

# MSAA TARGET CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK

## I. DATES

- A. Dates to be decided by the MSAA Board of Directors.
- B. Two-day tournament.
- C. One round to be shot, each day

## II. ROUNDS TO BE SHOT

- A. Two 900 rounds.
- B. A practice round may be shot Friday night, for a practice round fee (see MSAA Tournament Fees), with the proceeds split evenly between the MSAA and the host club. The practice round is not a tournament requirement, but rather an option for the host club.

## III. REGISTRATION

- A. Pre-registration shall be one week prior to tournament. Pre-registration fee may be refunded upon request prior to start of tournament if registrant cannot attend the tournament. There shall be no phone registrations accepted.
- B. Host club shall determine shooting assignments.
- C. Host club to handle registration.
- D. Late registration to end 1/2-hour prior to start of tournament.
- E. Provide people to handle registration.
- F. Collect shooting fees.
- G. Assign targets.
- H. Provide for the posting of scores.
- I. Archers must be a member of the MSAA at the time of registration in order to participate. New members may join at the time of registration.
- J. There shall be one non-competitive guest division for males and females that will make no distinction with regard to the age of the participant. Guests are not required to be MSAA members but must pay regular tournament fees and late fees if applicable. The guest division shall not be eligible for MSAA awards and results, if published, shall be listed separate from competitive division results.
- K. MSAA Tournament Fees apply (1/08/05)

## IV. TARGETS

- A. Official 900 round faces (122 cm FITA face) must be used.
- B. The MSAA shall provide target faces.
- C. Targets and entire shooting area shall be totally set up and maintained throughout the tournament by the host club.
- D. Target faces shall be changed at the discretion of the Field Captain.

## V. SCORING

- A. Double scoring is mandatory. Individual arrows must be recorded on scorecard.
- B. Each target shall select a captain and two (2) scorers. There shall be a minimum of three (3) archers per target.
- C. Two (2) scorekeepers and the shooter must sign official scorecards.

## VI. AWARDS

Awards shall be given out according to the MSAA Awards Policy.

## VII. RESPONSIBILITIES OF MSAA

- A. Make opening announcements (rules, etc.).
- B. Determine dates.
- C. Determine site.
- D. Provide co-chairperson (Target Vice President).
- E. Provide target butts, if necessary. Host club is responsible for transportation.
- F. Provide awards.

- G. Provide host club with \$7 per participant registration, or \$100 per tournament, whichever is more.
- H. Advertise tournament in The Minnesota Arrow with pre-registration form.
- I. Provide registration cards and scorecards.

**VIII. RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOST CLUB**

- A. Set up and maintain tournament site throughout tournament.
- B. Provide local advertising.
- C. Provide concessions - profits to go to host club.
- D. Handle registration and use MSAA provided forms.
- E. Change target faces at the discretion of the Field Captain.
- F. Provide co-chairperson (Governor representing host club).
- G. Provide Field Captain.
- H. Accept new MSAA memberships at registration and forward dues and membership information to the MSAA Secretary.
- I. Provide adult supervision for the cub and youth divisions, with calling scores, writing scores and adding scores
- J. Post all individual scores and team scores on leader boards.
- K. Provide all results to the MSAA Secretary and Records-Keeper immediately at the end of the tournament.

**IX. RULES INTERPRETATION**

- A. Field Captain shall be available at all times.
- B. Binoculars or spotting scopes may be used on the line.
- C. Ties are to be decided by a shoot off, with the rules for the shoot off to be determined by the Target VP
- D. In the event of equipment failure, the archer will have 15 minutes to repair their equipment. One practice end will be allowed. The archer shall be allowed to shoot any arrows or ends he or she missed during the repair time, after the final end.
- E. MSAA Protest Policy applies. (1/08/05)

**X. CLASSES:**

The MSAA divisions/styles of competition will apply at this event.

**XI. STANDARD UNIT FIRST DAY:**

- A. Adults, Seniors and Young Adults
  - 1. 30 arrows at 60 yards
  - 2. 30 arrows at 50 yards
  - 3. 30 arrows at 40 yards
- B. 2) Youth
  - 1. 30 arrows at 50 yards
  - 2. 30 arrows at 40 yards
  - 3. 30 arrows at 30 yards
- C. Cubs
  - 1. 30 arrows at 30 yards
  - 2. 30 arrows at 20 yards
  - 3. 30 arrows at 10 yards
- D. Midgets
  - 1. 30 arrows at 20 yards
  - 2. 30 arrows at 15 yards
  - 3. 30 arrows at 10 yards

**XII. STANDARD UNIT SECOND DAY:**

- A. Adults, Seniors and Young Adults
  - 1. 30 arrows at 40 yards
  - 2. 30 arrows at 50 yards
  - 3. 30 arrows at 60 yards
- B. 2) Youth
  - 1. 30 arrows at 30 yards
  - 2. 30 arrows at 40 yards
  - 3. 30 arrows at 50 yards

- C. Cubs
  - 1. 30 arrows at 10 yards
  - 2. 30 arrows at 20 yards
  - 3. 30 arrows at 30 yards
- D. Midgets
  - 1. 30 arrows at 10 yards
  - 2. 30 arrows at 15 yards
  - 3. 30 arrows at 20 yards

**XIII. TARGETS:**

The target is divided into five concentric color zones arranged from the center outward as follows: gold (yellow), red, blue, black and white.

