

Royal Rangers

National Shooting Sports Program

2012 National Archery Championship

WHERE

Camp Eagle Rock, Eagle Rock, Missouri

WHEN

The tournament will be conducted on July 10, 2012.

Shooters must be ready to move to their lane assignment 10 minutes before their assigned flight (shooting time). Assignments will be made after the registration deadline and posted at the Archery Range.

2012 Tournament Guidelines

REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be found on line at www.royalrangers.ag.org under Shooting Sports Events.

They must be received by June 22, 2012, at the National Royal Ranger Ministries office.

Registration fee is \$8 per individual.

WHO/ELIGIBILITY

1. This tournament is held at the National Camporama.
2. Competitors must be involved in and from an active outpost.
3. Individuals must meet all requirements listed on the Camporama application and must be a registered Camporama participant.
4. Each outpost should provide **1** adult coach. He can coach more than one individual.

CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENT

1. Safety is the number one concern for all match officials, adult leaders, and competitors.
2. All archers must wear closed toed shoes. (Bare feet and sandals are not allowed on the firing line.)
3. Proper safety procedures will be enforced at all times. During competitions, infractions will be noted, and one warning will be issued to the archer and his coach. A second infraction may result in disqualification.
4. Acts of unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification.
5. Match Director, Range Safety Officer, and or Royal Ranger Staff will have complete authority to convey, modify, and/or add to these rules or amend the course of shooting at any time.
6. **ALL** decisions by Range Staff are final.

Course of Shooting: Each scoring end has a possible high score of 80 points with the maximum score for the event at 160 points. Each end will have a 2-minute time limit.

1. An arrow that bounces off the target may be shot again as instructed by range officials.
2. A dropped arrow will be left on the ground and replaced by a range official. (Archer can raise hand to notify range official of a dropped arrow.)
3. An arrow that reaches the target line without hitting the target is considered a shot rather than a dropped or bounced arrow and will be scored as zero points.

10 meters: one practice end of 3 arrows and 4 scoring ends of 4 arrows

Competitive Format:

1. Target will be placed directly on the ground.
2. Target faces (paper) will be attached to the target approximately 4-6 inches above the ground.
3. The target line will be approximately 2 meters from the target butts.
4. There will be 10-meter (32' 10") shooting line.
5. The waiting line will be at least 4 meters beyond the 10-meter shooting line.

Target: Targets faces (paper) will be 80 cm FITA face with 10 scoring rings.

Whistle Signals: International style whistle commands will be used to operate the range.

1. 5+ whistles for an emergency
2. 2 whistles to “get bow”
3. 1 whistle to “shoot”
4. 3 whistles to “go get arrows”

Equipment: Only equipment specified for use in the National Archery Championship.

1. **Bows:** Only the stock (original) unmodified Genesis[®] bow or a recurve bow may be used. The archer can bring a personal bow, meeting the below specifications, or he can use a bow provided at the event.
 - To order a Genesis bow, visit <http://www.centershotministries.org>.
 - Any brand of recurve bow can be used.
 - The Genesis[®] bow must be free of draw stops or stabilizers.
 - The arrow rest must be original and unmodified. The rest arm missing the plastic sleeve is allowed.
 - No sights, tape, marks, or other modifications to the bow that may, in the opinion of the judges, be used as a sighting aid. A bow with any marks or tape placed on the riser above the grip of will be disqualified. (If a bow is numbered or marked for identification purposes by the outpost or archer, the markings should be on the bow limbs or below the bow’s grip.)
 - All bows must be on bow racks for inspection before shooting begins.
 - Except for malfunction, bows must remain down range of the waiting line once shooting begins.
 - The bow’s draw weight must remain unchanged after the 1st scored arrow is shot.
2. **Arrows:** Only full-length, size Easton 1820 aluminum, unmodified arrows may be used. Arrows will be provided at the tournament. Outposts may use their own 1820 arrows.
 - If providing your own arrows, arrow points must be the Centershot standard, which is glue-in, cone shaped, and weighing 60 grains.
 - Personal arrows: For the purpose of identification, arrows must be marked with outpost # in permanent black marker on the shaft to prevent scoring confusion. Arrows may have vanes marked. The shaft may be marked, crested, or taped above the mid-point (towards the nock).
 - If using personal arrows, you will need a readily accessible supply of replacements.
3. **Accessories:**
 - Archers may wear finger tabs, tape, or gloves to protect draw-hand fingers.
 - “No-glove” finger-protection devices may be placed on the bowstring with the exception of a “no-glove” that also contains a kissers button.
 - Archers may wear arm guards.
 - Finger or wrist slings are allowed. Wrist slings may be attached using the steel or plastic bolt that comes with the strap. The bolt can protrude one inch or less beyond the bow’s accessory hole.
 - Mechanical release aids are prohibited except as pre-approved solutions for physically challenged archers.
 - At the discretion of tournament officials, any bow, arrow, or accessory may be subjected to inspection, including dismantling. Using disallowed equipment or modified equipment will disqualify the archer.

