

2016 Bow-Up Rules of Competition

Bow-Up will be shooting Center 12s.

- A. Rangefinder use is allowed on known distance targets. Yardage cards will not be provided for Bow-Up.
- B. During Championship Series and State Championship tournaments all classes will follow the same format for known and unknown distance competition. Known distance class competitors will be grouped together and may carry range finders over the entire course.
- C. Start times may be “casual” with shooting groups (arranged by class or otherwise mixed) or “shotgun” with assigned shooting times and stakes. The host chapter or organization has the right and responsibility to delay or cancel a tournament in case of severe weather. In the event weather shortens the competition, results and awards will be based on a round completed by the class or other fair means decided upon by the host organization’s tournament staff. The method of determination will be announced prior to dismissal of competitors and any grievances will be filed in the form of a protest.
- D. Chapters will set their own standards for appropriate clothing according to weather, terrain, and accepted chapter and area standards. **ASA PRO/AM CLOTHING GUIDELINES ARE RECOMMENDED, BUT NOT REQUIRED** (inserted below)

Dress Code: Out of respect for other competitors all shooters are required to maintain a presentable appearance.

1. Shorts and skirts may not be shorter than finger-tip length while standing normally. Cut-off jeans or short-shorts are prohibited.
 2. Men and women are required to wear upper garments covering the front and back of the body and covering the midriff when at full draw.
 3. Shirts with collars are mandatory. Sponsored staff shooters may wear factory issued competition clothing which may include Henley style collars or mock turtle necks.
 4. Men's shirts must have short or long sleeves. T-shirts and tank tops are not allowed.
 5. Due to safety considerations it is recommended that all shooters wear shoes that fully cover the entire foot. Bare feet, open-toed sandals or flip-flops are not allowed while competing on the ranges.
 6. At no time will any shooters, guests or spectators wear any article bearing any image or language to be considered vulgar or offensive. If they do not have a shirt to change into they will be required to turn the offensive shirt inside out if they wish to remain on the premises or they will be required to leave.
- E. Prior to the start of competition the host organization will provide shooters with any necessary information particular to the course before they proceed to their first target.
 - F. Slower groups must let faster groups pass them to maintain the pace of shooting. No group may hold up other groups during a tournament.
 - G. Chapters requesting shoot dates must submit their request to their respective Zone Director.
 1. Zone Directors will coordinate all chapter date requests within their zone and with BHA State events.
 2. No Zone shoots will fall on BHA State events unless approved by the Executive Board.

TARGETS:

- A. McKenzie targets that have 8, 10, and 12 ring scoring areas are recommended, but are not mandatory. The 12 ring may be the Pro-12 Ring or a ring in the “center” of the 10 ring which is scored as 12.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE:

The Competition Committee will consist of five (5) members including the Tournament Director, BHA President, and Zone Directors.

- A. Any grievance or protest must be filed in writing with the Competition Committee within one (1) hour of completion of a round, along with a \$20 protest fee.
- B. In addition to ruling on grievances submitted by shooters, the committee will establish penalties and sanctions in keeping with the Rules for conduct and repeat rule violations.
- C. A general inquiry for an interpretation of a rule may be submitted in writing to the Competition Committee. The Committee will review the submission at their earliest convenience, and a written response will be provided. No fee is required for this review.
- D. Unsportsmanlike conduct on the ranges or tournament grounds will not be tolerated.
1. Any incident of unsportsmanlike conduct will be reported to a tournament official who will file a report with the Competition Committee immediately following the completion of the day's competition. The first offense upheld by the Committee will result in disqualification of the shooter from the event. A second offense will result in a suspension for the remainder of the season with no refund of entry fees paid and will be required to request reinstatement in writing to the Competition Committee prior to returning to competition.
 2. Verbal abuse directed at tournament officials, other shooters, or spectators will result in immediate disqualification of the shooter from the tournament, along with a referral to the Competition Committee for further action.
 3. The use of profanity is prohibited and violators are subject to disqualification.
 4. Any competitor rightfully suspended from ASA competition at any level will be suspended from ASA competition at all levels. The suspension and background reasons will be communicated to the ASA Federation and the National Office. A competitor may request reinstatement through the Competition Committee which will conduct a review and make a recommendation.

