

I.B.O. TRADITIONAL RULES

The rules for combined shoots (defined as a tournament in which compound and traditional classes compete in the same venue) differ from the standalone traditional shoots. The traditional only venue enables IBO to further break shooting classes down to accommodate various recurve and longbow shooting styles. At all combined events the recurve, and modern longbow will compete in one class – Traditional.

I. IBO Membership

An archer does not have to be an IBO member to shoot in the IBO Traditional Worlds. An archer must be an IBO member to compete in a State Championship, IBO Indoor World, World Qualifying Events, National Triple Crown, or World Championship, except as noted in E-2 below.

II. Awards, Purses, and Entry Fees

A. The number of awards given in classes at any IBO sanctioned event will be based on ten percent (10%) of the total number of participants in that class. A class must have at least three (3) participants at the first leg of any multi-event competition such as the IBO National Championship Triple Crown to award a class Champion. To win, a participant must shoot all legs of the combined event. The National Triple Crown is a club sponsored event. The rules governing the National Triple Crown are established by the three host clubs. All ‘combined’ IBO rules apply at National Triple Crown events.

B. Checks representing any amount won by a shooter at an IBO National or World event will be mailed to the winners. To allow for any questions, discrepancies, or corrections of any national or world event results, a five-business-day certification period will be used for future tournaments. At the end of this five-day period, results will be considered final and checks will be sent.

III. TARGETS AND SCORING AREAS

A. Targets

1. At all IBO-sanctioned shooting events, targets shall consist of 2-D silhouette or 3-D type animal targets having official IBO scoring areas.

2. Host clubs may mix the size of the animals so long as the targets have official IBO scoring areas.

3. Targets shall be set at unmarked distances. Classes will shoot the following stakes:

a. Red Stake: Cub (Used at the IBO Traditional World Championship only)

b. White Stake: Youth, Juniors, All Female Classes, LB and PRM

c. Orange Stake: MLB, REC, RU, SR

- **At all combined (compound and Trad) events traditional (TRD) class includes MLB, REC, SR.**
- **(FTRD) will include FLB,FREC**
- **(YU) will include eagle and cub**

Care shall be taken when setting targets not to over rotate or excessively lean the targets to ensure that the entire vital area can be safely shot.

B. Scoring Areas: For all IBO-sanctioned shooting events, the targets shall have scoring areas as follows:

1. An “11” ring consisting of a circle centered within the 10 ring. The circle size should be approximately twenty five percent (25%) of the size of the 10 ring.

2. A 10 ring consisting of a circle inside the vital area.

3. A vital area (8-ring) that roughly approximates the heart, lung, and liver area of the appropriate animal.

4. The remainder of the animal shall be considered a “body” except as set out in Paragraph 5 below.

5. An arrow embedded in the horn of an animal, not touching body color, is considered a miss and is scored as a zero. Targets with legs or hooves of a different color than the main body will still be considered as body color for scoring.

6. Some targets have material surrounding the actual outline of a target animal. This additional material will NOT be counted for score.

IV. SHOOTING RULES AND ETIQUETTE

A. Shooting Etiquette

1. Shooting groups shall not consist solely of friends and relatives. Such groups shall be “busted” by including at least one outsider who will keep score, whenever possible. A group of friends and or relatives must be aware that good sportsmanship requires an additional competitor/scorekeeper be added to their group. The archers in a group of friends and or relatives are required to make range officials aware of this situation. Failing to do so is unsportsmanlike conduct.

2. An archer may only participate in one class at any one IBO-sanctioned event. This does not prevent an archer from shooting a different style or class at a different event.

3. In a group that contains archers shooting from different stakes, the archers shooting from the farther stakes must shoot first. No archer (or spectator) shall approach a target prior to the entire group shooting.

4. When shooting, the archer must touch the appropriate stake with some part of his or her body. At times, stakes are set to challenge the archer with various shooting positions. Alterations to the ground around the shooting stake, using any tools or leveling aids, natural or otherwise, is not permitted. After shooting, the shooter should immediately clear the stake for the next shooter. Using binoculars from the shooting stake after the shot is prohibited.

