

MIDWEST OPEN INDOOR ARCHERY TOURNAMENT INC.
2018 HOOSIER 690 OPEN PRO/AM OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS
(Red Indicates New Rules for 2018)

General Rules

Changing Classes: No changing from one class to another after Midnight January 11th, 2019 (E.S.T).

Cancellation Policy: All registrations are subject to a \$10 cancellation fee. All cancellation requests must be received in writing before midnight January 11th, 2019 (E.S.T). A \$25 late fee will go into effect after January 11, 2019. Cancellations after January 11th, 2019 will forfeit registration fee without any exceptions! No refunds for inclement weather during the advertised days of the event without any exceptions.

Payout: NFAA payback schedule is used for payouts in the *Championship Open Division & Amateur Open Division*.

Mandatory: Please complete a W-9 form should your total tournament earnings exceed over \$600.00 in cash prize money.

Championship Division: The Midwest Open reserves the right at any time to assign a registered archer to a higher competition division based on knowledge of the competitor's prior archery experience in other archery competitions, or the individual's established competition level in another organizations. If, for example, a competitor shooting in the Midwest Open for the first time feels they are entitled to compete in the amateur division, but their previous archery experience confirms they are not an amateur, then the Midwest Open reserves the right to **require** that competitor to compete in the Championship Division. In the case of a protest during the Midwest Open competition based on evidence of prior archery experience, your score is subject to disqualification for awards and cash prizes.

Professional: Any archer who competes using a bow & arrow as a **certified professional** in other nationally sanctioned events must compete in the appropriate Midwest Open Championship Division for male and female classes. An archer who receives manufacture sponsor support that exceeds \$2,000.00 per year in cash, products, or services is required to compete in Midwest Open Championship Division. A Midwest Open Championship Division competitor that have won less than \$300 in their previous year of national events competition may request to be "considered" for rolling back to the Amateur Division for their equipment setup subject to the submission and approval of a written request to the Midwest Open Competition Committee. The written request must be submitted 30 days prior to the first official scoring day of the Midwest Open competition.

Score Card: Double Scoring will be used with minimum of (3) shooters per bale. Each group will appoint 2 score keepers, one for the official score and one for the un-official score, also a target captain will be appointed who will call arrows. Shooters who disagree with the target captain's call may ask for a line judge to call the disputed arrow. Arrows and target face may **NOT** be touched until all arrows on the bale are (Scored, Agreed Upon & Recorded.) Scorecards must be signed as correct by the shooter and both scorers.

NOTE: Scorecards must be turned in no later than 1 HOUR after the end of the round (and/or) prior to posting that days competition scores. Failure to do this will result a Zero for your score.

Rounds:

1. All divisions will shoot one 360 round on the First Day of competition that will consist of twelve ends; 5 arrows per end with archer's choice of the **NFAA Official Blue-White** 5 spot target face White (6, 5 points), Blue (4 points), scoring rings, or the 40 cm single spot target face, (6-5-4-3-2-1) scoring rings, with "X" scoring as highest value points.
2. All divisions will shoot one 330 round on the Second Day of competition that will consist of ten ends; 3 arrows per end with archer's choice of the **NFAA Official Vegas** 3 spot 40 cm target face, Gold /Red/Blue, Gold (11, 10, 9 points), Red (8, 7 points), Blue (6 points) scoring rings, or the 40 cm Vegas single spot target face with (11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1) scoring rings, with "X" scoring as highest value points.
3. Archer's can hang a new target face at any time during the competition scoring round. You **cannot** change the type of target face during a scoring round.

Distance: Adult, Young Adult, Youth Divisions 20 yards and Cub Division less than 12 years of age will be 10 yards.

