



VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Tournament Contract

State Open/Closed Championship

Held at:

2018

PURPOSE of the CONTRACT

The purpose of this contract is between the Virginia Bowhunters Associations (VBA) and the Host Club to establish the necessary guidelines that will insure that the Archers are provided with a quality tournament, the best range available, enjoyment of competition and social activities. It is imperative that targets and bales are in good condition and the ranges are safe. The Host Club must be able to solve any problems during the tournament, replace any targets and/or bales that are in poor condition and/or shooting through, and provide backups and distances with safe clearance behind each target.

Social activities are encouraged. VBA members have enjoyed many good tournaments over the years because of the extra social activities and not because they were winners.

TOURNAMENT

STATE OPEN/CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP

HOST CLUB

(Signature)

(Date)

SCHEDULE AND FEES

Schedule of times, special rules for the State Open / Closed Shoot (Circle one) and other conditions for the State Championship may be made a part of this contract when necessary.

*Registration may be on Friday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday morning from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. An Ad and the Pre-registration form, starting times and schedule of events must be in "FLIGHT".

Fees shall be \$20.00 each for the first two family members, \$5.00 each for the first two youth (under 18) archers, with a \$50.00 maximum per family.

The Host Club shall pay to VBA \$1.00 per registered archer for the Conservation Fund and \$9.00 per registered archer for the General Fund except for family registration with a maximum of \$2.00 for the Conservation Fund and \$18.00 for General Fund. Two checks will be made payable to VBA (one for the General Fund and one for the Conservation Fund). Checks must be given to the Field Vice President or Executive State Secretary/Treasurer when registration is over on Saturday. If neither officer is present, then the checks must be mailed to the Executive State Secretary/Treasurer within five (5) working days following the tournament.

(If checks are not received after the fifth day, a surcharge of 10% will be added.)

The Host Clubs shall include a complete and accurate record of the tournament scores, their **VBA Membership ID (Closed only)**, and Individual and Family breakdown to the Executive State Secretary/Treasurer. Refunds will be carried out according to the VBA By-Laws.

Starting times shall be posted by 9:00 p.m. on Saturday night and available after that time with the Tournament Chairman via phone. The Tournament Chairman's phone number must be listed in the schedule.

Classes are based on the latest Outdoor Classification System. (see the last page), after the first day, and shall not be changed. On the first day, archers will be grouped with their competition according to Style, Division and Class when possible. Archers must stay in their assigned groups unless the group has less than three and then the remaining archers will join another group as prescribed by VBA rules. Classing and grouping for the second day will be done based on the first day scores and will be grouped with their competition when possible.

X's shall be counted as a tie breaker. In the event of any ties, there will be a sudden death shoot off as soon as possible after the scores are turned in.
*If an archer has left, then the remaining archer will be declared winner. If both have left, then a coin toss will determine placement.

Opening Ceremonies shall start at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday followed by a review of the rules and handing out of score cards. There will be a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. All VBA Officers attending the tournament will be introduced at the opening ceremonies.

There is a 6 hour time limit per day for archers to complete 28 targets.

HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

Host Club is responsible for advertising the Tournament in "FLIGHT".

A practice area large enough to allow participants to shoot before the tournament begins will be provided. Practice area will be open during registration and after the first days shooting.

Refreshments and snacks should be available at several locations on the range.

Cold water stations must be located every seven (7) targets.

*Water shall be free unless there are both bottled water for sale and water coolers at the same station.

A complete first aid kit must be on the range during the tournament.

Restrooms must be provided that are clean and in good working order.

Dogs are prohibited on any range and must be on a leash on the club's premises.

All targets, including the practice area(s) must be in good condition to prevent pass throughs and shall have well-defined lines for scoring.

Score cards shall be standard, simple cards requiring the score of each target, number of hits, number of X's, and a total score and X count.

Scorekeepers and the archer must sign the score cards. All cards must be turned in as a group as soon as possible after finishing the last target.

* The Host Club shall be required to correct any scorecard errors for posting and Flight within 24 hours from notification. One set of scorecards must be kept by the host club no less than one year.

A scoreboard must be provided and large enough for posting of all archers' scores.

A copy of the tournament schedule and basic rules must be available to the archers.

