

WSAA Indoor Blueface Mail-in Tournament Rules

GENERAL RULES

1. The indoor Blueface Mail-in Tournament shall consist of six rounds shot over a period of two months using the NFAA Blueface indoor target, single or five-spot face.
2. The distance shot will be 20 yards. Cub and PeeWee distance will be 10 yards.
3. Each round consists of 12 ends of 5 arrows each, total 60 arrows.
4. **Divisions:** Male and Female in all NFAA groups: Pro, Senior Pro (50+), Silver Senior Pro (60+), Master Senior Pro (70+), Adult (18+), Senior (50+), Silver Senior (60+), Master Senior (70+), Young Adult (15-17), Youth (12-14), Cub (8-11) and PeeWee (under 8).
 - a. Archers will use their age at the start of the tournament to determine their division.
 - b. An archer aged 50 and older may compete as an Adult or Senior. Archers aged 60 and older may compete as an Adult, Senior or Silver Senior. Archers aged 70 and older may compete as an Adult, Senior, Silver Senior, or Master Senior.
 - c. Junior archers may elect to compete in any higher age division up through Adult with written parental consent. The Tournament VP will hold this letter. Once this option has been exercised, the archer may not revert.
5. **Styles:**
 - a. Adults, Seniors, Silver Seniors, and Master Seniors shoot Freestyle, Freestyle Limited, Barebow, Bowhunter Freestyle, Traditional, Freestyle Limited Recurve. Adults ONLY may shoot Longbow.
 - b. Juniors (under 18 years of age) shoot Freestyle, Bowhunter Freestyle, Barebow, Freestyle Limited Recurve, and Barebow Recurve.
 - c. All Pro Divisions shoot Freestyle only.
6. NFAA equipment rules will apply to all styles. Equipment may be subject to inspection at any time during the tournament day.
 - a. Peak bow weight is limited to 80 pounds. Maximum arrow speed is limited to 300 feet per second, with a variance of 3%.
 - b. Arrow shaft diameter is not to exceed .422" (27/64) with points no larger than .425". Lighted nocks are not allowed.
7. No archer shall draw a bow in any manner that if accidentally released could fly beyond a safety zone or a safety arrangement overshoot area or backstop. A warning will be given on the first instance. Second instance will require removal of archer from event.
 - a. This judgement may be made by any Tournament Official, or by anyone else, who should then notify a Tournament Official.
 - b. If the action persists after an official warning, the archer may, in the interest of safety, be asked to stop shooting immediately and to leave the course or range.
8. An archer may shoot additional rounds and compete in more than one style (e.g., Freestyle and Bowhunter Freestyle), but may not compete in more than one age division within the same style. Separate fees and a separate registration form are required for each category in which an archer shoots.
9. All state residents must be current WSAA members. Non-members will be permitted to join WSAA prior to the start of the tournament or at the time of registration. Out of state shooters are welcome to compete in this tournament. They must be members of their own state or province archery association or the WSAA and must provide proof at time of registration.
10. All scores must be shot at a WSAA chartered club or shop to be valid. A temporary indoor range may be arranged by a chartered club or shop. Scores shot at the WSAA Blueface Championship and / or the NFAA Indoor Sectional (Washington location) may be counted as mail-in scores if declared before official practice begins.
11. Deadline for registration is two weeks after the start of the tournament. All forms and fees must be received or postmarked by this date.

12. Each shooting group shall select a Site Reporter as soon as possible in the registration process.
 - a. Site Reporters shall identify themselves to the Tournament Director and provide a preferred method of contact (email, phone, etc.)
 - b. The Site Reporter shall receive all mailings and shall be responsible for mailing or emailing the scorecards, or images thereof, to the Tournament Director each week.
 - c. Site Reporters should keep records of all scores turned in in case scores are lost or otherwise in question.
 - d. The Tournament Director shall tabulate the scores from all locations and post them on the WSAA website in a timely manner.
13. All scores except the State Championship and NFAA Sectionals must be submitted by a Site Reporter. Scores shot at a different site should be turned in to their originating Site Reporters, regardless of where the scores were shot.
 - a. Scores submitted by individual shooters will not be accepted.
 - b. Scores must be submitted by email or postmarked no later than 10 days after close of the tournament.
 - c. Scores received more than 10 days after the close of the tournament will not be accepted unless an extension has been specifically granted beforehand by the Tournament Director.
14. A sample scorecard will be available on the WSAA website or will be provided by the Tournament Director.

