

2018 Max Hamilton Competitive Shoot Rules and Format

Scoring:

An Excel spreadsheet will be used for recording and calculating total competitive scores. An archer must complete the morning and afternoon flight in the same class to be eligible for a trophy. The archer with the highest score will be the winner in the applicable class. If a tie exists, the archer with the highest total number of 12s will win. However, if the applicable archers still finish with same amount of 12's, then 10's will be used and then 8's. If a tie still exists, the host club may declare a shoot-off. A shoot-off will consist of a 3D animal set at an unknown distance within the limits of the relevant class. The archer with the highest score will be declared the winner. This process will be repeated until a winner is declared. - If only one archer is present at the shoot-off, he or she will be declared the winner.

Courses:

All classes will shoot two 15 target courses in a single day. 30 targets total

Scoring Areas:

Scoring will be as follows:

- Circle within the 10 ring = 12 points
 If multiple circles are within the 10 ring, the CENTER RING will be scored a 12.
- Circle inside the vital area = 10 points
- Vital area = 8 points
- The remainder of the animal = 5 points
- Failure to hit target (arrow does not stick in target) = 0 points
- If more than one scoring area is visible on a target, the forward or center scoring area will be scored.

Maximum Yardages:

A variance of +/- 3% will be given for the maximum yardages

Stake Color	Max Yardage	Classes
Orange	50	MO, FO, SRO
Pink	40	HCM, HCF, KHM, KHF
Blue	30	TRD, YM, YF
Yellow	25	CM, CF

Equipment Requirements by Class:

Male Open (MO), Female Open (FO), Senior Open (SRO) –

A compound, recurve, or longbow shot with no restriction on sights, stabilizers, or style of release.

Hunter Class Male (HCM), Hunter Class Female (HCF), Known Hunter Male (KHM), Known Hunter Female (KHF) –

A compound, recurve, or longbow shot with or without sights. A sight shall have fixed pins, cross hair, or circle style pins without lens or magnification. If circle style pins are used, all circles must be the same size. A sight may have a rear aperture (i.e., peep sight or fixed rifle type sight). Sights may NOT be adjusted after entering the shooting course. Only ONE stabilizer may be used. The stabilizer shall be no more than 12-inches long, and extend no more than 12 inches from the point of attachment to the riser of the bow. Additional counter balances or weighted attachments are prohibited. (For the purposes of this rule, any device adding length or weight to the stabilizer shall be considered part of the stabilizer and shall be subject to the 12-inch rule.) Unweighted vibration dampeners are not considered to be stabilizers; however, un-weighted vibration dampeners attached to the stabilizer are measured as a

part of the stabilizer and are subject to the 12-inch rule above. Equipment in this class may be shot with any manner of release. Arrows must have screw-in points.

Male and Female Traditional (TRD) –

A recurve or longbow shot with fingers directly contacting the bowstring using a glove, finger tab, or bare fingers. Archers may use up to two (2) nock locating devices, but they must use the same nocking point and anchor point for each shot and the index finger must contact the string in the same place for each shot. The index finger must touch the nock of the arrow. Face or string walking is not permitted. No sighting device of any kind may be used. There shall be no markings on the bow or bowstring (intentional or accidental) that could be construed as sighting marks. No type of draw check will be allowed. No stabilizers, counterbalances, or weights of any kind may be attached or built into the bow, except a quiver clearly designed to hold arrows.

Youth Male (YM), Youth Female (YF), Cub Male (CM), Cub Female (CF) –

A compound, recurve, or longbow shot with or without sights. A sight shall have fixed pins, cross hair, or circle style pins without lens or magnification. If circle style pins are used, all circles must be the same size. A sight may have a rear aperture (i.e., peep sight or fixed rifle type sight). Sights may NOT be adjusted after entering the shooting course. Only ONE stabilizer may be used. The stabilizer shall be no more than 12-inches long, and extend no more than 12 inches from the point of attachment to the riser of the bow. Additional counter balances or weighted attachments are prohibited. (For the purposes of this rule, any device adding length or weight to the stabilizer shall be considered part of the stabilizer and shall be subject to the 12-inch rule.). Un-weighted vibration dampeners are not considered to be stabilizers; however, un-weighted vibration dampeners attached to the stabilizer are measured as a part of the stabilizer and are subject to the 12-inch rule above. Equipment in this class may be shot with any manner of release

Shooting Rules:

