

# **Archers Association of Nova Scotia**

## **Target & Field Hosting Manual**



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## **Introduction:**

As the Provincial Sports Organization for Archery, AANS is constitutionally required to hold Provincial Championships for Indoor & Outdoor Target and Field. As well, AANS is also responsible to alternate hosting the Atlantic Indoor & Outdoor Championships. As New Brunswick and Nova Scotia are the only Atlantic Provinces with archery associations, they take turns holding these events.

Because AANS does not have facilities to hold shoots, clubs bid for the honor of holding these events at the Annual Board of Directors meeting. If that no club bids to hold these events, no provincial champions will be declared that year.

This hosting manual has been produced to help clubs improve the level of target archery events within Nova Scotia. Clubs need to understand that provincial events are to be run to the highest standards as provincial champions are declared during these events. The way events are run reflects on Nova Scotia when hosting archers from other provinces. Our sport must be well represented at all times.

## **General Hosting Information:**

### **The Archery Canada Rulebook:**

The rules for archery in Canada are documented in the Archery Canada Rulebook. This is *the* guide for all competitive archery in Canada and should be well understood by all shoot organizers and athletes. This hosting manual often refers to sections of this document and it can be downloaded from the Archery Canada website ([www.fca.ca](http://www.fca.ca)). Note that the rules change often and the rulebook usually has an addendum containing rule changes. From time to time, changes from the addendum are merged into the newest version of the rulebook. Organizers must have the latest rulebook and addendum to ensure they know all the regulations. All events except for the Field Championships are registered events. As such, all Archery Canada rules are in effect, include the prohibition of smoking.

### **Registration of Events With Archery Canada:**

All Provincial and Atlantic Championships are registered with Archery Canada. The term *registered* refers to the process of informing Archery Canada that the event meets all the standards set out by their Rulebook and that there is a qualified provincial judge present. This means that the scores can be submitted to Archery Canada for the purposes of national ranking and athletes will qualify for national records. Provincial and Atlantic Target Championships are registered with Archery Canada, not FITA, the world archery body. As such, athletes are not eligible for world records at these events.

## **Bidding for Events:**

The event schedule for Nova Scotia is set every year at the Board Of Directors meeting in November. At that time, clubs may bid on provincial and Atlantic events. Candidate clubs must declare a provincial level judge when bidding on the shoot. They must also declare the date and location for the Provincial Calendar at the time of bidding.

## **Club Responsibilities:**

At the time of the shoot, clubs are responsible for:

- Providing all equipment
- Setup of the field of play. (See Archery Canada diagrams at the back of the rulebook)
- Running the event
- Providing a director of shooting who can run the timing system or time the ends in a manner that meets Archery Canada regulations.
- Provide appropriate targets (see Target section for each event)
- Presenting medals.
- Submitting scores from the registered portions of each event to Archery Canada on the required medium.

The AANS Target director must be present during the shoot and should be a technical resource for the host club. As the Provincial Sports Organization, AANS is responsible for the following aspects of the event:

- Registering the shoot with Archery Canada
- Supplying medals for provincial events
- Provide technical assistance (This Is the responsibility of the Target Director who should contact the club a month before the event to ensure arrangements have been properly made.)
- Track provincial records
- Advertise on the Provincial Calendar as well as shoot cards, if they are created

## **Eligibility:**

All athletes must be members in good standing of the Archers Association Of Nova Scotia or another provincial archery association registered with Archery Canada. This rule is in effect to

allow clubs relying on Archery Canada for insurance to host these events. An AANS membership is currently only \$35 per person and this price should be no barrier to entering the event. Clubs hosting must be ready to sell memberships at events in case archers arrive who are not members.

### Categories:

The following categories are to be observed at the Indoor Target Provincials:

**Masters Men:** Recurve; Barebow; Compound; Compound Limited; Bowhunter Limited; Bowhunter Unlimited; Bowhunter Unsighted; Disabled - ARW1, ARW2, ARST, Compound Open

• **Masters Women:** Recurve; Barebow; Compound; Compound Limited; Bowhunter Limited; Bowhunter Unlimited; Bowhunter Unsighted; Disabled - ARW1, ARW2, ARST, Compound Open

• **Senior Men** Recurve; Barebow; Compound; Compound Limited; Bowhunter Limited; Bowhunter Unlimited; Bowhunter Unsighted; Disabled - ARW1, ARW2, ARST, Compound Open

