

NEW KENTUCKY PILOT PROGRAM FOR REGIONAL STRUCTURE

We are excited to introduce a new pilot program that we will implement in Kentucky this year as we adopt a regional structure. We face a significant challenge of rapid growth in several of our clubs and areas. Many of our clubs are smaller, which limits their ability to accommodate the growing number of shooters who want to participate.

In addition, since our families spend a lot of time (and money) traveling each year, a pilot regional structure is in the works to help with both aspects.

This is IN KENTUCKY ONLY.

We are working out the bugs for the next state that might reach this participation level.

There will be four regions:

- East Kentucky
- South Central Kentucky
- West Kentucky
- Central Kentucky

Each of these regions will hold the SIX qualifiers that you can participate in to get your three top scores for your national rank. The bonus to this is that all six of your shoots will be within a short travel distance of each other, and you can choose which region to compete in.

There will be three host clubs in each region, with each club hosting two shoots (except for Central, which will have a slightly different setup).

We noticed that participation really increased last year when we had to move to satellite shoot venues because of the weather, and we hope more local shooters will join us since they won't need to travel hours across the state to reach the required number of shoots.

- You must shoot all your qualifiers within the region you choose to compete in.
- If you'd like to shoot at another venue outside your region, you may do so as a guest.
- YOU choose what region you wish to compete within - there are no "boundary lines" to limit you and dictate where you will shoot.
- Just like in the past, you may shoot six tournaments to collect your top 3 scores.
- For those who may have scheduling conflicts with other activities, having all the shoots within an hour of each other will allow you to have less travel time and open up your schedule to participate in other activities/shoots.
- Just like in the past, you will be shooting against the same group of folks (it will just be those in your region, not the state); but all the other states are doing the same,

with everyone's scores going into the national standings (which is what the goal is, no matter where you're shooting)

We are confident that we will encounter many questions and obstacles to overcome, and we appreciate your patience as we work to alleviate some of the time and financial burdens on our families.

One major question we've already discussed is the STATE TOURNAMENT.

This year's state tournament will take place the week before the Gauntlet and be a Lancaster-style (or USA Archery style) elimination tournament with staggered start times.

Since this is a different format, the scores shot here will not be counted in the Gauntlet standings. The tournament will be seeded based on your national ranking, with a 150-round elimination shootout, where those who win advance all the way to the medal matches. (More details about this tournament will be provided later as we finalize the location.)

Regional host clubs are already planning their schedules, and you'll see those very soon. These are the host clubs for this year (we're waiting on final confirmation from a couple to see if they can host with their current schedules).

- **West Kentucky:** Pleasant Valley Archery, WKAC, and Daviess County
- **Southcentral Kentucky:** Lindsey Wilson, Tuckasee Archery,
- **TBD East Kentucky:** Aim Takers, Impact Archery
- **TBD Central Kentucky:** In Range Archery, Anderson Archery, OPS Supply, and M&M Archery

Remember, these clubs are hosting—anyone can shoot at their clubs, regardless of where they're from.

Thank you for stepping out with us on this new endeavor and choosing to shoot with TSO. You are the driving force behind the growth we are experiencing, and we appreciate your full support of our kids, which is what this is all about!