Ties / Shoot off Rules: *Championship Open Division & Amateur Open Division* winners will be determined by the highest total score from both days of competition. If a tie exists for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place, there will be a shoot off. This will consist of one practice end followed by two scoring ends using **NFAA Official Vegas 3 Spot** target face. Scoring will consist of two ends; 3 arrows per end of normal scoring, **Gold** (X-ring as 11, 10, 9 points), **Red** (8, 7 points) and **Blue** (6 points) for a possible score of 66. If a tie still exists, then a shoot off consisting of an arrow for arrow inside out scoring will be in effect. One arrow at a time will be shot until a winner is determined. Scoring will be single elimination (i.e. if 3 way tie for 1st place, shooters not matching the highest score will be eliminated. Shooters will be required to shoot their arrows in sequence on their target face: #1 #2 #3. Competitors may **NOT** approach the target butts until arrows are scored by the officials. All other ties will be broken by determining which archer had the first "end" miss on the Vegas 330 round. **NOTE: No provisioning allowed for equipment failure during a shoot-off.**

Protests: Any incident requiring immediate decision must be brought to the attention of a referee. All protests must be submitted in writing to the TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR within one hour of the conclusion of the round where the incident occurred, accompanied by \$50 U.S. The Tournament Rules Committee will convene approximately 1 hour after the last scoring end of each day to decide the outcome of each protest. All decisions of the Tournament Rules Committee will be final.

Equipment Failure: In the event of equipment failure, step back from the shooting line and raise your bow above your head. A referee will come to your assistance and document the time on both score cards, you will give your official score card to the referee. The referee will give your official score card back to you when you return to the line. The archer will have 15 minutes repair time without holding up the tournament. One practice end will be allowed at your target assignment. The archer shall be allowed to shoot any arrows missed during the 15 minute break down period. All make-up arrows will be shot at the end of the round.

Shooting Rules:

1. NFAA Official Blue-White 5 spot 360 round, each end (time period to shoot five arrows) shall be 4 minutes.
2. NFAA Official Vegas 3 Spot 330 round, each end (time period to shoot three arrows) shall be 2 minutes.
3. Maximum arrow shaft diameter allowed will be 0.422 inches, with a point diameter not to exceed 0.425 inches.
4. An archer shooting before or after the whistle signaling a 4-minute or 2-minute end will lose their highest scoring arrow or arrows equaling the number of errant arrows shot.
5. When using the **NFAA Official 5 Spot** target face, an archer may shoot the spots in any order; an archer can shoot multiple arrows in one spot on the **NFAA Official 5 Spot** target face.
6. **When using the NFAA Official Vegas 3 Spot target face, an archer may shoot the spots in any order, but you must number each spot (1, 2, 3) on the target; the arrows will be shot and recorded on the score card in this order; however, there must be only one arrow in each of the spots. If two arrows are in the one spot, then the lowest value is scored and the other is a zero.**
7. If an archer shoots less than five or three arrows in one end, he/she may shoot the remaining arrows if the omission is discovered before the end is officially completed; otherwise they shall be scored as misses.
8. An archer who purposely disfigures a target face to improve aiming or for any other reason, is subject to disqualification. Arrow holes may be repaired, provided there is no delay to the round.
9. Any archer conducting in an unsportsmanlike manner will be **IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED** and asked to leave the premises.
10. The maximum peak draw weight allowed in the Midwest Open competition shall be 70 pounds, with a maximum arrow speed of 300 feet per second, with a variance of 3%.

Scoring Rules:

1. A referee will make all decisions on scoring questionable arrows; their decisions are final.
2. All arrows must remain in the target, untouched, until scoring is completed & recorded.
3. Any archer deliberately touching any questionable arrow or any part of the target assembly (including other arrows, faces, pins, mat or stand) will result in the questionable arrow being scored in the lower scoring area.
4. Arrows must touch the line to be in the next highest scoring area.
5. Any arrow that passes beyond the shooting line a distance greater than 10 feet as measured to the closest part of the arrow, will be considered a shot arrow. See line on the floor.

6. If an arrow is embedded in the target beyond the nock and **(if a referee cannot determine the value of that arrow)**, it will be considered a pass through, and will be re-shot. NO ARROWS WILL BE PUSHED BACK.
7. Each competitor must verify and sign his own scorecard; both scorers must also sign the scorecard.
8. When there is a difference on the two cards, the lowest score must be taken.
9. **Parents or Adults are encouraged to assist the scores of the Cub Division, providing both score cards are not in their possession at the same time; this will help speed up the scoring process.**

Dress Code:

