

2012 BHA Tournament Rules

1. Illegal Equipment
 - a. Crossbows
 - b. Laser Sights
 - c. Range Finders
 - d. Any sight reference in the sight window for Traditional Classes
2. Equipment
 - a. Bows
 - i. Any manufactured bow legal (except crossbow) in the State of Alabama for hunting may be used in all divisions. (Except the Traditional Class, which must use recurve or longbows).
 - ii. ~~Maximum speed in all classes to be a maximum of 280 fps (feet per second) with a 3% variance.~~ (No speed limit restrictions for the Bow-Up tournament)
 - b. Sights
 - i. Sights with fixed pins, beads or cross hairs may be used in all Bowhunter Divisions.
 - ii. Fixed Pin sights may not be moved or adjusted during the tournament, except for equipment failure.
 - iii. Sights may not have range finding devices.
 - iv. Adults shooting with a moveable sight will shoot in the Money, Open, Women's Advanced or Men's Senior Advanced divisions.
 - v. Juniors, Youth and Cub Divisions may shoot moveable sights.
 - c. Stabilizers
 - i. Stabilizers may be used on all bows (except recurves and longbows).
 - ii. BowHunter A, B, Senior Bowhunter, & Women's Bowhunter A and B Divisions shall not be more than 12" in length from its tip to the bow including extensions, weights and coupling devices.
 - iii. All other Adult, Junior, Youth, and Cub Divisions may shoot any type or length.
 - d. Release Aids
 - i. May be used in all Divisions (except Traditional).
 - ii. Must be those legal for hunting in Alabama.
 - e. Other Legal Equipment
 - i. Leveling devices
 - ii. Lighted sights
 - iii. Camo patterns on sight window of the bow
 - iv. Overdraws
 - v. Magnifying sights in all Divisions where sights are legal (except Bowhunter Divisions)
 - vi. Binoculars

C) All Other Equipment – All other equipment not covered above must be brought BHA State Committee before beginning the tournament for judgment of legality.

- f. Equipment Failure Procedure - The shooter will be allowed to replace or repair equipment, shoot a few arrows in the practice area, and then be allowed to resume shooting. The shooters group will wait for the shooter to return. A maximum of 30 minutes will be allowed for replacement or repair. Shooters may only use this rule once per tournament.
3. The State Tournament Committee Consist of:
 - a. BHA President, Vice President, and the 3 Zone Directors
 - b. The State BHA President will be Chairman. His Responsibilities include:
 - i. To serve as Safety Officer as the State Tournament.
 - ii. To settle any disputes over the rules of other tournament procedures, to include protests.
 - iii. To help set-up the shooting range for the State Tournament.
 - iv. To assist the host Chapter with advertising the State Tournament.
 - v. To assist the host Chapter with the State Tournament.
 - vi. To set stakes in group of four (4) for opposite ranges
 4. Range and Targets:
 - a. The distance from the shooting stake to the target shall be unknown.
 - b. ONE RED SHOOTING STAKE: Maximum (50) yards
 - c. ONE GREEN SHOOTING STAKE: Maximum (40) yards
 - d. ONE BLUE SHOOTING STAKE: Maximum (30) yards
 - e. ONE YELLOW SHOOTING STAKE: Maximum (25) yards
 - f. ONE ORANGE SHOOTING STAKE: MAXIMUM (20) yards
 - g. ONE WHITE SHOOTING STAKE: Maximum (15) yards
 5. The range will be laid out to eliminate the possibility of a "wild arrow" hitting anyone on a marked trail or behind any other target.
 - a. A complete scoring round shall consist of twenty five (25) targets for State Championships and Trail Shoots, local shoots can set as many as they desire.
 - b. All targets shall be 3D animal targets.
 - c. Targets shall be placed to resemble normal hunting conditions with as little disturbance as possible to the undergrowth and cover.
 - d. There shall be no moving targets.
 - e. Shots shall be fair to all shooters (right or left handed, short or tall, etc)
 - f. Targets shall be set so they do not move or come loose during the tournament.
 - g. If they do, shooters may cease shooting and seek help from the Range Captain.
 - h. Targets shall not be placed at extreme angles which put the kill zones in unrealistic positions.
 - i. A practice range shall be provided with an official to signal Shoot or Pull.
 - j. Two (2) ranges shall be provided of twenty five (25) 3D targets each.
 - k. Targets shall have unmarked "McKenzie like" kills.
 6. Age Groups
 - a. Men and Women: Age 16 or older.
 - b. Junior: Age 13-15. Male and Female to compete together. Juniors may