- Competitive course must be shot in sequential order. Example: start on target #3, finish on target #2.
- Shooting groups shall NOT consist solely of friends and/or relatives. The archers in a group of close friends and/or relatives are required to make officials aware of this situation. Failing to do so is considered unsportsmanlike conduct.
- In a group that contains archers shooting from different markers, the archers shooting from the farther markers must shoot first. No archer shall approach a target prior to the entire group shooting.
- When shooting, the archer must touch the appropriate marker with some part of his or her body. At times, markers will be set to challenge the archer with various shooting positions.
- Each archer shall be allowed a maximum of two (2) minutes to complete his or her shot.
- Time will begin for the first archer when the previous group clears the target. Time will begin for the next archer when the previous archer releases his or her arrow.
- After shooting, the shooter must immediately clear the marker for the next shooter. Using binoculars from the shooting marker after the shot is prohibited.
- There shall be no discussion of yardage while on a competitive course, even after retrieving arrows.
- No more than one umbrella may be used to assist a shooter at the marker. The maximum umbrella size will be a 70" arched top (typically used in golf).
- All competitive events are based on a "free-hand" style of shooting. No archer shall use any device such as shooting sticks, slings or other such accessories or shooting positions to create a "braced" shot.
- An archer may not use parts of his or her body, the bow, or any other accessories or equipment to calculate yardage.
- Once an archer begins a shooting course, he or she must finish with his or her group unless given permission to leave by a range/event official or his/her group (equipment failure). Any archer that leaves a course without the authorization from a range/event official or his/her group will NOT be allowed to continue.

- No spectators are allowed on any course with competitive shooters. Exception: A parent or guardian accompanying an archer in Cub class.

Rangefinder, Cell Phones and Binocular Rules:

- ANY devices that may be used to calculate yardage and/or angles to the target are not allowed unless it is allowed in that shooting class.
- Cell phones are ONLY to be used on a course when the group decides there is an emergency (injury, equipment failure, etc.) requiring such use OR an archer who is “on call” may answer an incoming phone call. Cell phone “texting” is NOT allowed, except to contact a course official.
- Hand-held binoculars are allowed in all classes. - Binoculars with rangefinder capability are NOT allowed. Archers may utilize binoculars from behind the shooting marker to view the target while waiting their turn or behind a group that is in the process of shooting the applicable target. Binoculars are not to be used from the shooting stake after the shot has been taken. Move from the shooting stake, then glass your shot.

Scoring Rules:

- A minimum of two scorecards must be completed for each archer.
- Scorecards must be split between two scorekeepers so that each scorekeeper has one card for each archer.
- Scoring will be judged by EVERYONE in the group (all archers must go to the target). If agreement by the majority of the group is not possible, the shooter will receive the higher score. If a split decision, shooter will receive the higher score.
- Both scorekeepers must mark ALL scorecards BEFORE ARROWS are pulled from the target. Archers should not touch arrows until scoring is complete. Arrows pulled early will receive a zero.
- An arrow touching the line (no visible gap) of a greater scoring area shall be given the higher score.
- Archers CANNOT touch the arrows or target prior to scoring all arrows.
- Arrows must stick in the target in order to receive a score other than a zero with the exception of a complete pass-through, “robin hood”, or bounce-back.
- An arrow that passes completely through a target may be scored if witnessed and agreed upon by the majority of archers in the group. If the pass-through was witnessed by a member of the group other than the shooter, and the group cannot agree, the archer may re-shoot the target before the group advances to score the target.
- All whole arrows or partial arrows that include the point, that are sticking in the target shall be scored where they penetrate the target. An arrow embedded into another arrow (Robin Hood) in the target shall be scored the same as the arrow embedded into the target.
- An arrow that hits another arrow and sticks in the target will be scored independently. If the arrow does not stick, the arrow will be scored a zero.
- A bounce-back is an arrow that squarely strikes the target and bounces back toward the shooter. An arrow that glances off the target is NOT considered a bounce-back. A bounce-back may be scored if the score can be agreed upon by the majority of archers in the group. If a member of the group other than the archer witnesses the bounce-back and the group cannot agree, the archer may re-shoot the target before the group advances to score the target. This rule (bounce-back) typically applies to Cub classes.
- An arrow released accidentally will be scored a zero unless the archer is able to retrieve the same arrow while remaining in contact with the appropriate marker with some part of his or her body and re-shoot the arrow within the two-minute time period.
- If the two scorekeepers for a group mistakenly record different scores, the inconsistent scores must be corrected as agreed upon by the majority of the group. The error must be crossed out and initialed by both scorekeepers and the correct score will be marked accordingly.
- Scorecards must be legible, complete (total score and number of 12s), and signed or initialed by the archer and scorekeepers to be accepted. Scorecards cannot be changed by a competitor or scorekeeper after submitting the scorecards to a range/event official.