SHOOTING RULES:

Anyone shooting in non-designated areas, including parking areas, will be subject to disqualification.

- A. BHA adheres to a maximum arrow speed in each competition class as measured by the official on-site chronographs, with a three percent (3%) margin for differences between chronographs. Refer to the section "CLASSES" of these rules 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. Any arrow required to be shot through the chronograph during or after a tournament round that exceeds the maximum arrow speed for their class, plus three percent (3%) will result in the disqualification of that round's score.
- B. All targets will be 3-D McKenzie “like” Targets that feature the ASA Pro 12-Ring™ set at maximum distances as shown in the "CLASSES" section of these rules. BHA 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 may 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. 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 from the manufacturer's original specifications (except cut to size), and that arrows and points do not cause undue damage to the 3-D 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, if desired, 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 insure 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 Rule 'E'") 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 of three experiences a breakdown that leaves only two shooters in the group, the range official will be the second scorer and accompany the group as a scorer until the third shooter returns.
- F. Prior to shooting, each range will be instructed to proceed under "Free Pull" or under the instruction of the Range Official. In both procedures, each group will signal their completion of the target by standing five (5) steps inside the shooting stake toward the target. They will remain there until: (1) the groups on each side are finished and have also moved forward under "Free Pull"; or (2) the range official announces "pull" and they may then proceed to the target. Any group proceeding to the target too soon will receive a warning for the first offense with the penalty for any subsequent offense being a score of zero for the entire group.

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

- G. 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. 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 target score, and each subsequent offense will receive 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.
- 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 and their use is prohibited unless approved for use by the Tournament Director, or by prior arrangement with the Range Official and their shooting group due to a personal situation. The use of cell phones or any other personal communication devices for any form of communication is prohibited during competition. A shooter will be immediately disqualified from the competition and referred to the Competition Committee if they use a device for obtaining yardages or for receiving coaching during their round.

- K. After you set your sights and draw your bow, you cannot reset your sights after a letdown. Penalty: A score of zero for that target.
- L. Shooters with movable sites are required to keep their yardage indicator covered before and after setting. 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, and each subsequent offense will receive a score of zero.
- M. For safety considerations, and to insure 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 the second offense is a deduction of five points, and each subsequent offense will receive a score of zero.
- N. 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."
- O. Only one arrow, per shooter, per target will be shot from the stake. Anyone shooting the wrong target, or from the wrong stake, will receive a "0" for the target which should have been shot regardless of the actual stake that the shot was made from. A dropped arrow that falls 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 that drops off the bow, or is jarred off by hand contact with bow, may be picked up and shot with no penalty. The shooter is responsible for maintaining control of the arrow at all times and the arrow must not be released or otherwise propelled by the string or it will be scored as a zero. In addition, 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 Pro/Am 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.
- P. Shooters are permitted to receive assistance from only one shooter in their group. Assistance will be limited to holding a cap, or a single standard or golf-style umbrella.
- Q. Binoculars are allowed and there are no magnification limits. They may be checked at random by a tournament official if requested by another competitor. If the official determines that any markings are inappropriate, the glasses will be confiscated and presented to the Competition Committee under the Shooting Rule on range finding. In addition, any binoculars that are pre-marked by the factory, but are being used by the shooter as a mechanical device for range finding will be confiscated and presented for review to the Competition Committee.
- R. The projection of a light or reference point, 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.
- S. 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, Unknown, or Both. The Tournament Director shall designate which round will be "Known" for those classes shooting "Both" at the Safety Meeting.