5. There shall be no discussion of yardage until all arrows have been scored. Discussion of yardage is permitted only among archers who have shot the subject target and must be done in a manner to ensure that other archers who have yet to shoot the target will not be assisted.

B. Scoring

1. Scorecards

a. At all IBO-sanctioned shooting events, two score cards must be completed for each archer. Scorecards must have the archer's name, address, and IBO membership number, and the IBO membership number of each scorekeeper.

b. Scorecards must be split between two scorekeepers so that each scorekeeper has one card for each archer. Both scorekeepers must agree on a score, compare and punch or mark the scorecards before the arrows are pulled from the target.

c. Arrows pulled early will receive a zero. Repeated violations of this rule will result in the offending archer being disqualified.

d. If the two scorekeepers for a group mistakenly record different scores, the inconsistent scores must be corrected as agreed upon by the majority of the group. The error must be circled and initialed by both scorekeepers and the correct score punched or otherwise clearly marked. If agreement by the majority of the group is not possible, the shooter will receive the lower of the two scores.

e. Score cards must be legible, complete, and signed by the archer to be accepted. No scorecard may be changed by a competitor or scorekeeper after submitting it to a range official.

f. Scorecards will be collected at the end of each course. Each group's scorecards must be turned in together by the entire group.

g. Archers shall be responsible for their own scorecards. It is up to each archer to ensure that his or her scorecard meets the above requirements. Duplicate cards will not be issued to replace lost or damaged cards, except in unusual circumstances approved by the host and or IBO tournament officials in their sole discretion.

h. Host clubs shall keep scorecards for one year following an IBO-sanctioned shooting event.

i. Any attempt by an archer to knowingly falsify a score, or knowingly allow another to falsify his or her score, shall result in a disqualification of that archer for that shooting event, and that archer shall be ineligible to participate in an IBO-sanctioned shooting event for a one (1)-year period. A suspended competitor may petition the IBO Board of Directors for reinstatement.

j. The IBO reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to correct harmless errors including but not limited to, score tabulation, lack of initials or signature, posting, etc., which in the opinion of the IBO are clearly not a result of an attempted inflation of the archer's score.

2. Scoring Arrows

a. Scores will be tabulated as follows:

- i. 11 points: 11 ring or "X" ring centered inside the 10 ring
- ii. 10 points: 10 ring or heart
- iii. 8 points: Vital
- iv. 5 points: Body
- v. 0 points: Miss or arrow not touching body color.

b. If more than one scoring area is visible on a target, the host organization of any IBO sanctioned event shall note which area shall be used at the shooting stake. In the event that such a target is not posted, either scoring area can be used.

c. An arrow touching the line of a greater scoring area shall be given the higher score.

d. Arrows must stick in the target in order to receive a score other than a zero with the exception of a pass-through, robinhood, or bounce-back as set out in Paragraphs (e) (f), and (g) below.

e. An arrow that passes through a target may be scored if witnessed and agreed upon by the majority of archers in the group. A pass-through is an arrow passing completely through the target with material 360 degrees around the arrow, leaving a separate entrance and exit hole. If the pass-through was witnessed by a member of the group other than the shooter, and the group cannot agree, the archer may re-shoot the target before the group advances to score the target.

f. All whole arrows, or partial arrows that are sticking in the target shall be scored where they penetrate the target. An arrow embedded into the nock end of an arrow embedded in the target shall be scored the same as the arrow embedded into the target. An arrow that hits another arrow—with the arrow being struck showing visible damage—that does not stick in the target shall be given the score of the arrow that was struck. The majority of the group must agree that 1) a particular arrow was struck, and 2) that striking the arrow prevented the arrow from sticking in the target, or the arrow shall be scored as a miss.

g. A bounce-back is an arrow that squarely strikes the target and bounces back toward the shooter. An arrow that glances off the target is not considered a bounce-back. A bounce-back may be scored if the score can be agreed upon by the majority of archers in the group. If a member of the group other than the archer witnesses the bounce-back and the group cannot agree, the archer may re-shoot the target before the group advances to score the target. When scoring Cubs it is advisable to have one archer observe the target with binoculars as the young archer shoots. This will enable more accurate scoring for a bounce-back.

h. An arrow released or dropped accidentally will be scored a zero unless the archer is able to retrieve it while touching the stake

i. Any arrow intentionally shot into the ground or any object other than the target shall be considered an act of unsportsmanlike conduct and the arrow scored a zero.