• **Senior Women:** Recurve; Barebow; Compound; Compound Limited; Bowhunter Unlimited; Bowhunter Limited; Bowhunter Unsighted; Disabled - ARW1, ARW2, ARST, Compound Open

• **Junior Men:** Recurve; Barebow; Compound; Disabled - ARW1, ARW2, ARST, Compound Open:

• **Junior Women:** Recurve; Barebow; Compound; Disabled - ARW1, ARW2, ARST, Compound Open

• **Cadet Men:** Recurve; Barebow; Compound; Disabled - ARW1, ARW2, ARST, Compound Open

• **Cadet Women:** Recurve; Barebow; Compound; Disabled - ARW1, ARW2, ARST, Compound Open

• **Cub Men:** Recurve; Barebow; Compound; Disabled - ARW1, ARW2, ARST, Compound Open

• **Cub Women:** Recurve; Barebow; Compound; Disabled - ARW1; ARW2; ARST; Compound Open

• **Pre-Cub Men:** Recurve, Barebow, Compound, Disabled - ARW1, ARW2, ARST, Compound Open

• **Pre-Cub Women:** Recurve, Barebow, Compound, Disabled - ARW1, ARW2, ARST, Compound Open

• **Peewee Men:** Recurve, Barebow, Compound, Disabled - ARW1, ARW2, ARST, Compound Open

• **Peewee Women:** Recurve, Barebow, Compound, Disabled - ARW1, ARW2, ARST, Compound Open

Consult section 4 of the archery Canada rulebook for further definition of these categories. There is no M50 or M60 categories in target archery. Alternative categories such as Bowhunter Unlimited only recognize Male and Female master and senior divisions, not age divisions. Junior and under wishing to shoot Bowhunter Unlimited are in the category with adults.

Equipment inspection is mandatory at Provincials and must be carried out by a judge. See Section 7.3 of the Archery Canada Rulebook for equipment division definitions.

Note that out-of-province guests are welcomed at Nova Scotia's Provincials but will shoot in a guest category. Available guest categories should mirror those for Nova Scotia residents.

### **Awards:**

AANS provides medals for all provincial events. Of all archery medals, AANS medals are the most striking and should be treated with the respect they deserve. They are the envy of other provinces. Hosting clubs should make arrangements to obtain a stock of medals two weeks in advance of the competition. They will have to be picked up from an AANS representative. Always count the number of gold medals immediately as they are the most presented color.

### **Pricing:**

Pricing for shoots is suggested by AANS as follows:

Junior and above:     \$15.00

Cadet and below:     \$5.00

### **Indoor Target Provincials:**

Nova Scotia Indoor Target Provincials are a one day indoor event held annually between March 1 and April 30. The Indoor Provincials contain three events:

- A registered FITA 1 round (60 arrows at 18 m) for declaring Provincial Champions in each category and to rank archers for shoot offs.
- The individual shoot offs for Indoor Shooter of the Year (Head to head shoot offs, 4 ends of 3 arrows at 18m)



- Club Team shoot offs for Club Champions (Team head to head shoot offs, 2 ends of 3 arrows times two shooters per team at 18 m)

Host club must be able to accommodate a minimum of 8 shooters on a single line. The club may opt to run two line shooting or even two separate shooting times to accommodate all interested shooters. If two separate shooting times are held, the first group must complete the FITA 1 before the other group starts.

### **Targets:**

When running any shoot, organizers should make sure enough of the proper targets are on hand to handle all contingencies. More is always better. Remember archers will always shoot on their own target at indoor shoots. As per Archery Canada regulations, 80cm full faces will be used for cub Recurve and all Pre-Cub shooters. The rest of the categories use 40 cm faces. Archers may select any of the three configurations (full face 10 ring, three spot vertical or three spot Vegas face) if they are available. Clubs should expect each archer to use as many as seven targets during the event as suggested below:

- One target for practice (this target may be a used face).
- Potentially, two targets for the first thirty arrows (Top archers will make their ten and X rings unreadable in thirty arrows and competent judges will require them to be replaced.)
- Two targets for the second thirty arrows.
- One target for Individual shoot offs. Start the shoot offs with clean targets for everyone and then use the ones that remain in good shape for later rounds.
- One target for team shoot offs. Not all archers will shoot in this but extras are always good.

### **Awards:**

AANS medals are awarded for each individual category. Large trophies are presented to the winners of the individual and team shoot offs. These may go to the archer's home club but must be returned to AANS at next year's event. It is the responsibility of the archer's home club to have the trophy engraved before returning it. Clubs who fail to do this or who fail to return the trophies in a timely manner will not be allowed to keep the trophy again. In such a case, the trophies will remain with AANS for engraving.

