

# Changes for 2026

## Rules and Guidelines 2025-2026

### CLASS DIVISIONS

Adult categories: All ages are as of Jan. 1, 2026. This is the planned list of classes:

Adult Male Compound I (U30 as of Jan. 1, 2026)  
Adult Male Compound II (31 as of Jan. 1, 2026)  
Senior Adult Male Compound (50 as of Jan. 1, 2026)  
Adult Female Compound I (U30 as of Jan. 1, 2026)  
Adult Female Compound II (31 as of Jan. 1, 2026)  
Adult Male Bowhunter I (U30 as of Jan. 1, 2026)  
Adult Male Bowhunter II (31 as of Jan. 1, 2026)  
Senior Adult Male Bowhunter (50 as of Jan. 1, 2026)  
Adult Female Bowhunter I (U30 as of Jan. 1, 2026)  
Adult Female Bowhunter II (31+) as of Jan. 1, 2026)  
Advanced Compound (no age, equipment or gender restrictions, no local payouts, National prize money - \$500, \$300, \$200)  
Adult Female Barebow (all ages)  
Adult Male Barebow U50 (as of Jan. 1, 2026)  
Adult Senior Barebow (50+ as of Jan. 1, 2026 - all genders)  
Traditional - mixed gender/age division - ALL competitors (regardless of age) will shoot from 20 yards  
Adult Recurve (combine male and female classes due to low participation numbers - split later if participation warrants)  
Young Adult Compound Male  
Young Adult Compound Female  
Young Adult Bowhunter Male  
Young Adult Bowhunter Female  
Young Adult Barebow Male  
Young Adult Barebow Female

Young Adult Recurve Male  
Young Adult Recurve Female  
Youth Compound Male  
Youth Compound Female  
Youth Bowhunter Male  
Youth Bowhunter Female  
Youth Barebow Male  
Youth Barebow Female  
Youth Recurve Male  
Youth Recurve Female  
Y/YA Universal Draw (12+, mixed gender)  
Eagle Compound Male  
Eagle Compound Female  
Eagle Bowhunter Male  
Eagle Bowhunter Female  
Eagle Barebow Male (No Genesis)  
Eagle Barebow Female (No Genesis)  
Eagle Universal Draw U12 (Genesis class 10 yard class, mixed gender)  
Eagle Recurve Male  
Eagle Recurve Female  
Jr. Eagle Compound Male  
Jr. Eagle Compound Female  
Jr. Eagle Bowhunter Male  
Jr. Eagle Bowhunter Female  
Jr. Eagle Barebow Male  
Jr. Eagle Barebow Female  
Jr. Eagle Recurve Male  
Jr. Eagle Recurve Female

Archers must register and compete in the gender category that relates to the gender assigned at birth unless it is a mixed gender class.

# DISCIPLINE DEFINITIONS

Disciplines:

- \*Compound (any sight/scope/stabilizers)
- \*Bowhunter (12" front bar, no magnification)
- \*Traditional
- \* Barebow
- \*Olympic Recurve
- \*Universal Draw Class (must use Genesis-standard arrows and bow set ups)

Guidelines for classes:

- \*No magnification for bowhunter classes
- \*Sight adjustments ARE allowed in any classes (as long as it can be done in the time frame available on the shoot clock/while scoring)
- \*No restriction on back bars
- \*Arrows no larger than 27 series
- \*Bowhunter front bar not to exceed 12" from front of riser (this includes quick disconnect)
- \*Barebow tabs are permitted to have a metal plate; String walking is allowed for barebow. In traditional class, string walking or fixed crawls are not allowed. Both categories must shoot with fingers (gloves and tabs are permitted). No sights or marks on bow nor string, which may be used for sighting marks. Finger must touch arrow for traditional.
- \*Barebow must be able to pass through inspection ring.
- \*Clickers are not allowed in barebow or traditional. However, elevated rests are permitted in both.
- \*Traditional -No Quiver, stabilizers, weights attached to traditional bows; no plungers and rest/side plates cannot be adjustable.
- \*Recurve: May have front or back stabilizers of any length.
- \* Recurve: No magnification permitted.
- \* Recurve: riser or sight mounted clickers permitted.
- \*No lighted nocks will be allowed
- \*Any traditional bow not meeting requirements can be shot in the barebow category instead.

