



2017 State Games of America Summer Event – Outdoor Target Archery:

The West Michigan Archery Center will host a target archery event for the 2017 State Games of America Summer Games. The event will take place at the West Michigan Archery Center, and will take place over August 4-6, 2017 with a 144 arrow FITA tournament format on Saturday and Sunday, and warming up on Friday with an optional Team Round events (registered on-site, weather permitting).

This information has been updated as of July 4, with clarifications and an FAQ section. Updates are noted in Bold Red.

Dates: Friday, August 4 - Sunday, August 6

Events: 1440 round FITA (2-day; 4 targets total at varying distances (see table)
Optional team rounds within bow-type divisions (may span gender / age groups depending on numbers).

Notes: During the FITA events, a break of 15 minutes will be provided between targets. All scheduled sessions may be delayed due to inclement weather. If delays occur, sessions may be adjusted to accommodate. FITA rounds will take priority. Team rounds are included in registration, but not required for participation in the FITA event.

Location: West Michigan Archery Center, 3500 10 Mile Road NE, Rockford, Michigan

Entry Fees:

- Entry fees cover the cost of both the 2-day FITA round AND the Team rounds. There is no single item fee for those not wishing to participate in the FITA only.
- \$40 for JOAD archers (Yoeman - Junior categories) with advanced registration (by June 1)
- \$45 for JOAD archers after June 1, 2017
- \$50 for adult division archers by June 1, \$60 after June 1
- On-site Registration is dependent upon available space, and will be announced after July 1
- Online registration through July 1 will be available at <http://www.stategamesofamerica.com/>

Registration Categories:

Archers must complete in one of the age categories as determined by U.S.A. Archery:

Youth categories: yoeman, bowman, cub, cadet, and junior age divisions

Adult categories: senior, master 50+, master 60+, master 70+, AR - AR3 (disabled categories)

Participants can find more information at <http://wmarchery.org>

Bow types follow USA archery designations: **Recurve, Compound, Compound w/Fingers, Barebow/ Traditional, and Bowhunter (uses equipment designation/rules from USA Collegiate Archery)**

Event Times: Friday, August 4 (Team rounds - brackets will be determined at random)

Team rounds will feature match-style rounds of the following teaming groups:
Same bow/age/gender division; mixed gender; and mixed age divisions.

9:00 am - Morning session check-in and review of rules and scoring considerations

9:30 am - Practice ends (2) begin for initial rounds; scoring ends immediately after

Activities will wrap up by approximately 3:00pm to accommodate Opening Ceremonies

Saturday, August 5 & Sunday, August 6 (144 arrow FITA at varying distance/target sizes)

Morning Session for Male Compound & Female Recurve/Barebow archers on Saturday;
Afternoon for Female Compound & Male Recurve/Barebow; switch order on Sunday

8:00 am - Morning session check-in / registration

8:30 am - Equipment check

9:00 am - Practice ends (2) begin; scoring ends immediately after (approx. 9:20am)

Noon - Afternoon check-in / registration begins

1:30 pm (or 30 minutes following close of morning shooting session) - Equipment check

2:00 pm - Practice ends (2) begin; scoring ends immediately after

If the travel schedule for an archer does not allow for this sequence, we will consider individual requests to switch the shooting sequence to accommodate. Please contact the Tournament Director (somgames@wmarchery.org) in advance.

Registration Categories:

Archers must complete in one of the age categories as determined by U.S.A. Archery:

- Yoeman (for archers who are currently 8 and under, or will turn 9 during the 2016 calendar year)
- Bowman (archers will turn 10, 11, or 12 during the 2017 calendar year)
- Cub (archers who will turn 13 or 14 during the 2017 calendar year)
- Cadet (archers who will turn 15, 16, or 17 during the 2017 calendar year)
- Junior (archers who will turn 18, 19, or 20 during the 2017 calendar year)
- Senior
- Master 50+
- Master 60+
- Master 70+
- AR, AR1, AR2, and AR3 (various disabled categories)

JOAD archers will shoot targets per JOAD rules (including distance and target size). Senior and older archers will use the indoor FITA regulation targets.

Tournament Director:

Stephen Best (SOMGames@wmarchery.org)

For more information, visit the West Michigan Archery Center website at <http://wmarchery.org> for additional information, including maps, rules, and possible lodging options and considerations.

This event will follow FITA rules for shooting order, times, and equipment, but will NOT require FITA-based dress code requirements (other than requiring close-toed shoes and no inappropriate or offensive printing on clothing, at discretion of tournament director) **or membership in USA Archery or the NFAA.** Equipment must meet FITA rules, with arrows having a diameter of 9.3mm or less, and bows having draw weights of 60 lbs or less. All rules and regulations will be posted on the web-site listed below prior to the event.

Because of the length of the tournament, and likely field conditions, participants are welcome to bring outdoor chairs and easy-ups. Snacks and lunch items will be available for purchase at the event.



Outdoor FITA Archery Tournament Shooting Distances and Target Sizes



	Target 1 (1st Game - Day 1)		Target 2 (2nd Game - Day 1)		Target 3 (1st Game - Day 2)		Target 4 (2nd Game - Day 2)	
	Target Size	Target Distance	Target Size	Target Distance	Target Size	Target Distance	Target Size	Target Distance
Yeoman (all)	122cm	20m	122cm	15m	80cm	15m	80cm	10m
Bowman (all)	122cm	30m	122cm	25m	80cm	25m	80cm	20m
Cub (all)	122cm	50m	122cm	40m	80cm	30m	80cm	20m
Cadet (Male)	122cm	70m	122cm	60m	80cm	50m	80cm	30m
Cadet (Female)	122cm	60m	122cm	50m	80cm	40m	80cm	30m
Junior (Male)	122cm	90m	122cm	70m	80cm	50m	80cm	30m
Junior (Female)	122cm	70m	122cm	60m	80cm	50m	80cm	30m
Senior (Male)	122cm	90m	122cm	70m	80cm	50m	80cm	30m
Senior (Female)	122cm	70m	122cm	60m	80cm	50m	80cm	30m
Master 50+, 60+, or 70+ (Male)	122cm	70m	122cm	60m	80cm	50m	80cm	30m
Master 50+, 60+, or 70+ (Female)	122cm	60m	122cm	50m	80cm	40m	80cm	30m
AR1	122cm	70m	122cm	60m	80cm	50m	80cm	30m
AR2 (Male)	122cm	90m	122cm	70m	80cm	50m	80cm	30m
AR2 (Female)	122cm	70m	122cm	60m	80cm	50m	80cm	30m
AR3 (Male)	122cm	90m	122cm	70m	80cm	50m	80cm	30m
AR3 (Female)	122cm	70m	122cm	60m	80cm	50m	80cm	30m

Team rounds will take place at 50m for all except cubs (30m) and bowmen and yeomen (20m) on a 122cm target.

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.