ALL DIVISIONS

A. Weighing In Requirements:

1. There shall be no allowance for thermal caused weight changes in bows during qualification. Bows shall be measured at the literal interpretation of Full Draw.
2. Weight of bow, length of arrow to be shot (For Regular Flight Bows) and the class for which this combination is eligible shall be recorded on a label affixed to the face of the bow by the Contest Board.
3. Weight of Compound Bows shall be determined at their "break over" point or position of normally drawn bow at which maximum poundage is achieved.
4. Variable poundage adjustment mechanisms shall be sealed by the Contest Board at the time of qualifying. Breakage of this seal shall constitute disqualification. Bows may be re-qualified prior to shooting should this seal be accidentally broken.
5. Bows in all weight limit classes shall be qualified immediately prior to the shooting. In the event of postponement, bows previously qualified may be used if so approved by the Contest Board.
6. Bows eligible for weight limit classes may be used in a higher weight class without re-weighing provided longer arrows are not used.

FLIGHT ARROWS

- A. End: Six arrows shall constitute an end.
- B. Identification: Arrows must bear the following identifications:
1. Name of contestant, affixed to the arrow shaft by Contestant.

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2. A non duplicated serial number affixed to the arrow shaft by Contestant and registered by Officials.
 3. Stamp or code mark indicating class, affixed by Officials.
- C. Length Of Arrows: Shall be determined by measurement from the floor of the nock to the extremity of the point of the arrow. The minimum length of arrows cast from hand held Flight Bows shall not be less than fourteen (14) inches.

- D. Arrows Cast: Shall be identified by Officials according to name, number and class and shall be so recorded on score cards. All arrows in the field shall be under the direction and control of appointed Officials at all times.
- E. Position Of Arrow: An arrow that comes to rest in other than the usual position shall be measured from the tip of the arrow if visible, or from the point at which it enters any object other than the ground.
- F. Marking Position: Where the arrow itself cannot be used for marking, the position of arrow in the field shall be marked by suitable means and the distance determination shall be made before the next event is shot if possible. If distances are to be measured only at the conclusion of the day's events, then appropriate markers, clearly visible, must be placed at the arrows' positions with all pertinent data recorded thereon. Only the farthest arrow of each Contestant in each class shall be measured or marked.
- G. Lost Arrows: Any lost arrow must be reported to the Officials and full record made as to the identity of this arrow before the next event is shot. If found during subsequent events and showing no evidence of having been moved or disturbed, the arrow may be judged for the event it was registered. No such arrow shall be eligible after all events have been declared closed by the Flight Captain.

FLIGHT DRAW AND RELEASE AIDS

- A. Draw And Release Aids: Mechanical drawing aids are prohibited in all events. Mechanical release aids are allowed only for Compound Bow events.
 - 1. The term "mechanical" shall be taken to mean any method that embodies a plurality of interacting parts, whether such are individual pieces or spring co-joined parts capable of cooperatively acting to affect bow string release by a separating movement of at least one such part relative to another.

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- 2. To be legal, the Flight Release must be held in the hand. No attachment or anchor of any kind above the wrist will be permitted.

REGISTRATIONS

- A. Provisions: Flight registration rules allow up to and no more than four (4) events of the Archer's choice to be entered without restriction concerning multiple or cross registration. Archers may shoot six (6) arrows per event or end. Only those events competed for during their scheduled rounds are eligible for United States National Archery Association National Records as well as World Records. Distances achieved during non scheduled National events may be allowed for World Record consideration only.

Archers may compete in all Divisions, combining Divisions or shooting any combination of a single Division, e.g., such as shooting three times for World Record Round Consideration and once during the respective scheduled National round, shooting two different Divisions each twice, shooting three Divisions, one of

the three twice or four (4) separate Divisions, shooting one end of arrows in each event.

1. Broadhead Flight Divisions shall not be shot together and shall not be shot in conjunction with Regular Flight events.
2. Conventional and Compound Flight classes can be shot on the same Flight Course but shall not be shot coincident with each other.
3. Cross registered Flight Shooters must verify pre-registered arrows with the Contest Board prior to shooting.
4. No more than six (6) arrows per Archer shall be allowed at the Flight Line for each event.

RULES OF SAFETY AND COURTESY

A. Safety:

1. Equipment deemed unsafe by the Contest Board will be disallowed.
2. Any Contestants who through their inexperience or conduct may constitute a hazard to their fellow contestants or themselves, shall not be allowed to compete.

- B. Assistance: Each Contestant in the shooting area must be supervised by one Coach or Assistant. The Assistant may not aid the Contestant in any way except to remove an arrow from a bow in emergency situations.



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- C. Courtesy: Contestants, coaches and spectators shall not interfere with, interrupt or distract Archers at the Shooting Line.
- D. Adherence To Rules: The preceding Contest Rules shall be strictly adhered to. Any deviation from said rules shall constitute disqualification. The Contest Board shall exercise sole authority in the interpretation and enforcement of these rules.
- E. Lending Of Equipment: The mass lending of equipment shall not be allowed. There shall be no officially sanctioned loaning of Flight Equipment to shooters or potential shooters. Equipment loans shall be made by private agreement among shooters.

Preceding information approved by the United States National Archery Association Flight Committee

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