C. Binoculars and Rangefinders

1. Hand-held binoculars are allowed without magnification limitations. Rangefinders are not allowed.

2. Binoculars shall not be used at the stake after the shot has been taken. Archers may utilize binoculars additionally to view the target while waiting their turn at the shooting stake or from an on-deck area behind a group that is in the process of shooting a target.

D. Equipment Failures and Leaving the Course

1. Once an archer begins a shooting course, he or she must finish with his or her group unless given permission to leave by a range official, or in the event of equipment failure his or her shooting group. Any archer or group that leaves a range without the authorization of a range official will not be allowed to continue.

2. When possible, in the case of inclement weather, a siren or other warning system shall be implemented, indicating that a potential emergency exists and all shooting and practice ranges are immediately closed. When this warning has been sounded, all shooting activity must cease, and everyone should seek appropriate shelter. Archers shall use the utmost caution to ensure the safety of all persons involved. Archers may only resume shooting activity after being instructed by the IBO, the host organization, or other range officials on the proper manner to re-enter the competition ranges once the emergency has passed and the ranges have been re-opened. Due to the severe risk to one's self or other shooters and/or range personnel in a potential emergency situation, any attempt to circumvent these safety warnings and continue shooting will be viewed as unsportsmanlike conduct and will be grounds for immediate disqualification.

3. Once an archer begins a shooting course, he or she may not exchange equipment unless there is an equipment failure as set out below.

4. Equipment failures must be visible and agreed upon by the majority of the group. The procedure for dealing with equipment failures shall be as follows:

- a. The scorekeepers for the group shall write “equipment failure” on the scorecard of the archer with the equipment failure and initial the scorecard.
- b. The scorekeepers will tabulate the archer’s score to that point and initial the cards appropriately.
- c. The archer with the equipment failure shall then cautiously proceed forward through the course and immediately notify a range official.
- d. If three or more archers remain in the group, they may continue shooting. If two or fewer remain, they must join the following group (so long as it does not result in a group of six or more) or step aside and wait for range official before proceeding. If range officials are not readily available, then the group should proceed through the range to the check station.
- e. The archer will be given a time by a range official within which the repair must be completed.
- f. A range official will hold the archer’s scorecards until the repair is completed and the archer is escorted back onto the course by a range official.
- g. Any archer leaving the range without following the guidelines as set out in section (D) of this rule may be disqualified.

E. Peer Groups

1. A peer group may be made of up to 10 scores from a previous competition in a particular class. These scores will not include any tiebreakers. All shooters tied for a score will make up one score for this purpose. (Combined events – top 5 scores)
2. The IBO or a host club (at the state, regional, or national level) may require an archer to shoot in a peer group at a particular event. If an archer is registered by the IBO or a host club in a peer group and that archer does not shoot in the group, his or her score will not be ineligible for National awards of any kind.
3. If peer groups are assigned, the host organization will send a letter of invitation for an archer to participate in a peer group; however, it is still the shooter’s responsibility to determine if he or she is required to shoot in a peer group. An archer may check the IBO web site, call the IBO office, check with the host club, or check in at registration, to determine if he or she is required to attend a meeting for the purpose of being assigned to shoot in a peer group.

F. Tie Scores, Unsportsmanlike Conduct, and Misc.

1. 11s will be used to break ties. The archer with the most 11s will be the winner. However, if two or more archers still finish with identical scores, the host club may declare a shoot-off. A shoot-off will consist of a 3-D animal set at an unknown distance, within the limits of the relevant class, and an "X" shall be placed in the center of the highest-scoring area. The archer whose arrow is the closest to the "X" will be declared the winner. If only one archer is present at the shoot-off, he or she will be declared the winner.