SHOOTING RULES

1. A Line Captain shall be selected and shall settle all doubtful issues pertaining to shooting and scoring.
2. Each contestant must declare on their scorecard, in writing and BEFORE OFFICIAL PRACTICE BEGINS, whether he/she is shooting for either WSAA Mail-In official score or for practice.
3. There will be two official practice ends consisting of as many arrows as the archer wishes to shoot in 4 minutes.
4. The round will be shot on the NFAA Blueface target (individual's choice of single-spot or five-spot),
 - a. An end shall be comprised of 5 arrows, 4 ends shall be a game.
 - b. There shall be a 4-minute time limit to shoot an end, with a 30 second warning before time expires.
 - c. Two sounds of an audible signal shall notify archers to advance to the shooting line. One sound will be the signal to begin shooting. Three sounds will signify the completion of the end and to stop shooting.
 - (1) If there is more than one line, two sounds will signal the first line to stop shooting and the second line to move to the shooting line. One sound will be the signal for the second line to start shooting and three sounds to stop.
 - (2) Five or more blasts will be a signal to stop shooting immediately, including letting down if a bow is drawn.
 - (3) Verbal announcements may be used in place of a sound signal.
 - d. Archers may nock an arrow, but may not raise their bow arm until the signal to begin shooting has been given.
5. All scoring must be double scoring and a running total MUST be kept.
6. Scoring area values for the single-spot face shall be X (5), 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.
 - a. If shooting the five-spot face, the scoring values shall be X (5), 5, 4.
 - b. The white line that separates the scoring areas shall be entirely in the higher scoring area. Arrow shafts touching the line shall be in the next higher scoring area. If the scoring ring has become distorted due to torn or missing paper, the scorer shall visually reconstruct the natural arc of the scoring ring to determine the value of the arrow(s).
 - c. Scorers shall record X's and numeric values of each arrow on the scorecard. X rings shall be counted and used as tie breakers, and will be considered part of the official score.
7. No archer may advance in front of the shooting line during normal shooting periods for ANY reason.
8. Archers will shoot their assigned target. Archers shooting the lower target will shoot first. After six ends are shot for score, archers shooting bottom targets will move their target face to the top, and archers shooting top targets will move their target face to the bottom.
9. Any archer shooting prior to the beginning whistle or after the whistle signaling the completion of the end will lose the highest scoring arrow or arrows equaling the number of discrepant arrows shot.
10. When using the five-spot target face, an archer may shoot any of the five target spots in any order and shoot as many arrows into any spot as the archer desires, not to exceed the prescribed number of arrows per end.

11. If an archer shoots more than the prescribed number of arrows in an end, the excess arrow or arrows of highest value will not be scored. A penalty of one scoring ring (1 point and 1 x, if applicable) will be assessed for each arrow shot over the prescribed number of arrows.
12. If an arrow is dropped while the archer is in the act of shooting, he/she may shoot another arrow in place of the dropped arrow if any part of the arrow is within ten feet of the shooting line.
13. All scoring shall be completed before an arrow in the target face or the target face itself may be touched. A questionable arrow touched by any person before it is scored must take the lower score.
14. Witnessed bounce outs and pass-throughs will be re-shot at the end of the round after all other scoring is completed. An arrow embedded past the nock that cannot be scored must be reshot. No arrow may be pushed back through the target. This is subject to the discretion of the line captain.
15. An arrow embedded in the nock of another arrow will be scored the same as the arrow it struck.
16. Hits on the wrong target will be scored as misses.
17. The Line Captain will make all decisions on scoring questionable arrows and his/her decision is final.
18. Any archer who purposely disfigures a target face for any reason may be disqualified. Arrow holes may be repaired provided there is no delay to the round. Names may be written on the target if not in the scoring area.
- 19 Any archer acting in an unsportsmanlike manner shall be IMMEDIATELY disqualified.
20. In the event of equipment failure, verified by the Line Captain, the archer shall have fifteen minutes to make repairs without holding up the tournament.
 - a Backup bows may be used.
 - b. The archer shall be given one end (five arrows) for the purpose of resighting.
 - c. Make up arrows will be shot at the end of the round in the presence of the Line Captain.
 - d. The occurrence of repair or replacement may not happen more than once during a round.
21. In case of major equipment failure which cannot be repaired in the time allowed, an archer may suspend shooting and continue the round at a later date. Either repaired or replaced equipment may be used.
 - a. The Site Reporter will retain the scorecards until the round is completed.
 - b. The make-up round will be shot in the presence of the Line Captain or Site Reporter.
 - c. This occurrence of suspending and continuing shooting may not happen more than once in the series.
 - d. This option applies to the Mail-In Tournament ONLY.
- 22 The use of spotting scopes will be permitted both on and off the shooting line. However, on-line scopes will be restricted to small hand-held scopes. Archers will not be allowed to step on and off the line to use spotting scopes. No verbal communication between shooters and spotters will be allowed.
23. Any equipment that impairs the hearing of the competitor will not be allowed on the shooting line.
24. Registered shooters must complete all six rounds to be eligible for awards.
25. It is the archer's responsibility to ensure scorecards are complete and accurate. Before submitting them to tournament officials, the archer should verify that:
 - a. Arrow values, target totals and X-counts have been fairly and accurately recorded. If there is a difference in an arrow value or a target value between the two score cards, the lower score must be taken.
 - b. The round total score and total X-count have been accurately calculated and transcribed to the summary block on the scorecard as appropriate.
 - c. Scorecards have been signed by the shooter and two scorers in that group (three DIFFERENT signatures are required). The score caller is a scorer, along with the scorekeepers. All signers must be WSAA members.
26. All Youth, Cubs and PeeWees must have their scorecards checked and signed by an adult.
27. All scorecards must be turned in within one hour of the completion of the round. It is each archer's responsibility to ensure their scorecard is turned in to registration and that they are registered in the proper classification. Classification cannot be changed after the first day.
28. Once signed and submitted, a score cannot be changed. The signatures are a guarantee that the score is accurate and true. If scorecards are turned in not tallied or not properly signed, they may be disqualified or the lower score used for official score.

29. The winners are the archers with the highest total score and X-count in each division and style and awards will be presented according to the unit rule.
 - a. The unit rule determines the number of archers receiving awards in each division and style. One award for 1-3 shooters, two awards for 4-6 shooters, three if there are 7 or more. Places (1st, 2nd, 3rd) will be determined by the number of awards allowed and whether there are ties. The number of awards may be increased if there are ties for the last place allowed by the unit rule.
 - b. Ties in the overall score will be decided by the highest first round score and X count, then the highest second round score and X count. Scores still tied will receive equal awards and the number of places shall be reduced accordingly.
30. Any rules not covered above shall be referred to the Tournament VP.
31. Any grievances must be presented in writing to the Tournament Committee and must be accompanied by a \$25.00 fee, which will be refunded if the grievance is upheld.