- c. Volunteer for appropriate adult division.
 - d. Youth: Age 9-12. Male and Female to compete together. Youth may volunteer for the Junior Division.
 - e. Cubs: Age 8 and under. Male and Female to compete together.
 - f. Seniors: Age 50 and older.
 - g. The shooters' age for the entire year is determined by their age as of the State Championship.
 - h. Parents need to provide Birth Cert. for ages 15 and younger to the BHA secretary.
7. Divisions of Shooting
- a. Money - Red Stake. Shoot what you bring. Men's Open Pro must shoot this class, it is optional to all other shooters.
 - b. Open A - Red Stake. Shoot what you bring.
 - c. Open B - Green Stake. Shoot what you bring.
 - d. Senior Advanced – Green Stake. 50 years and over, shoot what you bring.
 - e. Unlimited - Red Stake. Release with fixed pins.
 - f. Bowhunter A - Green Stake. Fixed pins. Stabilizer (12" or shorter).
 - g. Senior Bowhunter – Blue Stake. Fixed Pins. Stabilizer (12" or shorter). Must be 50 yrs or older.
 - h. Bowhunter B - Blue Stake. Fixed pins. Stabilizer (12" or shorter)
 - i. Women's Advanced – Green Stake. Shoot what you bring.
 - j. Women's Bowhunter A - Blue Stake. Fixed Pins. Stabilizer (12" or shorter).
 - k. Women's Bowhunter B – Yellow Stake. Fixed Pins. Stabilizer (12" or shorter).
 - l. Traditional – Yellow Stake. Must use recurve or longbow (no compound). No sights, sight related equipment, sight reference or release aid. Shooter must hold string with fingers. Tab or glove O.K.
 - m. Juniors - Blue Stake. Shoot what you bring.
 - n. Youth – Orange Stake. Shoot what you bring.
 - o. Cubs - White Stake. Shoot what you bring.
8. Scoring
- a. One arrow shall be shot at each target.
 - b. Scoring of an arrows shall be as follows:
 - c. If the arrow is touching or inside the 12 ring, it will score 12 points.
 - d. If the arrow is touching or inside the 10 ring, it will score 10 points
 - e. If the arrow is touching or inside the 8 ring, it will score 8 points.
 - f. If the arrow penetrates any other part of the animal, it will score 5 points.
 - g. If the arrow misses completely or penetrates a non-animal part of the target, it will score zero (0).
 - h. If the arrow is observed to pass through or bounce out of the target, it will count as observed of everyone in the group agrees, excluding the shooter. If everyone in the group does not agree, the arrow is dead and another must be shot.
 - i. The arrow must be in the target to score (except for a pass through). Glance off arrows score zero (0).

- j. On short yardage targets (under 10 yards), after two shooters have shot, their arrow may be scored and pulled in order to prevent other arrows from possibly glancing off into a lower scoring area. Arrows must be scored before being pulled from the targets.
9. Grouping
- a. No more than five (5) shooters to a group, with a Group A and B if necessary.
 - b. Each person must shoot in their group as assigned.
 - c. Once a group arrives at the target and the target is clear, the first shooter has two (2) minutes at the stake to shoot. Each shooter is in the "On Deck Circle" (located 1-2 yards behind the shooter stake) has one (1) minute to shoot his/her arrow.
 - d. Groups will consist of members of the same division, when possible.
 - e. Juniors will shoot with adult supervision. Youth and Cubs must be with one of his/her parents or someone who will be responsible for the youth or cub.
 - f. Each group will consist of shooters from various Chapters as much as possible (i.e., no one group will consist of all members from one Chapter).
10. The Host Chapter will appoint group captains whose responsibilities include:
- a. Scoring of arrows before they are pulled from the target and overall shooting.
 - b. To observe all arrows as they are shot to determine if the hit, miss, shoot through, glance off, or bounce out of the target.
 - c. To establish the shooting order of the group.
 - d. To make sure the rules are followed by the group.
 - e. To make sure safety rule are observed by the group.
 - f. To settle minor disputes which may arise within the group.
 - g. To make sure each target is left in the same position as found and to reset the target if necessary.
11. Shooting Rules
- a. Some part of the shooters body must touch the shooting stake.
 - b. The shooter may stand in any direction form the stake.
 - c. The shooter shall not break or remove any vegetation from around the shooting stake.
 - d. In the case of an arrow being dropped or falling, if a shooter can reach his/her arrow while still having one foot on his/her designated stake, he/she may re-do the shot. If the arrow is out of reach in any other circumstance it is considered a shot.
 - e. No coaching or discussion of the distance before the target is shot.
12. Trophies
- a. The trophies shall be paid for by the Hosting Chapter.
 - b. Trophies are given in each class as follows:
 - i. Four shooters - Three trophies
 - ii. Three shooters - Two trophies
 - iii. Two shooters or less - One trophy.
 - iv. Trophies for respective places in all classes shall be the same size and appearance.