**XIV. THE TARGET RANGE:**

- A. The target field shall be laid out so that shooting is from south to north.
- B. A maximum deviation of 45% is allowed for local tournaments if required by terrain available.
- C. The targets shall be equally spaced a minimum of three yards apart with up to five yards allowed, measured from the center of the gold to the center of the gold of the adjacent target.
- D. The target face shall be inclined away from the shooting line at an angle from 12 to 18 degrees from the vertical.
- E. Range distances shall be accurately measured from a point on the ground perpendicular to the center of the gold on the target.
- F. Target lines, shooting lines, or range lines shall be plainly and accurately marked on the ground, and shall be not more than six inches in width. Target lines or shooting lines may be arranged to require the shooters to move forward from the longest range to lesser distances while the targets remain stationary, or to require the targets to be brought forward from longer to lesser distances while the shooter uses a stationary line.
- G. Target lanes shall be suitably and plainly marked either by centerlines, or by lines designating the side boundaries of each lane. Pegs, chalk lines, trenches, or mowed strips are suitable markings. If delineation of target lanes is not practical, local tournaments may deviate from this rule.
- H. There shall be a minimum of twenty yards clear space behind the targets, which may be reduced by a suitable bunker or backstop. Spectators, participants or pedestrians shall not be allowed behind the targets while shooting is in progress, or even beyond twenty yards if there is the slightest possibility of being struck by the wildest arrow.
- I. There shall be a clear area of at least twenty yards on each side of the field as a safety lane.
- J. Bow racks, tackle boxes, or other objects which protrude above the ground shall not be allowed within six feet of the shooting line. This does not apply to spotting scopes.
- K. There shall be a clear area of at least 10 feet behind the bow racks to allow competitors access to their equipment.
- L. At least every third target should have a small wind flag, of a size and color easily visible from the sixty-yard line, mounted at least two feet above the top of the target.
- M. Staggered shooting lines, wherein one group of archers shoots from a position forward of another group, are considered unsafe. In an emergency, they may be used provided an unused lateral safety lane of at least twenty yards is maintained as a bunker.

**XV. THE TARGET BUTT AND TARGET BACKSTOP:**

- A. The target backstop shall not be less than 50 inches in diameter.
- B. Target backstops shall be securely anchored to the ground to prevent accidental toppling.
- C. Target identification shall be by means of numerals, at least eight inches high, on soft cardboard or other suitable material, so as to be easily visible at sixty yards and should be mounted near the base of the target.

**XVI. SHOOTING POSITIONS:**

- A. The shooting area is an area starting at the shooting line and extending six feet to the rear, and which runs parallel to and adjacent to the shooting lines.
- B. An archer shall stand so that he has one foot on each side of the shooting line. He/she shall also stand eighteen inches from the center of the target lane or eighteen inches from the boundaries.
- C. Any archer may retire from the shooting line to avoid proximity to tackle or a shooting practice that he/she considers unsafe, and may resume shooting when safe conditions prevail.
- D. Archers may not shoot at varying distances from different shooting lines, nor engage in unauthorized

practice, unless separated laterally by the width of at least four target lanes.