Arrow Handling and Movement at the Range: All safety rules must be followed.

1. Archers will stand with one foot on each side of the shooting line with “bows on toes” before shooting begins.
2. The tournament-provided arrow quiver must be placed **on** the shooting line in **front** of the archer.
3. Shooter and quiver need to remain in their half of the assigned lane when at the shooting line.
4. The archer will pre-draw before each shot, drawing and aiming in a manner that keeps the arrow pointed safely below the top of the backstop curtain.
5. The archer will pre-draw, draw, and aim in a manner that keeps the arrow pointed away from the ground.

Scoring: Beginning in the center of the target, scoring rings are 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, & 1.

1. An arrow touching the lines is awarded the point higher value.
2. An arrow that isn't in a scoring ring is awarded zero points.
3. The X ring in the center of the 10 is simply scored as 10.
4. An arrow that “robin-hoods” another arrow receives the value of the arrow in the target.
5. An arrow that skips off the floor and strikes the target is scored where it lands.
6. An arrow that skips off the floor and bounces off the target is treated as a bounce-out.
7. Tournament officials will record scores and pull all arrows.
8. Range officials will gather signed scorecards at the conclusion of each flight.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented Wednesday, July 11, at 9:15 am. Individual awards will be presented to 1st-3rd place to participants in each age division.

National Championship Awards:

Genesis® Division

- Sub Junior (age 9-10)
- Intermediate Junior (age 11-13)
- Junior (age 14-15)
- Senior (age 16-18*)
- Adult (age 18 and up)

Recurve Division

- Sub Junior (age 9-10)
- Intermediate Junior (age 11-13)
- Junior (age 14-15)
- Senior (age 16-18*)
- Adult (age 18 and up)

*To compete as an 18-year-old, the competitor must be in high school and an Expedition Ranger.

FAQ

What is a flight?

A flight is a shooting time. Shooting times or flights will be assigned after the registration deadline.

What is an end?

The number of arrows required to be shot in sequence.

Does an individual need to qualify at a district event first in order to participate?

No. You may practice at the outpost level.

When is the deadline to register?

All registration forms must be received by June 22, 2012. There will be no onsite registration.

Do we need to provide our own equipment?

It is recommended you provide your own Genesis® bow. If you do not have a bow and still wish to participate, bows will be available for use. Full-length, size 1820 aluminum arrows will be provided. You may contact Centershot Ministries at <http://www.centershotministries.org> to order your Genesis® compound bows, arrows, and other equipment. Please note that the Genesis® Mini and Pro compound bows are not approved for this event.

Recurve bows will also be available for use for anyone who does not provide their own recurve bow.

Will participants be allowed practice time at the Archery Range?

Yes. The Archery Range will be available on Monday, July 9, 2012, from 2:30-4:30 PM for registered individuals to practice. (You must be pre-registered.)

Can an 18 year old Expedition Ranger compete?

Yes, if he has not yet graduated from high school and is an Expedition Ranger in his outpost.

Can an adult coach assist with the tournament?

Yes. In order to effectively staff the tournament, adult coaches may be called upon to assist as needed. Please inform the tournament staff of your availability and experience level at the orientation meeting.

Where do I direct my questions about the tournament?

You may direct questions to Darell Freeman at darellfree@sbcglobal.net.