- **On 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, or spotting scopes 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.

- **On all Known Distance competition ranges:** Yardages may be provided by BHA as measured within a one yard tolerance based on the equipment used. Shooters may elect to use range finders, but may not delay the time allowed and are required to share their information if requested by another competitor in their group. 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.

SHOOTING TIME ALLOWED:

- A. Each twenty (20) target Unknown Distance round will be shot in three hours and thirty-minutes, and each twenty (20) target Known Distance round will be shot in three hours and ten-minutes. However, it shall be the final determination of the Tournament Director to cancel, postpone, delay tournament activities, and / or determine the appropriate time frame for completion of the round in the case of inclement weather or other extenuating circumstances.
- B. Each group will be responsible for monitoring and adhering to the following pace of shooting:
 1. Upon commencement of the round by a verbal announcement by the range official the first shooter at each target will be allowed two minutes in Unknown Distance and one minute in Known Distance to shoot his arrow.
 2. Each remaining member of the group will be allocated one minute to shoot.
 3. Each group will be permitted four minutes to score the target, pull arrows and reach the next stake at which point the time allotment procedure repeats.
 4. Any shooter who fails to adhere to their specified time limit will receive a warning from the group or range official for the first offense. The penalty for a subsequent offense is a deduction of five points from target score. Any further offenses will result in the disqualification of the shooter.
- C. After the allotted time the range official will call time and shooters may complete the target being shot. Further shooting will cease and scores will be totaled on targets completed and a zero recorded for each incomplete target.

The following are the only conditions under which a shooter may leave the range and return to receive credit for the day’s competition. The shooter will be allocated additional time to make up targets missed in the presence of two scorers designated by the range official, or by the range official, who will be responsible for scoring and completing the shooter’s score card.
- D. Equipment failure need not be visible, but must be reported to a tournament official. If the equipment failure occurs during the act of shooting, the arrow will be scored as shot. The shooter will have up to forty-five (45) minutes from the time the shooter is picked up for equipment replacement or repair. Each shooter is limited to one (1) repair or replacement of equipment per tournament, and a shooter with a second breakdown will be allowed to repair or replace their equipment, but will not be allowed to make up missed targets.
- E. Any shooter leaving the range for a personal time-out must first check-in with the range official, and must then check back with the official within five minutes and complete the round.

SCORING RULES:

