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ARCHERY ASSOCIATION  
800 Archery Lane  
Yankton, SD 57078**

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**Course Approval Form For Bowhunter, Marked 3-D, and Unmarked 3-D Ranges.**

Club/Shop Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Club Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

New Course? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Courses \_\_\_\_\_ Targets per Course \_\_\_\_\_

Re-Approval Existing Course? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Inspected By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Inspected \_\_\_\_\_

Inspectors Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Director/Inspector has been provided with a map of the range layout? **(MANDATORY)** Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the location of your course in respect to distance from the nearest town. Example: Range located at 5.5 miles from downtown San Bernardino. Take Interstate 10 to Water exit, go north 2.3 miles to Hunt St. Turn east on Hunt St. and go 1.7 miles.

Bowhunter Range Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Approval forms shall be made in *triplicate*. **One copy** retained by club. **Two copies with a \$15.00 check** for the course approval fee are mailed or given to the **NFAA State Director** who keeps one copy for his or her records, and signs and mails the **original to NFAA Headquarters along with the \$15.00 check for each course approval.**

Course approval shall expire two years from the date of issuance. When a change is made in the course, a new Course Approval must be obtained. The \$15.00 Course Approval fee will apply to each range.

If Course Approval is completed within a month period from the effective date of a New Charter, no fee will be required for the initial approval.

The above Bowhunter facilities have been approved by me or my appointee and have been found to meet all NFAA and State requirements and is chartered with NFAA. I hereby recommend that it be recognized as an official NFAA approved course.

NFAA Director \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name) \_\_\_\_\_ (sign name) \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## COURSE APPROVAL MARKED OR UNMARKED INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

### Safety Requirements:

- a) No course shall receive approval until all safety hazards, in the opinion of the inspector, are removed.
- b) All range inspectors MUST be members of the NFAA.
- c) No paths leaving targets shall go directly behind targets.
- d) If target is situated so that any path, target, road or building are behind at any reasonable distance, then the target must be provided with a adequate backstop.
- e) Practice area must be placed so that no paths, roads, pass a reasonable distance behind practice butt. Practice area shall be treated as giant sized target, and so cleared and backed.
- f) Targets should be placed in shooting lanes to simulate hunting conditions, but at the same time these shots should be good, clean (not clear) and safe shots. Remember, realistic bowhunting practice shots.
- g) If an arrow is lost, the archer may search for their arrow a maximum of 25 yards behind the target. The shooter should place their bow across the shooting lanes in plain sight, or stand their bow in front of the target butt and/or 3-D animal.
- h) A minimum distance ranging from 25 to 50 feet must be provided between any paths or shooting lanes paralleling another shooting lane. This minimum permits tolerance to be used, depending upon terrain or length of shot. Any distance used must preserve absolute safety.
- i) A minimum of 50 yards must be provided behind the target. An appropriate back- stop may be substituted.
- j) Distance on either side of a target to be free from archers shall be 15 - 30 degrees from the shooting position. This does not mean all clear, but only that no shooting positions, waiting areas, etc., be located in this area. To figure the degrees, multiply  $.57735$  x the number of feet between shooting stake and target.
- k) No target shall be situated on top of a hill where a miss becomes virtually a flight arrow.
- l) It is mandatory that on a bowhunter range, the range inspector must be provided, at the time of inspection, with a map of the range layout which will be used for the inspection. Also if an accident occurs during the shoot this may be used for Insurance purposes. A map shall show distances, direction, targets and shooting positions.
- m) Archery range safety warning signs shall be posted on all approved NFAA 3-D ranges at the inspector's discretion.
- n) If simulated moving targets are incorporated into the range they will be operated from behind the shooting position.