2. No alcoholic beverages may be carried or consumed on any shooting course, range, or practice area by anyone during shooting hours. If in the opinion of a range official, an archer who is under the influence of alcohol attempts to enter a course, range, or practice area, the archer will not be allowed to shoot and will be suspended from that competition. Repeated violations may result in a revocation of IBO membership and a ban from all IBO-sanctioned competitions.

3. Spectators shall not distract, interfere with, or assist archers while on the shooting course or range.

4. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Any action considered unsportsmanlike by the host club or the IBO will be grounds for disqualification and/or suspension from membership. Examples of unsportsmanlike conduct include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Communicating to another archer the yardage of a particular target that the other archer has not yet shot.

b. Using a cell phone on the shooting range. Cell phones are only to be used when the group decides there is an emergency requiring such use. Upon entering a range, all cell phones are to be switched off.

c. Disobeying or disregarding the orders of a range official or shoot official.

V. Shooting Classes:

A. MEN'S

1. Primitive (PRM)

a. Bow – No man made material can be used on bow except string material and glue. No performance enhancing material may back the bow (ie. Another wood, bamboo, rawhide or sinew). Only decorative materials such as snake skins may be used.

b. Arrow – Must be wood, bamboo or cane.

A Primitive bow shot with fingers directly contacting the bowstring using a glove, finger tab, or bare fingers, Archers may use up to two (2) nock locating devices, but they must use the same nocking point and anchor point for each shot and the index finger must contact the string in the same place for each shot. The index finger must touch the nock of the arrow. Face and/or string walking are not permitted.

No sighting device of any kind may be used. There shall be no markings on the bow or bowstring (intentional or accidental) that could be construed as sighting marks. No type of draw check or clicker may be used. Arrows shall be made of wood, bamboo or cane and shall be identical in length, weight, and color (allowances shall be made for normal wear). Arrows shall be shot off the hand or shelf of the riser. No soft materials that will assist or affect the paradox of the arrow may be used to build up the shelf or strike plate of the riser. Archers may use a hard material on the shelf or on the side of the riser under a hair or leather strip that does not exceed 1/8" thickness. The shelf may not be built up in a manner that will give the archer an advantage in terms of feather or vane clearance. The intent is that the shelf meets the side of the riser (strike plate) so the built-up shelf may not be a pyramid that provides clearance and separation from the bow riser. PRM archers will shoot from the White stake.

A Primitive Bow shot in PRM shall conform to the following specifications:

1. The bowstring, when the bow is strung, may only contact the nocks of the bow.
2. A primitive bow shall not be backed with any performance enhancing material. No sinew or other woods may back the bow. A one or two piece (joined in the handle) bow made from one piece of wood may be used. Snake skins or other decorative cloth or skins may be glued to the bow but nothing that will enhance performance.
3. No stabilizers, counterbalances, or weights of any kind may be attached or built into the bow; except a bow quiver clearly designed to hold arrows.

2. Longbow (LB)

- a. Bow – One-piece, or two-piece take-down at all IBO events.
- b. Arrow – Must be wood, bamboo or cane.

A longbow shot with fingers directly contacting the bowstring using a glove, finger tab, or bare fingers, archers may use up to two (2) nock locating devices, but they must use the same nocking point and anchor point for each shot and the index finger must contact the string in the same place for each shot. The index finger must touch the nock of the arrow. Face and/or string walking are not permitted. No sighting device of any kind may be used. There shall be no markings on the bow or bowstring (intentional or accidental) that could be construed as sighting marks. No type of draw check or clicker may be used. Arrows shall be made of wood and shall be identical in length, weight, and color (allowances shall be made for normal wear). Arrows shall be shot off the hand or shelf of the riser. No soft materials that will assist or affect the paradox of the arrow may be used to build up the shelf or strike plate of the riser. Archers may use a hard material on the shelf or on the side of the riser under a hair or leather strip that does not exceed 1/8" thickness. The shelf may not be built up in a manner that will give the archer an advantage in terms of feather or vane clearance. The intent is that the shelf meets the side of the riser (strike plate) so the built-up shelf may not be a pyramid that provides clearance and separation from the bow riser. Archers will shoot from the White stake.