- A. Scorecards will be available at the entrance to each range. Shooters will pick up the official colored scorecard for that day, along with one white “shooter’s copy” scorecard which is to be retained by the shooter for their record, at the beginning of each round. The properly completed official colored scorecard must be turned in by the group within fifteen minutes of completion of competition and prior to leaving the range to receive credit for that day’s competition.
1. All information on the scorecard must be accurate with all information completely and properly filled in. Information blocks that are incorrect or incomplete will result in a deduction of ten points from their score.
 2. If the number of 12 Rings™ is left blank it will be scored as zero.
 3. Any score changes must be initialed by the scorer and the shooter and no changes may be made to the official score card after the scorekeeper and shooter have signed the scorecard. If a shooter changes his scorecard after it has been signed by the scorekeeper, the shooter will receive a score of zero for that tournament (and toward Shooter of the Year rankings) and will be brought before the BHA Competition Committee for further action.
- B. Each group will designate two members of their group as “Scorekeepers” who will record all scores for the group and they may not maintain their own individual “official” colored scorecard. Three individuals will be designated as “Scorers” and no one will be allowed to score their own arrow. In groups of four the third scorer will be alternated between the scorekeepers or for the other scorekeeper’s arrow. In groups of three the scoring will be done by all three but an individual may not score their own arrow or record the official scorecard for their own arrow.
1. Scorers will agree on a score for each arrow and call out the results to be recorded on the respective shooter’s scorecards by the Scorekeepers. (See Scoring Rule “C”).
 2. Scorekeepers will maintain the official colored scorecard for each shooter and be responsible for recording each arrow. A scorekeeper may not keep his or her own “official” card. Scorekeepers will record the total score and total number of 12 Rings™ at the end of the round.
 3. The completed official colored scorecard must be reviewed and signed as correct by the Scorekeeper and the shooter, as well as initial the back of the card. Any shooter turning in an “official” card on which they are both the shooter and scorekeeper will receive a score of zero for that day.
 4. The Scorekeepers for each shooting group will turn in the official scorecards for the group together except when a shooter is permitted to make-up targets due to an equipment failure or other approved leave. Shooters assume full responsibility for the accuracy of the information and scores on their cards. Any group that does not turn in their scorecards together before leaving the range will be subject to receiving a score of zero for that round.
- C. All arrows must remain in the target until all arrows are scored. The arrow shaft must be touching a portion of the next highest scoring line to be scored for the higher value. All scoring shall be done with the naked eye without the aid of any special magnification with the exception of prescription glasses or contacts. The status of any doubtful arrows must be determined before drawing any arrow from the target. The score is based on the status of the arrow while all other arrows remain in the target. Arrows may not be removed until a scoring judgment has been made and no changes may be made to the score after removal of any arrow. Targets may not be moved or dislodged for scoring purposes, and shall be returned to their proper upright position upon removal of the arrows. If both Scorers are in agreement, the score will stand. Should the Scorers be unable to reach an agreement, the Scorekeepers (except on a call of their own arrow) will alternate the responsibility of making the final determination before any arrows are removed. Groups will be responsible for calling their own arrows. BHA Range Officials will not make arrow calls except when a group has only two shooters or during special competitions and shoot-offs.
- D. Target “Pass Through” or “Rebound” without striking another arrow: (1) Arrows passing through the front of, but still in, the target will be pushed back and scored; (2) If the group agrees that an arrow passed through the targets insert seam the shooter will be given a score based on the point of pass through not to exceed eight (8) points; (3) If the group agrees and confirms that the arrow actually passed through the target due to the high

number of arrows that had been shot at the target, the range official is to be notified and the shooter will be allowed to take the score where the “pass-through” occurred as determined by the group up to a maximum score of 10 points, or (4) If the group agrees that the arrow rebounded out of the target, or deflected off of a plastic leg, without striking another arrow the shooter will be allowed to take the score where the rebound occurred up to a maximum of ten (10) points. Special Note: A score of 12 will not be permitted under sections 2, 3 or 4 of this rule.

- E. Any arrow embedded (“Robin Hood”) in the nock of another arrow will be scored the same as the arrow it is embedded in.
- F. Any arrow rebounded off another Arrow (a “Robin Hood” that strikes and damages another arrow and does not proceed toward the target, but bounces back) will be scored the same as the arrow it struck, provided the damaged arrow can be identified.
- G. Any arrow deflected by contact with another arrow already in the target and still proceeding toward the target will be scored as the greater of: (1) where it lies in the target; or (2) a maximum of five (5) points if it is not in the target.
- H. Arrows in the corresponding area of the target will be scored with point values of 5, 8, 10, or 12 as shown in the diagram below.
- I. Each target has two (2) 12-rings. At each target the lower 12-ring will be in play initially for all shooters. At each individual target a shooter may elect to have the upper 12-ring scored by announcing their intention to shoot for it. Upon announcing their election to shoot the upper 12-ring the scorekeepers will acknowledge and note this election, and the lower 12-ring will no longer be in play to be scored for that shooter on that individual target only.
- J. In classes where a final Shoot Down is not conducted, scoring ties (including first place) will be broken by the number of bonus rings. If a 1st place tie cannot be broken by bonus rings, and if time and weather permit at that tournament, the “Closest-to-the-12” tie-break procedure will be used. Each shooter will shoot one arrow and the arrow that is closest to the center of the lower twelve ring (regardless of actual score) will receive an additional bonus ring added to their final score. If for any reason a shoot-off cannot be held, and for all other places that are tied by bonus rings, the sum of the prize money for the tied places will be divided equally between the shooters. Special rules apply to all ties for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in pro classes and are in the “Pro Pressure Point Shoot Down” rules section below.