No rules shall conflict with current VBA rules, unless otherwise stated in this contract.

The Host Club shall provide personnel to supervise all aspects of the tournament as needed for parking, registration, computer/software usage, practice area control, posting the scores on the scoreboard, awards presentation, and refreshments, etc.

All registered Cubs and Peewees, while shooting, will be supervised by the Host Club during the tournament.

The Host Club must have available a phone, fax, computer with compatible software, and printer. Also, must be familiar with VBA database.

The Host Club must give or emailed, within two (2) working days, the tournament scores to the Executive Vice President, along with any available pictures for publication in the next issue of "FLIGHT".

The Host Club must give or email, within two (2) working days, the tournament scores, a complete report including a breakdown of Division and Classes, the number of awards presented or given to in the winner(s) absence, and must return all unused awards to the Field Vice-President.

The Host Club must give or email, within two (2) working days, the tournament scores, their VBA Membership Numbers at the State Closed and to VBA members at the State Open. Individual and Family breakdown with all fees due the VBA to be forwarded to the Executive State Secretary/Treasurer.

The Host Club must give or email, within two (2) working days, the tournament scores to the Publicity Director for the VBA Website.

TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE

The Host Club shall select their Tournament Chairman and Committee(s) which *must be posted at the Tournament site along with the T.C.'s phone number. The Tournament Chairman must sign this contract as well as the Host Clubs' President. In the event that the Tournament Chairman and the President of the Host Club is the same person, then only one signature is required.

This contract must be posted at the Tournament Site during the Tournament.

The Tournament Chairman or his representative from the Host Club shall attend a meeting with the VBA Field Vice-President for reviewing the contract, rules, VBA policy, and to clarify any unresolved issues. This meeting will be at the January VBA meeting.

Any changes from the Tournament Chairman or the Committee(s) must be given to the Field Vice President prior to the Tournament.

Safety for everyone attending the tournament shall be considered at all times. The ranges must have a current VBA inspection. All shots shall be open and all stakes must give equal shots for right or left-handed shooters. (The Field Vice Pres. or his designee will do a courtesy inspection within 30 days prior to the date of the tournament.)

VBA RESPONSIBILITIES

Bow inspection may be conducted by a VBA Officer or an appointed official of the Tournament Committee.

The Field Vice Pres. or his designee will do a courtesy range inspection within 30 days prior to the date of the tournament.

AWARDS FOR VBA TOURNAMENTS

Awards for the State Tournaments shall be the responsibility of the Field Vice-President and shall be paid for by the VBA. The Field Vice-President shall provide sufficient awards at each location. If there are not a sufficient number of awards available, the Field Vice-President will be responsible for getting them to the winners. If there is an excess number of awards, the participating Clubs will return them to the Field Vice-President. . For archers not staying for the awards ceremony, their awards will be given to their Home Club's Director at the next VBA meeting.

Presentation of awards may be made by the following people:

1. VBA President
2. Executive Vice President
3. Field Vice President
4. Executive State Secretary/Treasurer
5. Host Club Representative

CONTRACT

This contract must be signed and returned to the Field Vice-President after receiving it and being notified that the Tournament in question was awarded to the Host Club. This must be done by the January Meeting by the Host Club and returned to the Field Vice-President.

This contract must be posted at the Tournament Site during the Tournament.

Failure to adhere to this contract will result in being suspended from the bidding for any VBA State Tournament for a period of one year.

SIGNATURES

Therefore, it is expressly agreed that the Virginia Bowhunters Association (VBA) and the Host Club jointly agree to co-sponsor this State Open / Closed Tournament in accordance with the above conditions and attached term and procedures which constitute a part of this agreement as witnessed by these signatures. (Circle One)

Virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc. (VBA)

VBA President _____ Date: _____

Field President Vice President _____ Date: _____

Executive State Secretary / Treasurer _____ Date: _____

HOST CLUB

Name: _____

Address: _____

President of Host Club _____ Date: _____

Phone # and email Address _____

Tournament Chairman _____ Date: _____

Phone # and email Address _____

Combined Open / Closed Shooting Rules

At the State Closed, all archers must have a current VBA Membership/Tournament Card to participate for awards. (Not necessary at the State Open.) Pros are welcome to compete in their VBA style. (Pro Class isn't recognized by VBA)

On the first day, archers will be grouped with their competition according to Style, Division and Class when possible. Archers must stay in their assigned groups unless the group has less than three and then the remaining archers will join another group as prescribed by VBA rules. Classing and grouping for the second day will be done based on the first day scores and will be grouped with their competition when possible

Scorekeepers and the archer must sign the score cards. All cards must be turned in as a group as soon as possible after finishing the last target.