A longbow shot in LB shall conform to the following specifications:

1. The bowstring, when the bow is strung, may only contact the nocks of the bow.
2. No stabilizers, counterbalances, or weights of any kind may be attached or built into the bow; except a bow quiver clearly designed to hold arrows.

3. Modern Longbow (MLB)

- a. Bow – Can be of any design as long as string only touches string groove or bow tip.

- b. Arrow – an arrow of any material may be used. Aluminum or carbon arrows must have screw-in field points; wood arrows may have glue on points. All arrows must have at least three (3) feathers or vanes no less than four (4) inches long.

A longbow shot with fingers directly contacting the bowstring using a glove, finger tab, or bare fingers. Archers may use up to two (2) nock locating devices, but they must use the same nocking point and anchor point for each shot and the index finger must contact the string in the same place for each shot. The index finger must touch the nock of the arrow. Face and/or string walking are not permitted. No sighting device of any kind may be used. There shall be no markings on the bow or bowstring (intentional or accidental) that could be construed as sighting marks. No type of draw check will be allowed. All arrows must be the same length and weight. No stabilizers, counterbalances, or weights of any kind may be attached or built into the bow, except a quiver clearly designed to hold arrows. Arrows shall be shot off the hand or shelf of the riser only. An arrow side plate (if used) may only extend one (1) inch above the arrow. No soft materials that will assist or affect the paradox of the arrow may be used to build up the shelf or strike plate of the riser. Archers may use a hard material on the shelf or on the side of the riser under a hair or leather strip that does not exceed 1/8" thickness. The shelf may not be built up in a manner that will give the archer an advantage in terms of feather or vane clearance. The intent is that the shelf meets the side of the riser (strike plate) so the built-up shelf may not be a pyramid that provides clearance and separation from the bow riser. Archers will shoot from the Orange stake.

4. Recurve (REC)

- a. Bow – a recurve or longbow shot with fingers directly contacting the bowstring using a glove, finger tab, or bare fingers. Archers may use up to two (2) nock locating devices, but they must use the same nocking point and anchor point for each shot and the index finger must contact the string in the same place for each shot. The index finger must touch the nock of the arrow. Face and/or string walking are not permitted. No sighting device of any kind may be used. There shall be no markings on the bow or bowstring (intentional or accidental) that could be construed as sighting marks. No type of draw check will be allowed.

- b. Arrows - arrows may be made of any material. All arrows must be the same length and weight. Aluminum or carbon arrows must have screw-in field points; wood arrows may have glue on points. All arrows must have at least three (3) feathers or vanes no less than four (4) inches long.

- c. No stabilizers, counterbalances, or weights of any kind may be attached or built into the bow,

except a quiver clearly designed to hold arrows. Arrows shall be shot off the hand or shelf of the riser only. An arrow side plate (if used) may only extend one (1) inch above the arrow. No soft materials that will assist or affect the paradox of the arrow may be used to build up the shelf or strike plate of the riser. Archers may use a hard material on the shelf or on the side of the riser under a hair or leather strip that does not exceed 1/8" thickness. The shelf may not be built up in a manner that will give the archer an advantage in terms of feather or vane clearance. The intent is that the shelf meets the side of the riser (strike plate) so the built-up shelf may not be a pyramid that provides clearance and separation from the bow riser. Recurve archers will shoot from the orange stake.

5. Recurve Un-Aided (RU)

a. A recurve or longbow shot with fingers directly contacting the bowstring using a glove, finger tab, or bare fingers. No sighting device of any kind may be used. A rest and plunger are all that may reside within the sight window of the bow. A stabilizer may be used but will not exceed 12" in length in all IBO shoots. A clicker is allowed but must not be mounted in the sight window of the riser. There shall be NO markings on the bow or bowstring (intentional or accidental) that could be construed as sighting marks. String walking and face walking are permitted in the RU class. RU archers will shoot from the orange stake.

b. Arrows - All arrows shall be of the same material and be of uniform length and weight.

6. Seniors (SR)

The senior class is for archers 60 years of age or older on the day of the Traditional Worlds shoot. Archers may shoot the bow that they would otherwise shoot with established classes. Archers choosing to shoot in the Senior class may shoot against LB, PRM, *RU, REC etc. with the class. The bow/arrows they choose to shoot must comply with the standards for the class they would otherwise shoot. Archers will shoot from orange stake

* Any rest may be used, any arrow, 12" stabilizer. No stringwalking and no clickers in the Senior class.