CLASS DEFINITIONS AND RULES:

- A. Open Class: May use any compound or recurve bow, sight, release, stabilizer or equipment unless specifically prohibited in any other part of these rules or by a ruling of the Competition Committee. Overdraws do not designate shoot class or shooting style. Sight type and stabilizer length are determining factors for all non-Open classes.
- B. Fixed Pin Class: Sights will have fixed pins with no pin limit. Movable sights may be used, but must be locked down into a fixed position that will be verified by the group prior to competing. Magnification is not permitted in any 30 yard fixed pin class, but is permitted in Men’s Hunter, Senior Hunter and the Unlimited Class. Clarifiers or verifiers in the peep are not considered magnification and are permitted. Releases may be used. Stabilizer Rule: A front stabilizer or a system including quick releases, enhancers and/or weights may be used, but may not exceed twelve inches (12”) in total length from the tip of the stabilizer (or system) to the point of attachment on the front of the riser provided by the manufacturer. A rear stabilizer or counter balance weight system may be used with a maximum of two extensions. Due to the use of V-bars and varying points of attachment the length of the rear stabilizer is not to extend further than six inches (6”) past a point measured from the back of the riser below the grip toward the strings. There are no stabilizer restrictions for the Unlimited Class. Competitors in Fixed Pin classes may make one “gang adjustment” of their sight during competition without calling a breakdown. The adjustment may be made following a shot and prior to proceeding to the next target, under the following procedure: (1) inform the group, and (2) make the adjustment to the whole pin set in front of the group. Individual pins may not be adjusted, and further adjustments must be made under Shooting Time Allowed, Rule “D”.

- C. BHA reserves the right to review any equipment / accessories and determine its suitability for competition. The following equipment / accessories are prohibited in all classes: (1) broadheads or any other point or tip not intended for target use; (2) retaining mechanisms which allow the bow to be mechanically held in the drawn position (except crossbows); (3) laser sights or devices; (4) devices or any outside agency (including stabilizer bar or prop stick) that allows the mass weight of the bow to be relieved from either arm while shooting. BHA retains the right to waive certain equipment restrictions or shooting rules under specific circumstances for physically challenged competitors.
- D. Any class with an age restriction or requirement will be determined by the participant's age reached on or before December 31st of the calendar year of competition.

CLASSES:

- A. Chapter representatives and state directors have the authority and responsibility to assign a registered shooter to a higher competition class based on knowledge of the competitor's prior archery performance or experience, or the individual's established competition level in another organization. Earnings (if known) will be considered.
- B. **PROFESSIONAL** – These classes may compete at the tournaments as guest shooters for a nominal fee at the discretion of the chapter.
- C. **AMATEUR** – These classes are open to shooters who are not otherwise deemed "Professional" by their competition status in the archery organization.
- D. **YOUTH CLASSES** – In the interests of safety and the wellbeing of our youth, all competitors in the Youth and Eagle classes must be able to draw their bow under control and without undue difficulty. If in the opinion of the Range Official the competitor is having difficulty drawing the bow the competitor shall be required to decrease the poundage to allow them to properly draw and shoot the bow regardless of arrow speed.
- E. Known and Unknown Distance class formats will mirror those at the ASA Pro/Am level.

