

Frequently Asked Questions (added June 29, 2017)

SCHEDULE QUESTIONS:

Q: Can we adjust the shooting time for Sunday? We have to catch a plane...

A: Yes. However, please don't ask to do this the day of the event. If you know that you will not be able to shoot at the times identified in the schedule due to travel restrictions, please contact us (somgames@wmarchery.org) in advance so that we can adjust the shooting line. We wish to keep the same scoring groups on each target through the two days of shooting, and would like to make these arrangements in advance.

Q: The times listed on the shooting distance sheet suggest one common starting time for shooting each day. What will the shooting times be?

A: We apologize for any confusion. It is still our plan to run a morning and afternoon shooting time each day on Saturday and Sunday to accommodate the largest possible number of archers. If there is a possible weather event or other circumstance that would lead us to having one starting shooting time for all archers each day, instead of the variation as mentioned for male/female recurve/compound archers, then we will do that. We will notify all archers as early in the week as possible if we anticipate any schedule changes of any sort. Please check your email or our website (wmarchery.org) or Facebook page ("West Michigan Archery Center") on August 1 or later for any such schedule updates or changes. We will do our best to adhere to the schedule shown, but recognize that severe weather is always a possibility in early August in Michigan.

Q: Is it possible to adjust a shooting time so that I can shoot in both the 3D and Target Archery tournament?

A: Yes. As with the previous question, please let us know as soon as possible, and also contact the 3D tournament director. We will try to make this work for you.

Q: I am planning to shoot in both Target and 3D archery tournaments. Are they at the same location?

A: No. The Target Archery tournament is at the West Michigan Archery Center in Rockford, and the 3D Tournament is at the Sparta Hunting and Fishing Club in Sparta. It is about a 15 minute drive from one venue to the other. We will NOT be allowing early starts for selected archers in the target archery tournament within the timeframes for the morning and afternoon shooting times for the group.

QUALIFICATION AND REGISTRATION QUESTIONS:

Q: I qualified in my own state with a different set of rules. Can I register for Target Archery at the State Games tournament?

A: Yes. We recognize that the State Games of different states used a variety of archery tournaments, including FITA, NASP, 3D, IBO, NFAA, and other rules and governing bodies. Even through our target tournament will be a 2-day FITA event, we are treating our tournament as an opportunity for archers of any division types to compete in our event. That does NOT mean, however, that we will be open to tournament rules and equipment types from all of these events... we are using World Archery rules for a 2-day FITA as outlined on the registration page.

Q: If my home state tournament had different rules, can I shoot with those same requirements or bow divisions.

A: No. We do not have the ability to set up multiple divisions with differing rules, so we are asking all participants to review and recognize that we are using FITA rules.

Q: What if I am a FITA archer, but my own state did not offer an archery tournament following FITA rules. Can I still participate?

A: Yes. We recognize that this may be equivalent to not having a State Games tournament in your state to qualify for if your state has archery, but maybe only a NASP or Field archery tournament. If you are a FITA archer and want to participate but did not qualify in your state because of the type of tournament offered in your State Games, please contact us at somgames@wmarchery.org so that we can address your registration appropriately.

Q: Do I need to be a member of the NFAA or NAA (USA Archery) to compete?

A: No. We are just curious if you are a member of these organizations, but we did not register this tournament as a STAR-FITA, recognizing that many qualifiers may not have such memberships.

RULES AND EQUIPMENT QUESTIONS:

Q: Are you strictly following World Archery (FITA) Rules?

A: Generally, except for dress code and team round groupings. We will be using equipment rules and categories per these rules, but are loosening up the rules around appropriate attire to allow for jeans and camouflage colored items. We will still adhere to safety/respect related dress code regulations, including requirements for close-toed shoes and non-objectionable statements.

Q: What distances will I shoot? What if my own State Games did not have such distances?

A: See the shooting distance and target size chart available from our website. While we recognize that some archers qualified under very different rules or distance shooting (including indoor target archery, in some cases), our tournament is adhering to the distance requirements for your age and bow type. If you are not able to shoot at the required distance for your age, you can register as a GUEST, and must contact us in advance to let us know what group you would choose to shoot with. Because we are doing group scoring, we expect all archers to stick with their scoring group through the course of the tournament.

Q: Will we use electronic scoring? If not, can parents help their children score?

A: No. All archers will score in groups by target. All archers should be familiar with tournament scoring procedures. For those unfamiliar, especially those with children, please read the "Tournament Scoring" document available on our website. Parents will NOT be allowed to score or assist on their own child's target.

OTHER QUESTIONS:

Q: How will teams be determined for the team rounds? Should we come prepared to team up with other archers we know?

A: The team rounds are intended to be a fun activity that will allow archers to earn medals and to prepare for the 2-day FITA on the weekend. We will likely set up three team events, which will be shot in match-style rounds (head-on-head elimination rounds). One will be a standard team event with archers grouped by age and bow division, where possible. Others will likely be mixed events including multiple bow types, age divisions, and gender classifications. Because team rounds are so dependent on having large enough groups to compete, we will determine these randomly the week of the event based on registration numbers one week prior to the event.

Q: Will we be able to set up a canopy prior to the tournament? If so, when?

A: Yes. Participants are welcome to come and set up canopy frames as early as Thursday evening. However, for the weekend tournament, please know that archers are shooting in the morning and afternoon, so we are asking morning archers and families to take down their canopies after they compete in the event that they are not watching the shooting in the afternoon.