Guests may not shoot in the individual or team shoot offs. Shooter of the Year and Team trophies are not to leave Nova Scotia.

## **The Events:**

### **FITA 1:**

The registered FITA 1 round (60 arrows at 18 m) is for declaring Provincial Champions in each category and to provide a ranking for populating grids for the shoot off events. There can be a short break at the 30 arrow mark but it must be less than 15 minutes. No practice is allowed during the break.

For all instructions on running a FITA 1 event, see section 8 of the Archery Canada Rulebook. Remember to download the latest manual from the FCA website as these rules are often changed. For event descriptions, see Archery Canada Rulebook, section 4.5.2.3. Other rules are in section 8.

### **Individual Match Round for Indoor Shooter of the Year:**

The individual shoot offs for Indoor Shooter of the Year (head to head shoot offs, 4 ends of 3 arrows at 18m).

The ranking scores of archers for the individual shoot offs should come from the FITA 1. List all archers in order of their score (descending order). Use their final score. For instance, Bowhunter Unlimited archers score ten as being worth ten points but Senior Compound archers only score Xs as ten. Senior Compound archers should subtract the number of tens from their score before ranking. In other words they will use their inner score.

Using the match play grid in the diagrams section of the Archery Canada Rulebook, fill in the names in order of ranking. Only the top 64 archers may enter the shoot offs.

In the shoot off rounds all archers of all categories are in the same competition. Athletes may not change categories between the FITA 1 and the shoot offs. The debate over whether Bowhunter and Compound archers shooting against each other is fair will continue forever but, for these rounds, the lack of scopes and long stabilizers will be deemed adequate handicaps against scoring ten points for outer tens.

Each shoot off match will be four ends of three arrows. Ties will be broken by a single arrow closest to the centre. All other shoot-off rules are documented in the Archery Canada Rulebook (section 8).

### **Team Match Play for Club Team Champions**

Club Team shoot offs for Club Champions (Team head to head shoot offs, 2 ends of 3 arrows times two shooters per team at 18 m).

Team shooting should follow those rules outlined in the individual shoot offs with the following exceptions:

- Teams will be made up of two archers of any category. Again athletes shooting against each other in different categories will retain the scoring procedures from their category. For example, Compound will score inner ten and Bowhunter Unlimited will score outer ten.
- Archers from each team will each shoot three arrows per end.
- Team members will shoot simultaneously over two minutes.

Team shooting will be just like Individual match rounds. This is not the speed round team event. Both archers on each team must belong to the same club. Each club can submit one team only.

Use the combined FITA 1 score of both archers to determine ranking and then populate the match round grid in the same manner as the individual shoot offs.

Ties will be broken by single arrow closest to the centre by one member of each team.

### **Range Layout:**

See section 8 of Archery Canada's Rulebook.

### **Outdoor Target Provincials:**

Nova Scotia Outdoor Target Provincials are a one day outdoor event held annually between August 1 and September 10. The Outdoor Provincials contain three events:

- A registered 720 round (72 arrows at 50 m for Compound and 70m for Recurve) for declaring Provincial Champions in each category and to rank archers for shoot offs.
- The individual shoot offs for Outdoor Shooter of the Year (head to head shoot offs, 5 ends of 3 arrows at 50m)
- Club Team shoot offs for Club Champions (team shoot offs, 2 arrows times 3 team members at 50 m. This is the speed shoot round.)

Host club must be able to accommodate a minimum of 15 shooters on a single line. The club may opt to run two lines if numbers require it.

### **Targets:**

When running any shoot, organizers should make sure enough of the proper targets are on hand to handle all contingencies. More is always better. Remember, archers will always shoot on their own target at 50m but up to four can share a target at 70m. As per Archery Canada regulations, 120 cm full faces will be used for those shooting 70m. Single 6-ring 80cm targets will be used at 50m. Clubs should expect each archer to use as many as 3 targets during the event as suggested below:

- One target for practice (this target may be a used face).
- One target for the 720 round.
- One target for individual shoot offs. (Start the shoots offs with clean targets for everyone.)

- Team events will take place on a full 10 ring 80cm Target

### **Awards:**

AANS medals are awarded for each individual category. Large trophies are presented to the winners of the individual and team shoot offs. These may go to the archer's home club but must be returned to AANS at the next year's event. It is the responsibility of the archer's home club to have the trophy engraved before returning it. Clubs who fail to do this or who fail to return the trophies in a timely manner will not be allowed to take them again. In such a case, the trophies will remain with AANS for engraving.