## **XVII. SHOOTING RULES:**

- A.** An END consists of six consecutive arrows, shot within a maximum allowed time of five minutes.
- B.** A COMPLETED END is when both the A & B lines have shot all six of their arrows. A Field Official shall signal the start and finish of each line and each end. Unless this signal is immediately challenged by those archers who have not released six arrows, the end shall be considered complete, and the archer shall have no recourse to shooting additional arrows.
- C.** A PERFECT END is six arrows shot consecutively in the gold during one end.
- D.** Any kind of a bow may be used, providing it is shot by holding it in one hand and the string in the other, without mechanical assistance of support which in the opinion of the tournament officials would give undue advantage over other competitors. This does not apply to the Adaptive divisions.
- E.** Any kind of arrows may be used provided they do not, in the opinion of the tournament officials, damage the targets unreasonably.
- F.** Any type of point-of-aim may be used which does not protrude more than six inches above the ground and does not interfere with shooting or scoring.
- G.** Any type of artificial spotting aid may be used, provided it does not interfere with other competitors.
- H.** Foot markers may be left on the shooting line during the round provided they are embedded in the turf and do not extend more than one-half (1/2) inch above the ground.
- I.** Ground quivers may be placed on the shooting line while the archer is in the process of shooting but must be removed to the tackle area while others are shooting and during the scoring interval.
- J.** Initial target assignments may be made according to any system designated by the tournament officials. There shall not be less than three nor more than five archers assigned to each target in use, and four is customary.
- K.** Archers may be reassigned targets after each round on the basis of their total score for rounds completed.
- L.** There shall be at least two uninterrupted practice ends, at the longest distance, followed without interruption by the beginning of scoring for the round.
- M.** There shall be no practice permitted after a postponement or delay unless such postponement or delay exceeds thirty (30) minutes. In such cases the amount of practice shall be according to the following schedule:
  - 1.** Thirty (30) to sixty- (60) minute delay: one practice end.
  - 2.** Sixty (60) minutes or more delay, unless interrupted by a scheduled lunch period or nightfall: two practice ends.
- N.** A blast of the whistle shall be the signal to commence or cease shooting for each end. Two or more blasts signal an immediate interruption for all shooting.
- O.** If an archer shoots less than six arrows in one end, he may shoot the remaining arrows if the omission is discovered before the end is officially completed; otherwise they shall score as misses.
- P.** If an archer shoots more than six arrows in one end, only the lowest six shall score.
- Q.** Archers may not make up lost rounds, ends, or arrows except as specified.
- R.** If a target falls before an end is scored, that end shall be reshot by all archers on that target.
- S.** Equipment failures, mishaps, or other occurrences not specifically covered in other rules shall not entitle an archer to repeat a shot unless the mis-shot arrow is within 10 feet of the shooting line.
- T.** If an arrow should hang from the target face, shooting shall be interrupted and a Field Official shall immediately reinsert the arrow in its proper place in the scoring face.
- U.** Any archer should call to the attention of the Field Officials any rule infractions, unsportsmanlike or unseemly conduct, or ANY SAFETY HAZARDS. The Field Officials are empowered to take such steps as their judgment indicates to correct the situation, including warning, scoring penalties, and even expulsion from the tournament in severe cases.
- V.** Half of the archers assigned to each target (or the closest possible number to half) shall take position and shoot six arrows, and will be considered the A line. They shall then retire and the remaining archers assigned shall shoot six arrows; they will be then be known as the B line. A and B lines will then alternate shooting first.
- W.** Coaching an archer on the shooting line is permitted, providing that such coaching is not distracting to other contestants. If a contestant on the same target or adjacent targets complains that such activity is personally distracting, such coaching must be terminated immediately. Audible coaching of contestants on the shooting line is not permitted. (1/14/17)
- X.** Make-up arrows will be shot at the end of the tournament.
- Y.** In the case of equipment failure, an archer is entitled to 15 minutes of repair time and one end to sight in.

Only one equipment failure per round per archer is allowed.

**XVIII. SCORING:**

- A. Inner gold - 10, outer gold - 9, inner red - 8, outer red - 7, inner blue - 6, outer blue - 5, inner black - 4, outer black - 3, inner white - 2, outer white - 1.
- B. Neither the arrows nor the target face shall be touched until all the arrows on that target have been recorded.
- C. An arrow shaft need only touch the line to be counted in the area of next higher value.
- D. An arrow that has passed through the scoring face so that it is not visible from the front may only be scored by a field official. Arrows passing completely through the target, if witnessed, shall be reshot.
- E. An arrow that rebounds from the scoring face, if witnessed, shall be reshot. An arrow embedded in another arrow on the scoring face shall score the same as the arrow in which it is embedded.
- F. Hits on the wrong target shall score as misses.
- G. The archer chosen to be the Target Captain and shall rule all questions on his/her target subject to appeal to the Field Officials.
- H. The Target Captain shall call the value of each arrow. It shall then be recorded independently by two contestants acting as scorers, normally the next two assigned to the target. Scorers should check results after each end to avoid errors.
- I. Each archer is individually responsible for seeing that his/her arrows are called correctly and properly entered on the score cards, and that his/her score cards are turned in to the proper officials.

**XIX. FIELD OFFICIALS:**

- A. Field Officials shall be appointed by the tournament officials and shall rank in authority as follows: Field Captain, Assistants to the Field Captain.
- B. The Field Officials shall have the responsibility and authority to organize, supervise and regulate all practice, shooting and competition in accordance with regulations and customs; to interpret and to decide questions of rules; TO MAINTAIN SAFETY CONDITIONS; to enforce sportsmanlike behavior; to score doubtful arrows; to signify the start, interruptions, delays, postponements and finish of competition.
- C. Repeated infractions or discourteous or unsportsmanlike conduct, to include but not limited to, rude behavior, excessive swearing, harassment or intimidating behavior not sufficiently grave as to require expulsion, shall be penalized by the Field Officials after an appropriate warning as follows: for the first repetition after warning, the loss of the highest arrow of that end; for the second repetition, expulsion from the tournament without refund.
- D. Decisions of the lesser field officials shall be final unless immediately appealed to Field Captain.
- E. Decisions of the Field Captain shall be final unless verbal notice of intent to protest is given to Tournament Officials, following MSAA policy.
- F. The MSAA Target Vice President and/or the Governor representing the host club shall co-chair the tournament in cooperation with a tournament director assigned by the host club.