

Rules Summary

Below is a general summary of rules changes that will be utilized by the Nor'easter Tournament in 2010. As the actual detailed "Rules Language" is published by FITA and the USAA, we may need to modify this summary. Always be sure to check www.USArchery.org for up to date information.

Junior and Cadet Age Groups - The USAA Board of Directors decided to follow the FITA age classifications for Junior and Cadet athletes. Please note how these age groups are determined based upon date of birth.

- Junior - Up to and including the year they reach the age of 20, archers are eligible to shoot in the Junior division.
- Cadet - Up to and including the year of their 17th birthday, archers are eligible to shoot in the Cadet division.
- Archers are eligible to compete in JOAD and earn JOAD achievement awards up to and including the year they reach of the age of 20.

2010 Set System – Compound and Recurve - For all USAT and National events, both the recurve and compound divisions will shoot the set system during the elimination rounds. Both compound and recurve divisions will shoot from 70m in 2010.

Set System valid as of April 1, 2010 for all Outdoor Competitions

7.6.5 Set system

7.6.5.1 The winner of a set is the archer which has the highest score of the arrows shot for that set. The winner of the set gets two(2) points, If the score is tied both will receive one (1) point.

7.6.5.2 For events depending on the number of arrows per set, there is a maximum number of sets:

- Six (6) arrows/set -> best of three (3) sets. After a minimum of two (2) sets, the athlete with the highest points is declared the winner of the match, when his opponent can no longer tie with the remaining points. If the tie persists after the third (3rd) set, a single arrow shoot off will be shot and the athlete with the arrow closest to the centre will win.
- Three (3) arrows/set -> best of five (5) sets: After a minimum of three (3) sets, the athlete with the highest points is declared the winner of the match when his opponent can no longer tie with the remaining points. If the points are tied after four (4) sets a fifth (5th) set will be shot. If the tie persists after the fifth (5th) set, a single arrow shoot off will be shot and the athlete with the arrow closest to the centre will win.

It is intended that for 1/64, 1/32, 1/16, 1/8 there will be 6 arrow sets. From the 1/4 finals there will be 3 arrow sets. For Olympics it will be always 3 arrow sets.

For the best of three sets you can have the following scenarios (in bold when the match is finished)

- After 1st set: 2-0; 0-2; 1-1
- After 2nd set: **4-0**; 2-2; 3-1; 1-3; **0-4**
- After 3rd set: **4-2**; **2-4**; **5-1**; **4-2**; **2-4**; **1-5**; 3-3-> Tie Break

New Compound Round - The new hit and miss 50m Compound round will NOT be shot during the 2010 U.S. Target Championships or any USAT event. However, tournament organizers will be asked to have targets available pending new target face availability.

Shooting Time - The time to get to the line will be reduced to 10 seconds for all rounds and the time for alternate shooting will be reduced to 20 seconds.

Scorecards and Results - Archers are responsible for the arrow value, the total sum, the 10s and the Xs.

- Archers will have a maximum of ONE HOUR from the end of shooting to turn in their completed scorecard.
- If two arrow values disagree once the arrows are withdrawn - the archer receives the lower value.
- Once the scorecards are signed and turned into event organizers:
 - If a box is not filled in - it is a zero (including a total score or distance score)
 - If a score total is greater than correct - it gets corrected
 - If a score total is lesser than correct - it stays the lower score
- Results are deemed official upon the presentation of the awards.

Dress Code - United States Archery Association Dress Code.

In an effort to be more inclusive and to eliminate potential issues in recruiting new archers to USA Archery events, the USAA Board of Directors passed a revision to the current dress code. The revised dress code addresses the desired outcome and dictates less regarding specific colors allowed during competition. The general feel was to be sure our athletes presented themselves and the sport in a professional manner without dictating the specifics.

USAA Dress Code:

1. All athletes and coaches must present a professional, athletic appearance while on the field. (Torn, ripped or badly faded clothing articles are not allowed.) Clothing may be of any color.
2. No camo or blue denim (jeans) may be worn at target events. Accessories such as trim on shirts, caps, quivers, armguards, footwear, etc., are permitted to be camo. At field events, denim may be worn but camo may not be worn.
3. Shorts, skorts and skirts must not be shorter than finger tip length while standing normally.
4. 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. Women's upper garments shall have a minimum strap of 3" or sleeves. Men's upper garments shall have short or long sleeves.
5. Sport/athletic shoes are recommended to all athletes and coaches during target events. Shoes must cover the entire foot.
6. At no time will any athlete or coach wear any article bearing any image or language to be considered offensive to others.

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