Guests may not shoot in the individual or team shoot offs. Shooter of the year and team trophies are not to leave Nova Scotia.

### **The Events:**

#### **720 Round:**

The registered 720 round (72 arrows at 50 m for Compound and 70m for Recurve) is for declaring Provincial Champions in each category and to provide a ranking for populating the grid for the shoot off events. For all instructions on running a 720 round, see section 7 of the Archery Canada Rulebook. Remember to download the latest manual from the FCA website as these rules are often changed. For event descriptions, see Archery Canada Rulebook, section 4.5.1.7. Note that this event is often referred to as a 70m round even though Compound archers shoot 50m. Other rules are in section 7.

#### **Individual Match Round for Outdoor Shooter of the Year:**

The ranking scores of archers for the individual shoot offs should come from the 720 round. List all archers in order of their score (descending order). Using the match play grid in the diagrams section of the Archery Canada Rulebook, fill in the names in order of ranking. Only the top 64 archers may enter the shoot off.

In the shoot off rounds all archers of all categories are in the same competition. Athletes may not change categories between the 720 round and the shoot offs.

The individual shoot offs for Outdoor Shooter of the Year will consist of head to head shoot off matches of 5 ends of 3 arrows at 50m. Ties will be broken by a single arrow closest to the centre. All other shoot-off rules are documented in the Archery Canada Rulebook (section 7).

#### **Team Match Play for Club Team Champions**

Club Team shoot offs for Club Champions will consist of team shoot offs, 2 arrows times 3 team members at 50 m. This is the speed shoot round.

Team shooting should follow those rules outlined in the Archery Canada Rulebook for the Fred Usher Cup (See Archery Canada Rulebook section 3.1.5). All shooting will be at 50m.

Use the combined 720 round score of all archers on a team to determine ranking and then populate the match round grid in the same manner as the individual shoot offs.

### **Range Layout:**

See section 8 of Archery Canada's Rulebook.

### **Outdoor Field Provincials:**

Nova Scotia Outdoor Field Provincials are a one day event held annually between August 1 and September 10. The Fields Provincials consists of two 12 target rounds of marked distance field shooting.

Host clubs must be able to set up at least twelve separate targets plus practice butts to hold Field Provincials. In that case, the twelve targets will be shot twice. If the club can accommodate twenty-four separate targets, each will only be shot once.

### **Targets:**

See the Archery Canada Rulebook section 4.5.3.8 for target and distance information.

### **Awards:**

AANS medals are awarded for each individual category.

### **Indoor Target Atlantic Championships:**

Atlantic Indoor Target championships are a one day indoor event held annually between March 1 and April 30. Atlantic events are meant to allow inter-provincial competition between provinces. As PEI and Newfoundland & Labrador do not have provincial archery associations, they never seem to send archers. Therefore athletes attending are usually from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Traditionally, New Brunswick has a far greater attendance when they hold these events, with sometimes over a hundred archers attending. New Brunswick also sets their shooting calendar earlier in the year than Nova Scotia. Therefore, it has also been a tradition that New Brunswick is

somewhat disappointed with our choice of dates and the level of professionalism show at Nova Scotia shoots. This should be avoided by simply discussing viable dates with New Brunswick in September and by holding these events with the utmost attention to detail. As well, the hosting club needs to do some advertising in New Brunswick. This can be as simple as contacting the Target Director from Archery New Brunswick and asking them to send an email to their membership.

These championships contain two events:

- A registered FITA 1 round (60 arrows at 18 m) for declaring Atlantic Champions in each category.
- Provincial Team shoot offs for Atlantic Team Champions (three person team speed round, 6 arrows {2 per archer} per end over 4 ends at 18 m).

The host club must be able to accommodate a minimum of 15 shooters on a single line. The club may opt to run two line shooting or even two separate shooting times to accommodate all interested shooters. If two separate shooting times are held, the first group must complete their FITA 1 before the other group starts. Note that, if two shooting times are held, archers can enter two equipment categories (one per shooting time) so long as their equipment meets Archery Canada requirements.