## **Classes/Distances**

### **(Age determined as of Jan. 1, 2026)**

Pee Wee (under age 6) \*SHOOTS AT 10 YARDS - If needed, these bales can be shot at 7 yards. We plan on using the bales at the specified distance that is listed on their standings. Let us know if that's an issue.

Jr. Eagle (6-8 years old) \*SHOOTS AT 10 YARDS

Eagle (9-11 years old) \*SHOOTS AT 10 YARDS

Youth (12-14 years old) \*SHOOTS AT 20 YARDS

Young Adult (15+ - Must still be enrolled in secondary school)

\*SHOOTS AT 20 YARDS

Adult classes (Any post-secondary students or those who are not in high school)

\*SHOOTS AT 20 YARDS

\*Any archer must participate in the gender group, which they were classified at birth. The only exception is mixed gender classes.

## TARGET INFORMATION

\*Target used will be the World Face - 3 vertical or 40 cm single spot. Anyone can choose to shoot a one spot if desired.

\*All amateur classes will be using the standard 10-ring/x target (not the 'baby x' target)

\* **FOR THE GAUNTLET ONLY** - Advanced compound class will change to the "Baby x" target - to be scored as 10 (x) or 9 - there will be no 11s. During the regular season, Advanced Compound will shoot the same target as the rest of the competitors.

\*Target center will be 40" from the floor for all qualifier tournaments —  
**TARGETS WILL BE STRAIGHT ACROSS THE MIDDLE OF THE TARGET** - no upper or lower targets

\*\*\*\*\* Targets can be changed at any time - either at the request of the archer, or at the discretion of the lane official or judge

\*Targets will be lined up as A - C- B- D. A & C will be on the outside of a 3-target layout. This will allow 4) 3-spots to be placed across a bale and matches automated clocks.  
With this, A and B will shoot the A (or first line; C and/or D will shoot the second line.

# TOURNAMENT FORMAT

\*Archers will have two minutes to shoot 3 arrow end.

\*We will be shooting a 30 arrow - x will score as an "11" (330 round)

\*In the event that more than one arrow is shot in one of the 3-spots, all arrows will count.

\*Archers may compete in different equipment categories. (IE: Compound and Recurve)

\*All archers must use hip quivers or ground quivers during the tournament.

\*If an archer is struck by another competitor on the line (by arrow, bumped on line, etc), a line judge may allow a reshoot of that arrow with a warning issued.

\*Electronic scoring and paper scorecards will be used. Scorecards MUST be legible, filled out completely, totaled and signed. Changes must have been made during tournament must be initialled by archers and a line judge.

\*Shooters that shoot at least THREE of their circuit's tournaments (for a max score of 990) will be qualified for the National Tournament. Circuits may have up to six shoots, so an archer can miss or drop scores if they shoot more than three. These scores will be combined nationally, for their national ranking score – max 990).

\*Awards will be presented at each qualifying tournament for top 3 individuals in each class - these awards may be available for pick up at the next tournament - there will be no awards ceremony at each event

~~\*Team awards during qualifiers will be presented at each qualifying tournament (Pee Wee team, Jr. Eagle, Eagle, Youth, Young Adult and Adult). Must have five shooters to qualify – award will be on the top 5 cumulative score. No show scores do not count on team scores.~~

To be eligible for national awards, you must have competed in the required number of qualifiers and participate in the actual Gauntlet. Your placement going into the Gauntlet will be forfeited if you do not actually take the stage.

\*National team award will be based on the full-team scoring. Point totals will be counted for all competition classes. Exhibition classes (Pee Wee and Awesome Archers) will not count in this total. Points will be awarded as follows: 10 points for 1st place, 8 points for 2nd place, 6 points for 3rd place, 5 for 4th, 4 for 5th, 3 for 6th, 2 for 7th and 1 for any archer shooting in the Gauntlet in 8th place or below. (This is when there are more than 8 folks in the Gauntlet for some reason.) No show competitors placements will not count on team scores.

\*\*\*TO BE AWARDED ANY NATIONAL HONORS YOU MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE GAUNTLET DURING NATIONALS WEEKEND

In the event of a no-show the archer is removed from the Gauntlet line up, is ineligible for their placement and no team points are awarded

\*\*Last Chance tournament score must be completed the day PRIOR to the class's schedule shoot time in the Gauntlet to allow all the changes in seeding and Bowscore to be made.

FOR THE GAUNTLET ONLY - \*Due to the nature of the competition, no break-down time is available for Gauntlet shooters; having a back up bow on hand is permissible due to that fact