- Each group's scorecards must be turned in together by the ENTIRE group. Any attempt by an archer to knowingly falsify a score, or knowingly allow another person to falsify his or her score, shall result in disqualification.
- Duplicate scorecards will not be issued to replace lost or damaged scorecards, except in unusual circumstances approved by the host club officials.
- The host club reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to correct unintentional errors including but not limited to, score tabulation, lack of initials or signature, posting, etc., which in the opinion of the host club are clearly not a result of an attempted inflation or deflation of the archer's score.

Equipment Failure:

Equipment failures must be visible and agreed upon by the majority of the group. The procedure for dealing with equipment failures shall be as follows:

1. The scorekeepers will tabulate the archer's score to that point, write "equipment failure" on the back of the scorecards of the archer with the equipment failure and sign or initial the back of the scorecards.
2. One scorecard will remain with the group and the remaining scorecard will be given to the archer.
3. If three or more archers remain in the group, they may continue shooting. If two or fewer remain, they must join the following group (so long as it does not result in a group of six or more) or step aside and wait for a range/event official before proceeding.
4. The archer with the equipment failure shall then cautiously proceed FORWARD through the course and immediately notify a range/event official. The archer will be given a time by the range official of when the repair must be completed in order to complete the course.
5. A range/event official will arrange for the archer to be escorted back onto the course to complete the course.
6. Both scorecards will be collected and marked by a range/event official.

Compliance:

Range and event officials are to be respected and have the authority to disqualify an archer from an event for unsafe behavior and/or violations of the rules. Integrity and discipline is expected of every archer. Compliance with the RULES is the responsibility of each of the archers. Host club range and event officials are not expected to be at every target for every shot.

Unsportsmanlike conduct will NOT be tolerated. Any action considered unsportsmanlike by the host club will be grounds for disqualification.

Acknowledgments, Releases and Waivers:

As a participant in the Max Hamilton Archery Shoot, all participants and/or spectators (hereinafter referred to as Releaser) acknowledge by registering or signing/initialing a scorecard the Releaser is VOLUNTARILY participating, allowing participation, and/or attending the applicable event. The Releaser should be aware that an archery tournament creates the risk of serious personal injury and/or death. The Releaser assumes all risk of injury, death, and/or loss of personal property that may result from participation in these archery tournaments. By registering to participate and thereby agreeing to abide by the rules herein, Releaser releases the host club, tournament directors, tournament sponsors, host organizations, property owners, and the tournament staff and volunteers (herein collectively referred to as "Releasees") from liabilities or injuries, damages, or other loss sustained as a result of negligence or strict liability of the released parties. Liability Release: Releaser, being of lawful age, (or, in the case of a minor, through his/her parent or guardian) in consideration of being permitted to participate in various shooting disciplines and activities, either as a member or guest, do for themselves, their spouse, legal representatives, heirs, assigns and subrogors, hereby release, waive and forever discharge Releasees from any and all liability for any and all losses and damages of any type or kind, and from any and all claims, suits, demands, actions or rights of actions, of whatever kind, either in law or equity, arising from or by reason of death, personal injury known or unknown, or property damage resulting from any incident which may occur during Releaser's presence at the event site, and/or

participation in any activity, whether caused in whole or in part by the Releasees or any other person or thing at the host while Releasor is present. Releasor, and his/her parent or guardian in the event Releasor is a minor, agree to fully indemnify, defend and hold Releasees harmless for all Releasor's actions or omissions while at the host. There is no limit to this indemnity. Releasor assumes full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury, death or property damage due to the negligence of the Releasees or any other third party or thing while at the Releasees event site, and while competing, officiating, working, spectating, or for any purpose at the Releasees event site. Releasor fully and completely releases the Releasees and any of its related parties or and from all liability to Releasor and to anyone or any entity claiming by, through or under Releasor, by subrogation or otherwise, it being Releasor's intent to fully waive and release all subrogation rights. Releasor agrees that this Release Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law and that if any portion hereof is held invalid, the balance hereof will continue in full force and effect. Releasor agrees that this release constitutes the entire agreement between Releasor and Releasees and the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital, and the same shall continue in full force and be applicable to any and all activities Releasor attends while at the Releasees event site. Releasor has carefully read this release and understands all of its terms. Releasor accepts the same voluntarily and with full knowledge of its content and significance as a condition of competing and/or spectating. Registering for the applicable event (competitive or fun), signing or initialing a scorecard acts as my signature and confirms my release of liability and my understanding of the Max Hamilton Archery Shoot rules and format.