### **Targets:**

When running any shoot, organizers should make sure enough of the proper targets are on hand to handle all contingencies. More is always better. Remember archers will always shoot on their own target at indoor shoots. As per Archery Canada regulations, 80cm full faces will be used for Cub Recurve and all Pre-Cub shooters. The rest of the categories use 40 cm faces. Archers may select any of the three configurations (full face 10 ring, three spot vertical or three spot Vegas face) if they are available. Vertical three spot targets are mandatory for the Team Event. Clubs should expect each archer to use as many as 6 targets during the event as suggested below:

- One target for practice (this target may be a used face).
- Potentially two targets for the first thirty arrows (Top archers will make their ten and X rings unreadable in thirty arrows and competent judges will require them to be replaced.)
- Two targets for the second thirty arrows.
- One target for team shoot offs. Not all archers will shoot in this but extras are always good.

## **Awards:**

Club medals are awarded for each individual category. A large trophy is presented to the winners of the team shoot offs. This may go to the archer's home club but must be returned at next year's event. It is the responsibility of the archer's home club to have the trophy engraved before returning it. Clubs who fail to do this or who fail to return the trophy in a timely manner will not be allowed to keep the trophy again. In such a case, the trophy will remain with the winning province for engraving.

## **The Events:**

### **FITA 1:**

The registered FITA 1 round (60 arrows at 18 m) is for declaring Atlantic Champions in each category. There can be a short break at the 30 arrow mark but it must be less than 15 minutes. No practice is allowed during this break.

For all instructions on running a FITA 1 event, see section 8 of the Archery Canada Rulebook. Remember to download the latest manual from the FCA website as these rules are often changed. For event descriptions, see Archery Canada Rulebook, section 4.5.2.3. Other rules are in section 8.

### **Team Match Play for Atlantic Team Champions**

Provincial Team shoot offs for Atlantic Team Champions (three person team speed round, 6 arrows {2 per archer} per end over 4 ends at 18 m). Team shooting should follow those rules outlined in the Archery Canada Rulebook for the Fred Usher Cup (See Archery Canada Rulebook section 3.1.5). Team shooting should follow those rules with the following exceptions:

- Teams will be made up of three archers of any category. Again athlete's shooting against each other in different categories will retain the scoring procedures from their category. For example, Compound will score inner ten and Bowhunter Unlimited will score outer ten. Handicaps as documented in the Archery Canada Rulebook will apply.
- Archers will shoot at 18m.
- Team members will shoot at two vertical 40 cm three-spot targets. Shooting order is not important so long as there is only one arrow in each target.

Ties will be broken by single arrow closest to the centre by one member of each team.

## **Range Layout:**

See section 8 of Archery Canada's Rulebook.

## **Outdoor Target Atlantics:**

Atlantic Outdoor Target Championships are a one day outdoor event held annually between August 1 and September 10. The Outdoor Atlantics contain two events:

- A registered 1440 round (36 arrows at 4 separate distances as described by the Archery Canada Rulebook section 4.5.1.2) for declaring Atlantic Champions in each category.
- Provincial Team shoot offs for Atlantic Team Champions (team shoot offs, 2 arrows times 3 team members at 50 m. This is the speed shoot round.)

Host club must be able to accommodate a minimum 15 shooters on a single line. The club may opt to run two lines if numbers require it.

### **Targets:**

When running any shoot, organizers should make sure enough of the proper targets are on hand to handle all contingencies. More is always better. Remember 4 shooters can share a 120 cm target at the two greatest distances but archers will always shoot on their own 6-ring 80 cm target at the shorter distances. Team events will take place on a full 10 ring 80cm target.

### **Awards:**

Club medals are awarded for each individual category. A large trophy is presented to the winners of the team shoot off. These may go to the archer's home club but must be returned at next year's event. It is the responsibility of the archer's home club to have the trophy engraved before returning it. Clubs who fail to do this or who fail to return the trophy in a timely manner will not be allowed to keep the trophy again. In such a case, the trophy will remain with the winning province for engraving.

### **The Events:**

#### **1440 Round:**

The registered 1440 round (36 arrows at 4 separate distances as described by the Archery Canada Rulebook section 4.5.1.2) is for declaring Atlantic Champions in each category. For all instructions on running a 1440 round, see section 7 of the Archery Canada Rulebook. Remember to download the latest manual from the FCA website as these rules are often changed. For event descriptions, see Archery Canada Rulebook, section 4.5.1.2. Other rules are in section 7.



### **Team Match Play for Club Team Champions**

Provincial Team shoot offs for Atlantic Team Champions (team shoot offs, 2 arrows times 3 team members at 50 m. This is the speed shoot round.) Team shooting should follow those rules outlined in the Archery Canada Rulebook for the Fred Usher Cup (See Archery Canada Rulebook section 3.1.5).

### **Range Layout:**

See section 7 of Archery Canada's Rulebook.