1. **All archers shall present him/herself in clean, neat attire and acceptable to public view.**
2. **Shorts and skirts may not be shorter than the archer's fingertips when rested at their side. The waist of the attire must not fall below the waistline.**
3. **Shirts shall be of a collar design. Archers may also wear uniforms provided by sponsors; the shirts must have a Standard Collar, Henley Collar or Mock Collar.**
4. **Men's shirts must have short or long sleeves; tank tops are not allowed during competition.**
5. **Open toed shoes, flip flops or sandals are unacceptable while competing.**
6. **Archers removed from competition for dress code violation will not be eligible for refunds or entry fees in whole or part.**
7. **Archers removed from competition for dress code violation may not makeup arrows missed for score if they return to competition after meeting the dress code.**

Freestyle:

1. Any type of sight and its written memorandum may be used.
2. Any release aid may be used provided it is hand operated and supports the draw weight of the bow and is not attached to the bow other than the bowstring. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers or release aids.
3. The rear stabilizer shall not touch any part of the body.

Freestyle Bow-Hunter:

1. A maximum of (5) five fixed reference points: Points of attachment shall not be considered reference points. A line running vertically from its top attachment in the pin guard to its bottom attachment in the pin guard would be legal.
2. Sighting reference points, string peep (with or without a lens) and/or kisser button may not be moved during a round.
3. Scopes, clickers and draw checks are not allowed. A round or oval housing around the points of reference is not considered a scope as long as no lens is used.
4. No additional pin guard may be used. A sight pin consisting of housing with a hole through it, that does not contain a fixed reference point within the hole, is not allowed.
5. Release aids will be permitted. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers or release aids.
6. A pin guard mounted on the sight, and a level mounted anywhere will be legal in this style of shooting, provided that there are no additional marks or blemishes on either of these items that could be used for sighting.
7. A string of suitable material with a center serving and end servings of the same or different color than the string may be used. One consistent nocking point only is permitted. Nocking point locators shall not extend more than ½ inch above or below the arrow nock when at full draw. Brush buttons and string silencers properly attached will be legal.
8. One anchor point only is permitted.
9. All arrows shall be identical in size, length, weight, and fletching with allowances for wear and tear.
10. Brush buttons, string silencer, positioned no closer than midway between the nocking point and where the string touches the wheel/cam, and bow quiver installed on the opposite side of the sight window, with no part of the quiver or attachments visible in the sight window are legal. One straight stabilizer, coupling device included if used, which cannot exceed 12 inches at any time, as measured from the back of the bow, V-bar, counterbalance and string dampeners may be used.
11. An archer will not be permitted to change the draw weight of the bow during a round.
12. During a round no adjustments may be made to the bow and its related equipment unless equipment failure is recognized.

Olympic Limited Recurve:

1. Any type of sight and its written memorandum may be used, providing the sighting mechanism has no magnification. Levels, string peep sights, marks, ties or string attachments to the string and electronic devices are not allowed. A kisser button may be used.
2. Release aids shall be limited to gloves, tabs and fingers. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers.
3. This style is limited to use of recurve bow or longbow.

Bare-Bow:

1. Archers shooting bare-bow style will use a bow, arrows, strings, and accessories free from any sights, marks or blemishes that may be used as a sighting aid.
2. String walking is permitted. No bow mounted clickers or draw checks.
3. No stabilizers are permitted but riser mounted weights are permitted so long as the bow with all legal accessories fits thru a 12.2cm WA/USAA Judge's ring.
4. One consistent nocking point only is permitted and may be held by one or two nock locators, which shall be snap on type, shrink tubing, thread or dental floss, tied or served on the serving. Nocking point locators shall not extend more than one half inch (1/2") above or below the arrow nock when at full draw.
5. Only one adjustable draw check and level mounted on the bow, neither of which may extend above the arrow and a mechanical type arrow rest and cushion plunger are permitted.
6. Only gloves, tabs, or fingers shall be permitted, except in the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers.
7. All arrows shall be identical in length, weight, diameter and fletching, with allowance for wear and tear. Powder on the arrow points shall be permitted as a visual aid.
8. The ends or edges or laminated pieces appearing on the inside of the upper limb shall be considered a sighting mechanism.
9. No device of any type, including arrow rest that may be used for sighting may be used or attached to the archer's equipment.
10. The pylon (string clearance bar) will be allowed in this style if it is not located in the sight window.
11. Any part of the arrow rest extending more than ¼ inch above the arrow is deemed illegal in the Bare-Bow style.