

**Virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc.**

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**Field, Hunter, Animal and 3-D Ranges**

**Course approval inspection**

**Please circle type of range inspection!**

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secretary Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 New Course? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Existing Course? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Number of Target Units \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inspected by (Print name): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inspectors Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Signature/Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Directions to the range from nearest town \_\_\_\_\_  
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Inspection Forms shall be made out in Triplicate (copies are ok). Keep one copy for your records. Mail the original and one other copy to the VBA Field V.P. (Address at the top of page). There is no VBA charge for inspections. Inspector may be paid for his expenses if arranged and agreed on by all parties.

Course Approval will expire FIVE years from the date of inspection. If any changes are made to the course, a new inspection must be made with a new Course Approval Inspection Form.

Indicate Target # for each 14 shots

Field		Range _____		Hunter		Range _____		Range _____	
Distance	Target size	Target # 1 <sup>st</sup> 28 1 <sup>st</sup> 14/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> 14	Target # 2 <sup>nd</sup> 28 1 <sup>st</sup> 14/2 <sup>nd</sup> 14	Distance	Target size	Target # 1 <sup>st</sup> 28 1 <sup>st</sup> 14/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> 14	Target # 2 <sup>nd</sup> 28 1 <sup>st</sup> 14/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> 14		
35,30,25,20, ft	20 cm			11 yards	20 cm				
15 yards	35 cm			15- 14	35 cm				
20	35 cm			19- 17	35 cm				
25	35 cm			23- 20	35 cm				
30	35 cm			28,28,28,28	35 cm				
35,35,35,35	50 cm			32,32,32,32	35 cm				
40	50 cm			36,36,36,36	50 cm				
45	50 cm			40	50 cm				
45,40,35,30	50 cm			44	50 cm				
50	50 cm			48	50 cm				
55 (40)	65 cm			53,48,44,41 (41)	50 cm				
60 (45)	65 cm			58,53,48,45 (45)	65 cm				
65 (50)	65 cm			64,59,55,52 (50)	65 cm				
80,70,60,50(50)	65 cm			70,65,61,58 (50)	65 cm				

The above named facility has been inspected by me or my appointee and has been found to meet all VBA state requirements and is chartered with the VBA. I hereby recognize it as an official VBA approved course.

Field Vice-President \_\_\_\_\_ Signature/Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Animal Round

## International Outdoor

Target Group & Limits	Positions & Walk-up	Target #		Distance	Target size	Target #	
		1 <sup>st</sup> 28 1 <sup>st</sup> 14/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> 14	2 <sup>nd</sup> 28 1 <sup>st</sup> 14/2 <sup>nd</sup> 14			1 <sup>st</sup> 28 1 <sup>st</sup> 14/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> 14	2 <sup>nd</sup> 28 1 <sup>st</sup> 14/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> 14
1 60-40	3 5 yds			20 yards	35 cm		
1 60-40	3 5 yds			25	35 cm		
1 60-40	3 5 yds			30	35 cm		
2 45-30	3 3 yds			35	50 cm		
2 45-30	3 3 yds			40	50 cm		
2 45-30	3 3 yds			45	50 cm		
3 35-20	1			50	50 cm		
3 35-20	1			55	65 cm		
3 35-20	1			60	65 cm		
3 35-20	1			65	65 cm		
4 20-10	1						
4 20-10	1						
4 20-10	1						
4 20-10	1						

### REQUIREMENTS FOR COURSE APPROVAL 3-D MARKED OR UNMARKED RANGES

#### Safety Requirements:

- a) It is **mandatory** that on a 3-D Bowhunter range, the range inspector must be provided, at the time of inspection, with a map of the range layout which will be used for the inspection. Also if an accident occurs during the shoot, this may be used for insurance purposes. A map shall show distances, direction, targets, and shooting positions.
- b) No course shall receive approval until all safety hazards, in the opinion of the inspector, are removed.
- c) All range inspectors must be VBA members.
- d) No paths leaving the targets shall go directly behind targets.
- e) If target is situated so that any path, target, road or building are behind at any reasonable distance, then the target must be provided with an adequate backstop.
- f) Practice area must be placed so that no paths, roads, pass a reasonable distance behind practice butt. Practice area shall be treated as giant sized target and so cleared and backed
- g) Target should be placed in shooting lanes to simulate hunting conditions, but at the same time these shots should be good, clean (not clear), and safe shots. Remember, realistic bowhunting practice shots.
- h) If an arrow is lost, the archer may search for their arrow a maximum of 25 yards behind the target. The shooter should place their bow across the shooting lanes in plain sight or stand their bow in front of the target butt and/or 3-D animal.
- i) A minimum distance ranging from 25 to 50 feet must be provided between any paths or shooting planes paralleling another shooting lane. This minimum permits tolerance to be used depending upon terrain or length of shot. Any distance used must preserve absolute safety.
- j) A minimum of 50 yards must be provided behind the target. An appropriate back-stop may be substituted.
- k) Distance on either side of a target to be free from archers shall be 30 degrees from the shooting position. This does not mean all clear, but only that no shooting positions, waiting areas, etc. are located in this area. To figure the 30 degrees, multiply .57735 times the number of feet between shooting stake and target. Worst case = 50 yd = 150' x .57735 = 87 feet or about 30 steps between!
- l) No target shall be situated on top of a hill where a miss becomes virtually a flight arrow.
- m) Archery range safety warning signs shall be posted on all approved VBA 3-D ranges and practice areas at the inspectors discretion.
- n) If simulated moving targets are part of the range they shall be operated from behind the shooting position.

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