X's shall be counted as a tie breaker. In the event of any ties, there will be a sudden death shoot off as soon as possible after the scores are turned in. If an archer has left, then the remaining archer will be declared winner. If both have left then there will be a coin toss to determine placement.

There is a 6 hour time limit from the horn blast for archers to complete 28 targets and turn their score cards in.

PROTESTS

Written formal protest(s) accompanied by a \$25.00 fee payable to VBA, must be presented to the Host Clubs Tournament Chairman and the Field Vice President within one (1) hour after the end of the shooting day of the alleged violation.. The Field Vice President and Tournament Chairman will rule on the protest. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If the protest is denied, the fee is given to the VBA. If the Field Vice President is unavailable, the protest will be ruled on by the Tournament Chairman and Tournament Committee. No involved person may be in on the final decision.

SHOOTING RULES:

1. Shooting groups shall be made up of 4 archers. No more than 6 nor less than 3 in a group.
2. Archers will shoot from the same side of the stake at the same target for targets 1 thru 14. Then they will change from shooting first to last, bottom to top targets, and move to the other side of the shooting stake.
3. Archers will straddle an imaginary shooting line, marked by the shooting stake. No one will advance to the target until all arrows are shot by the group except for the 20 cm or the 35 cm targets if there are more than 4 archers in the group to remove a set of arrows.
4. On walkups, arrows shot from other than the correct distance and / or not in the pre-designated order shall not be scored.

5. If a target has multiple faces, the first two archers will shoot the bottom target(s). If targets are placed side to side, then the archer on the left side of the stake will shoot the left target; right side archer will shoot the right target. If an arrow hits the wrong face, it will be counted as a miss. The 20 cm targets will be shot vertically either from top to bottom or bottom to top in order. No archer may shoot in a previously shot target.
6. While looking for lost arrows, one group shall not hold up another group. The delaying group shall let backed up groups shoot through if there are more than one open target ahead of them and two or more groups being held up.
7. No shooting allowed on the range where a tournament will be held that day.
8. No archers shall leave the range except for equipment failure or in case of an emergency. If the situation is acknowledged as equipment failure or emergency, that archer will be allowed to make up the missed targets with a tournament official.
9. An archer will have a maximum of 45 minutes to make repairs or exchange equipment and shoot practice arrows. This occurrence will be allowed once a day.
10. If the weather becomes unsafe, the tournament committee will sound a signal to halt competition.
11. No alcoholic beverages on the range during the tournament.
12. There will be a three-arrow let down rule. The fourth letdown will be counted as a shot arrow.
13. Sky drawing or side drawing will not be allowed.
14. Traditional Style for Master Senior Male and all Traditional Women is to shoot 30 yards maximum in all Field, Hunter, and Animal rounds. On all targets 30 yards or less, the adult stakes will be used; on all targets over 30 yards, the cub stakes will be used.
15. Traditional Adult and Senior Men to shoot a maximum of 50 yards, using youth stakes on targets over 50 yards in Field, Hunter, and Animal rounds.

SCORING:

1. Official VBA Rounds will be the Field and Hunter Rounds sold by Maple Leaf. All Classification will be based on these rounds. Scoring areas will be 5, 4, & 3.
2. The arrow only needs to touch the higher scoring area to be given the higher score. All arrows shall remain in the target until all arrows are scored.
3. Any doubtful arrow must not be touched nor may the target face be touched until all arrows are scored.
4. The group shall elect two scorekeepers, one score caller, and a target captain which shall be the final judge of disputed arrows. The majority of the group shall call any doubtful arrows that belong to the target captain.
5. Arrows may be re-shot if they strike anything over the shooting lane. Glances from the ground and into the target will be counted as a missed arrow.
6. Shoot throughs still in the butt will be pushed back and scored.
7. Arrows believed to have shot through may be shot with a marked arrow which will not be scored if the original arrow is still in the butt.
8. Unsuspected shoot throughs will be shot from the obvious distance or the furthest distance if the arrow is found to have obviously been shot through the target in a scoring area.