B. WOMEN'S

1. Longbow (FLB)

a. Bow – String can only touch the string groove of tip. Bow can be center shot.

b. Arrow – Can be of any material, fletching and type of arrow point.

A longbow shot with fingers directly contacting the bowstring using a glove, finger tab, or bare fingers. Archers may use up to two (2) nock locating devices, but they must use the same nocking point and anchor point for each shot and the index finger must contact the string in the same place for each shot. The index finger must touch the nock of the arrow. Face and/or string walking are not permitted. No sighting device of any kind may be used. There shall be no markings on the bow or bowstring

(intentional or accidental) that could be construed as sighting marks. No type of draw check will be allowed. No stabilizers, counterbalances, or weights of any kind may be attached or built into the bow, except a quiver clearly designed to hold arrows. Arrows shall be shot off the hand or shelf of the riser only. An arrow side plate (if used) may only extend one (1) inch above the arrow. No soft materials that will assist or affect the paradox of the arrow may be used to build up the shelf or strike plate of the riser. Archers may use a hard material on the shelf or on the side of the riser under a hair or leather strip that does not exceed 1/8" thickness. The shelf may not be built up in a manner that will give the archer an advantage in terms of feather or vane clearance. The intent is that the shelf meets the side of the riser (strike plate) so the built-up shelf may not be a pyramid that provides clearance and separation from the bow riser. Shoot from the white stake.

2. Recurve (FREC)

a. A recurve or longbow shot with fingers directly contacting the bowstring using a glove, finger tab, or bare fingers. Archers may use up to two (2) nock locating devices, but they must use the same nocking point and anchor point for each shot and the index finger must contact the string in the same place for each shot. The index finger must touch the nock of the arrow. Face and/or string walking are not permitted. No sighting device of any kind may be used. There shall be no markings on the bow or bowstring (intentional or accidental) that could be construed as sighting marks. No type of draw check will be allowed. No stabilizers, counterbalances, or weights of any kind may be attached or built into the bow, except a quiver clearly designed to hold arrows. Arrows shall be shot off the hand or shelf of the riser only. An arrow side plate (if used) may only extend one (1) inch above the arrow. No soft materials that will assist or affect the paradox of the arrow may be used to build up the shelf or strike plate of the riser. Archers may use a hard material on the shelf or on the side of the riser under a hair or leather strip that does not exceed 1/8" thickness. The shelf may not be built up in a manner that will give the archer an advantage in terms of feather or vane clearance. The intent is that the shelf meets the side of the riser (strike plate) so the built-up shelf may not be a pyramid that provides clearance and separation from the bow riser. Archers will shoot from the white stake.

b. Arrow – can be of any material, fletch or point

C. YOUTH - The IBO Traditional Worlds provides an opportunity to divide the youth divisions differently than at other IBO events. Those classes that apply only to Traditional Worlds are indicated as such below.

*** The following rules apply to the IBO Traditional World Championships And all Traditional stand alone events.**

1. (CUB) Archers up to 10 years of age at time of tournament.

a. Arrow – can be of any material, fletch or point type.

b. A recurve or longbow shot with fingers directly contacting the bowstring using a glove, finger tab, or bare fingers. Archers may use up to two (2) nock locating devices, but they must use the same

nocking point and anchor point for each shot and the index finger must contact the string in the same place for each shot. The index finger must touch the nock of the arrow. Face and/or string walking are not permitted. No sighting device of any kind may be used. There shall be no markings on the bow or bowstring (intentional or accidental) that could be construed as sighting marks. No type of draw check will be allowed. No stabilizers, counterbalances, or weights of any kind may be attached or built into the bow, except a quiver clearly designed to hold arrows. An arrow side plate (if used) may only extend one (1) inch above the arrow. Archers will shoot from the Red stake.