All earnings requirements for classes are based on a shooter's BHA earnings and Shooter of the Year bonuses from their individual class competition. All classes below reflect maximum arrow speed, recommended maximum yardage, and a designation as either "Known", "Unknown" or "Both"

BHA reserves the right at any time to assign a registered shooter to a higher competition class based on knowledge of the competitor's prior archery experience, performance in other archery competitions, or the individual's established competition level in another organization. If, for example, someone shooting BHA for the first time feels that they are entitled to compete in the Open "C" class, but their previous archery experience, or competition status in another organization confirms that they are not a novice, then BHA reserves the right to require that individual to compete in a higher Open class. Anyone who competes using a compound bow as a professional or semi-professional in other nationally sanctioned 3-D, indoor or field events must compete in the appropriate Professional, Semi-Pro or Known 50 class for men, or Known 45 class for women. In addition, anyone who receives sponsor support that exceeds \$2,000.00 per year in products, equipment, services, or cash is required to shoot in semi-pro or pro.

Anyone winning less than \$200.00 in their class during their last year of BHA competition may request to move down to the next listed class using their same equipment by submitting a request in writing no less than thirty days prior to competition for review by the Competition Committee. Anyone who has won their way out of a BHA class may not return to that class unless approved by the Competition Committee. Anyone shooting in a class higher than Bow Novice or Open C may not return to those classes except for a medical waiver request approved by the Competition Committee.

PROFESSIONAL - Anyone who competes using a compound bow as a certified professional or semi-professional in other nationally sanctioned 3-D, indoor or field events must compete in the appropriate BHA Professional, Semi-Pro or Known 50 class for men, or Known 45 class for women. In addition, anyone who receives sponsor support that exceeds \$2,000.00 per year in products, equipment, services, or cash is required to shoot in

Semi-Pro, K-50 or Pro. Anyone who has earned more than \$5,000.00 in career ASA Pro/Am earnings must compete in Semi-Pro, K-50 unless a waiver has been granted by the Competition Committee. Open Pros may roll back to Semi-Pro if they earned less than \$500.00 in their previous two years. Any Pro may roll to K-50 regardless of earnings. Competitors in other Pro Classes that have won less than \$300.00 in their previous year of competition may request to be considered for the highest amateur class available for their equipment setup subject to the submission and approval of a written request to the Competition Committee. Competing in any Pro Class requires the payment of an annual ASA Pro Certification.

Open Pro 50 yards, 290 FPS, Unknown

Senior Open Pro - Age 50 and over. 50 yards, 290 FPS, Unknown

Women's Open Pro – Female competitors only. 50 yards, 280 FPS, Unknown

Semi-Pro Open 50 yards, 290 FPS, Unknown

BHA membership is not required, Pro Certification is optional. Anyone who competed in the Semi-Pro class in their most recent year of BHA SOY Trail competition that had at least two top-ten finishes or one top five finish, and won more than two shoots in BHA SOY Trail earnings must compete in Open Pro, Senior Pro or Known 50.

Known 50 Open 50 yards, 290 FPS, Known

BHA membership is not required, Pro Certification is optional. Anyone required to compete in Semi-pro or above may elect to compete in this class.

AMATEUR – Open to BHA members in good standing. For all 45 & 50 yard classes BHA Membership is not required.

Men's Open Classes:

Open A (+) 50 yards, 290 FPS, Unknown

Open B (+) 45 yards, 290 FPS, Both

Known 45 (+) 45 yards, 290 FPS, Known

Open C 40 yards, 280 FPS, Known

Open C is reserved for participants who shoot at the novice level with open equipment. At any point during the season that a competitor in Open C earns \$400.00 or more they are required to compete in a higher Open class or Hunter.

Men's Fixed Pin Classes:

Unlimited – See "Fixed Pin Class" rules 45 yards, 290 FPS, Unknown

Hunter (+) - See "Fixed Pin Class" rules. 40 yards, 280 FPS, Both

Bow Novice – See "Fixed Pin Class" rules." 30 yards, 280 FPS, Known

Bow Novice is reserved for participants who are new to BHA competition, or that won less than two shoots in the SOY Trail. At any point during the season that a competitor in this class wins more than two shoots in the SOY Trail they are required to compete in a higher class.