9. Witnessed bounce outs that are believed to have hit the scoring area, will be re-shot.
10. If an archer shoots more than the correct number of arrows, the arrow(s) scoring in the higher area plus one point per excess arrow(s) will be taken from the archer.
11. An arrow that drops from the string during a controlled let-down or in preparation of the shot, may be re-shot.
12. After the score cards are turned in, an archer can't change their total. If the score cards are signed as correct and they are incorrect, the archer shall be disqualified.
13. The X-ring shall be counted during scoring and shall be used in all classes only as a tiebreaker. (Meeting #120, page 672, 9/86)
14. Maximum Peak weight for Men is 80 lbs, and for Women, Young Adults, and Youth is 60 lbs.

Animal Round: Three arrows shall be marked and shot in order. Only the highest scoring arrow will count. A one point bonus will be added to the center of the kill area, which will be defined with a black or white spot. The arrow only need to touch the line for the higher score. Scoring areas will be: 1st arrow= 21, 20 or 18; 2nd=17, 16 or 14; 3rd=13, 12 or 10.

CLASSIFICATIONS:

Official VBA Rounds will be the Field and Hunter sold by Maple Leaf. All Classification will be based on these rounds

Classification Breakdown for Field/Hunter Rounds: Scores must be from the previous twelve months.

No Score or One Score = AA class

2, 3, or 4 Scores = Best Score

5 or 6 Scores = Average of Best 2 Scores

7 or more Scores = Average of the 3 highest of the last 7 Scores.

OUTDOOR CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (LATEST REVISION: 1/00)

VBA SHOOTING STYLES

FS/R -	Freestyle / Release	BH -	Bowhunter
FS/F -	Freestyle / Fingers	BHFS/R -	BowhunterFreestyle/Release
BB -	Barebow	BHFS/F -	BowhunterFreestyle/Fingers
TRAD -	Traditional		

	FS/R	FS/F	BB	TRAD, BH	BHFS/R	BHFS/F
<u>ADULT MEN</u> (Over 18)						
AA	525-560	495-560	450-560	435-560	515-560	490-560
A	490-524	420-494	400-449	350-434	475-514	415-489
B	425-489	295-419	300-399	275-349	290-474	290-414
C	000-424	000-294	000-299	000-274	000-289	000-289

<u>ADULT WOMEN</u> (Over 18)						
AA	500-560	440-560	400-560	300-560	450-560	425-560
A	440-499	370-439	300-399	200-299	375-449	350-424
B	360-439	300-369	200-299	100-199	250-374	225-349
C	000-359	000-299	000-199	000-099	000-249	000-224

YOUNG ADULT CLASSES ARE THE SAME AS ADULT (15 through 17 yrs)

YOUTH ALL STYLES SAME BREAKDOWN (12 through 14 yrs)

AA	490-560
A	430-489
B	350-429
C	000-349

CUB ALL STYLES SAME BREAKDOWN (8 through 11 yrs)

A	400-560
B	200-399
C	000-199

PEEWEE: Age 7 & under. BB, BH, BHFS/R, BHFS/F, FS, FS/F, TRAD. No class breakdown.

CUBS: (8-11) FS, FSL, BB, BH, BHFS/R AND BHFS/F. Trad: no class breakdown.

SENIOR: (50-59) Class breakdown, same as Adults. Seniors must declare Senior or Adult, not both.

SILVER SENIOR: (60-69) Class breakdown, same as Adults. Silver Senior must declare Silver Senior, Senior or Adult, but may only declare one.

MASTER SENIOR: (70+)) Class breakdown, same as Adults. Master Seniors must declare Master Senior, Senior or Adult but only one.

Guests: Are Non-VBA Members or without a VBA Card (Closed only)

Pros: Are welcome to shoot in their corresponding VBA style for awards or as a guest without an award.