3. Eagle – (Eagle) Up to 13 years of age at time of tournament. **This class is only applicable at the IBO Traditional World Championships and Traditional stand alone events.**

a. A recurve or longbow shot with fingers directly contacting the bowstring using a glove, finger tab, or bare fingers. Archers may use up to two (2) nock locating devices, but they must use the same nocking point and anchor point for each shot and the index finger must contact the string in the same place for each shot. The index finger must touch the nock of the arrow. Face and/or string walking are not permitted. No sighting device of any kind may be used. There shall be no markings on the bow or bowstring (intentional or accidental) that could be construed as sighting marks. No type of draw check will be allowed. No stabilizers, counterbalances, or weights of any kind may be attached or built into the bow, except a quiver clearly designed to hold arrows. Arrows shall be shot off the hand or shelf of the riser only. No soft materials that will assist or affect the paradox of the arrow may be used to build up the shelf or strike plate of the riser. Archers may use a hard material on the shelf or on the side of the riser under a hair or leather strip that does not exceed 1/8” thickness. An arrow side plate (if used) may only extend one (1) inch above the arrow. Youth archers will shoot from the White stake.

b. Arrow – can be of any material, fletch or point

4. Youth – (YU) Up to 16 years of age at time of tournament.

a. A recurve or longbow shot with fingers directly contacting the bowstring using a glove, finger tab, or bare fingers. Archers may use up to two (2) nock locating devices, but they must use the same nocking point and anchor point for each shot and the index finger must contact the string in the same place for each shot. The index finger must touch the nock of the arrow. Face and/or string walking are not permitted. No sighting device of any kind may be used. There shall be no markings on the bow or bowstring (intentional or accidental) that could be construed as sighting marks. No type of draw check will be allowed. No stabilizers, counterbalances, or weights of any kind may be attached or built into the bow, except a quiver clearly designed to hold arrows. Arrows shall be shot off the hand or shelf of the riser only. An arrow side plate (if used) may only extend one (1) inch above the arrow. No soft materials that will assist or affect the paradox of the arrow may be used to build up the shelf or strike plate of the riser. Archers may use a hard material on the shelf or on the side of the riser under a hair or leather strip that does not exceed 1/8” thickness. Junior archers will shoot from the White stake.

b. Arrow – can be of any material, fletch or point type.

VI. IBO Traditional Worlds additional events.

Due to dedicated sponsors, the Traditional World Championships provides a unique opportunity to hold additional contests simultaneous to the Worlds.

A. Hunter Challenge Showcase Shootdown

The Hunter Challenge is a 3D course that is shot and scored like a normal IBO course. Shooters shoot from the same color stakes as with all IBO events. At the discretion of the host club there may be a few optional bonus targets placed throughout the course. Shooters will be competing for awards within their respective IBO classes, but at a predetermined cutoff time scores will be compiled to determine the top 32 male and top 16 female scores irrespective of class. The top archers will then be bracketed for head-to-head competition. Bracketing will be based on the archers score so that the highest scores shoot against the lowest scores in the first round. The head-to-head shoot down will be conducted in a location that enables spectators' optimal viewing of the shoot. A coin toss will determine which archery shoots first. The winner of the toss can elect to shoot first or elect to shoot second. After the first shot archers will alternate shooting. Archers will then shoot five (5) 3D targets head-to-head. At the end of each round half of the shooters will be eliminated. This process will continue until one archer is determined the winner. If at the end of five targets two archers are tied, they will shoot an additional target with the archer shooting an arrow closest to the center of the 11-ring being determined the winner.

B. Mixed Team Competition. All ladies will have an opportunity to place their name on a list at registration to serve as a team captain in the mixed team competition. All men desiring to participate will place their name in a hat for an opportunity to be drawn as a team member. Team captains (ladies) will draw men's names from a hat to form 3-archer teams. Teams will then be randomly drawn and placed in a bracket for head-to-head competition shot in a location that will provide optimal viewing for spectators. All 6 archers (two teams) will shoot an arrow from the same designated stake at their target before scoring. Five (5) targets will be shot and the highest scoring team will advance to the next round. Standard IBO scoring will be used and the archers will shoot the equipment they legally shoot in their individual IBO round.

The idea of the mixed team competition is to bring archers together in a fun collegial yet competitive manner.