Men's Senior Classes:

Senior Open - Age 50 and over. 45 yards, 290 FPS, Unknown

Senior Known- Age 50 and over.	45 yards, 290 FPS, Known
Super Senior Open - Age 60 and over.	40 yards, 280 FPS, Unknown
Senior Masters Open – Age 69 and over	40 yards, 280 FPS, Unknown
Senior Hunter - Age 50 and over, see “Fixed Pin Class” rules.	40 yards, 280 FPS, Both

Women’s Classes - Female competitors only:

Women’s Open A (+)	45 yards, 280 FPS, Unknown
Women’s Known 45	45 yards, 280 FPS, Known
Women’s Open B (+)	40 yards, 280 FPS, Both
Women’s Known 40 (+)	40 yards, 280 FPS, Known
Senior Women’s Open - Age 50* and over.	40 yards, 280 FPS, Both
Women's Hunter (+) - See “Fixed Pin Class” rules.	30 yards, 260 FPS, Known

Traditional 25 yards, 280 FPS, Unknown

Bow must be either recurve or longbow without wheels or cams. No release aid, no sights, a single stabilizer up to 12” in length measured from the point of attachment, no overdraws, no draw checks, must have one finger touching the arrow nock, and must use one consistent anchor point. No marks on the sight window, string, or bow to use as an aiming or judging reference. All arrows must be identical in size, weight and construction.

Crossbow 40 yards, 330 FPS, Both

Crossbows must be in sound working condition with a functioning safety, and maintained in compliance with the manufacturer’s specifications. Scopes up to 6x power may be used and may be equipped with lines or mill dots, but no light or image may be projected and there may be no range finding capability. Except as may be required due to an approved medical exemption, crossbows may only be shot in a standing position and the use of any device or outside agency (including wrapping the sling around the arm, hooked butt-plates, palm rests, stabilizer bars or a prop stick) that allows the mass weight of the bow to be relieved from either arm or to steady the bow is prohibited, but the use of the forward elbow against the ribcage or side is permitted. Bolts must be identical in size and weight with a minimum of three (3) vanes. Crossbows may only be cocked and loaded while the shooter is at the stake, and while loaded it must remain pointed down range at all times.

Young Adult and Youth Classes:

All young adult and youth classes are based on their school grade level at the start of the year. Elementary – 3rd thru 5th, Middle School - 6th thru 8th grade, High School - 9th thru 12th grade.

High School Open Boys	40 yards, 280 FPS, Both
High School Open Girls	40 yards, 260 FPS, Both

For all of the following youth classes at 30 yards or less the maximum diameter of arrow shafts will not exceed .359”; the field or glue-in point for these arrows may have a maximum diameter of .362”

High School Pins Boys 30 yards, 260 FPS, Known

High School Pins Girls	30 yards, 260 FPS, Known
High School Olympic Recurve	30 yards, 260 FPS, Known
Middle School Open Boys	30 yards, 240 FPS**, Both
Middle School Open Girls	30 yards, 240 FPS**, Both
Middle School Pins Boys	30 yards, 240 FPS**, Known
Middle School Pins Girls	30 yards, 240 FPS**, Known

The following classes will shoot one round of twenty targets on Saturday morning:

Youth Traditional	20 yards, 220 FPS**, Known
Elementary School Open*	25 yards, 230 FPS**, Known
Elementary School Pins*	20 yards, 220 FPS**, Known
Junior Eagle Open - Ages 6-8*	15 yards, 220 FPS**, Known

* All Elementary and Jr Eagle class competitors require adult supervision.

** In the interests of safety and the well-being of all youth class shooters they must be able to draw their bow under control and without undue difficulty. If in the opinion of the Range Official the competitor is having difficulty drawing and controlling the bow, the competitor shall be required to decrease the poundage to allow them to properly draw and shoot the bow regardless of arrow speed.