

# MSAA INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK

The MSAA Indoor Championship Tournament shall be comprised of a Regional Qualification Round and a Championship Round. The Regional Qualification Round will be used to flight participants who will then go on to compete in the Championship Round.

## I. REGIONAL QUALIFICATION ROUND

- A. There shall be Regional Qualification Rounds in each region of the state providing there are bids from these regions.
- B. The MSAA President has the authority to solicit or approve additional Regional Qualification Round sites if the geographical distribution or number of sites is inadequate for the expected participants.
- C. There shall be a Regional Qualification Round held on each of two (2) consecutive weekends.
- D. The MSAA Board of Directors shall determine the regional qualification round dates at the summer meeting prior to the annual Policy Meeting.
- E. All Regional Qualification Round sites, whether bid or solicited by the MSAA President, shall hold the Round on the same dates.
- F. A Regional Qualification Round may be held at any club that:
  - 1. Has a current MSAA charter.
  - 2. Places a Regional Qualification Round bid.
  - 3. Agrees to abide by Regional Qualification Round guidelines as specified in the MSAA Indoor Championship Tournament Round Handbook.
- G. The responsibilities of the Regional Qualification Round host club are to:
  - 1. Determine shooting line times
  - 2. Handle round registration (provide personnel to collect fees, assign targets, perform judge duties, and post scores).
  - 3. Participants must be members of the MSAA to shoot the round (with the exception of one (1) out-of-state class). The host club must process new memberships and transmit information and dues to the MSAA Secretary.
  - 4. Submit to the MSAA Secretary their Regional Tournament Round results postmarked no later than 7 days past the end date of the round. A host club whose results are not on file with the Secretary within the time allowed will have deducted from their portion of the shoot proceeds one dollar per shooter.
- H. The responsibilities of the MSAA during the Regional Qualification Round are to:
  - 1. Provide materials to register, score the round, and to record MSAA memberships.
  - 2. Reimburse for targets that get used (\$0.20 per target, with a maximum of two (2) for each participant round shot).
  - 3. Provide host clubs with \$7 per participant per registration.

- I. The Regional Qualification Round shall be a two-day tournament where participants:
1. May compete in multiple MSAA classes (the MSAA will not make exceptions in the case of line conflicts during the Championship Round due to a participant competing in classes that shoot at the same line time).
  2. Must score one (1) complete round for each MSAA class that they will be competing in.
    - a) For participants choosing the Open class, the Regional Qualification round is optional. If a participant in the Open Class chooses not to participate in the Regional Qualification Round they must mail the Regional Round Tournament Fee to the MSAA secretary within 7 days of the last Regional Qualification Round date.
  3. Have the option of scoring a second round for each MSAA class that they will be competing in, in which case their best score shall be used for Championship Round flighting in that class.
  4. Must shoot both rounds for a single class at the same location.
  5. May complete both rounds in a single MSAA class on the same day if space permits, or one (1) round may be completed on each day of a single weekend of the Regional Qualification Round.
  6. May participate in the MSAA out-of-state non-competitive class that allows for one (1) division for male shooters and one (1) division for female shooters. Participants competing in this class must present identification with a current out-of-state address.
  7. Must pay a 2-day MSAA Tournament Fee for each MSAA class that they choose to compete in whether or not they choose to score the second optional round in a single MSAA class.
  8. Must score two (2) complete rounds in a single MSAA class if they are competing for the MSAA Grand Champion award in that class.
  9. May complete their rounds at the most convenient location.
- J. All Regional Qualification Round information will be sent by the host clubs to the MSAA Secretary for the compilation of results within 7 days following the end date of the round. After compilation the information shall be forwarded to the MSAA Tournament Committee who shall flight the Regional Qualification Round participants for the Championship Round. The information shall then be returned to the MSAA Secretary who will invite by letter all Regional Qualification Round participants to the Championship Round and shall inform them of their line time and flight assignment.
- K. No awards will be given for the Regional Qualification Round event.
- L. Flighted Regional Qualification results shall be frozen 10 days prior to the Indoor Championship and no requested changes or corrections will be allowed thereafter.

## **II. CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND**

- A.** The Championship Round date shall be determined by the MSAA Board of Directors at the summer meeting 1-1/2 years prior to the annual Policy Meeting.
- B.** Bids for the Championship Round must be presented to the MSAA Secretary by the start of the annual Policy Meeting.
- C.** The MSAA Field Vice President (or designate) and/or the Governor representing the host club shall co-chair the tournament in cooperation with a Tournament Director assigned by the host club. The MSAA Field Vice President (or designate) shall interpret the MSAA Indoor Championship Tournament rules when necessary.
- D.** The Championship Round may be held at any club that:
1. Has a current MSAA charter.
  2. Places a Championship Round bid at the MSAA Policy Meeting.
  3. Agrees to abide by Championship Round guidelines as specified in the MSAA Indoor Championship Tournament Round Handbook.
- E.** The responsibilities of the Championship Round host club are to:
1. Secure a facility that will accommodate the Round and its participants.
  2. Provide facilities management and basic services.
  3. Provide a reasonable concessions service (all profits retained by host club).
  4. Provide handicap access.
  5. Provide registration services.
  6. Provide local advertising for the Championship.
  7. Provide a Field Captain and Line Judge staff.
  8. Provide a practice round on the eve of the Championship Round.
  9. Provide adult supervision for the cub and youth divisions: to call arrows, record scores, and to total scorecards. Parent volunteers shall, when possible, supervise the targets of those other than their own children.
  10. Accept new MSAA memberships during the Championship Round and to transmit the membership information and fees to the MSAA Secretary for processing.
  11. Provide cardboard backing for targets.
  12. Arrange transportation of MSAA target bales if they are required.
  13. Provide target assignments to the participants.
  14. Complete the MSAA financial statement for the event and a written summary of reported Championship Round issues or concerns and return the statement and summary to the MSAA Secretary within one week following the event.
- F.** The responsibilities of the MSAA during the Championship Round are to:

1. Provide materials to register, score the round, and to record MSAA memberships.
2. Provide targets.
3. Provide target bales, if necessary. Host club is responsible for arranging transportation.
4. Provide host clubs with \$7 per registration.
5. Provide co-chairperson (Field Vice President (or designate)).
6. Advertise Round in *The Minnesota Arrow*.

**G.** One (1) Championship Round may be shot for each MSAA class in which a participant has entered to compete.

**H.** Championship Round pre-registration shall be encouraged. The pre-registration deadline shall be one (1) week prior to the beginning of the Round. Each class registration received after the deadline shall have added the MSAA late fee.

**I.** If a participant has missed their line time but has otherwise meet the Championship Round requirements they may shoot at a later time non-competitively if space permits.

**J.** A practice round shall be held on the eve of the Championship Round. A practice round fee (see MSAA Tournament Fees) shall be charged for the practice round with the MSAA and the host club splitting all fees evenly.

**K.** Championship Round participants must also be MSAA.

**L.** The MSAA Open class shall have as an award a money payout. The MSAA Payout Formula shall be used.

### **III. MSAA INDOOR ROUND RULES** (Regional Qualification & Championship)

#### **A. MSAA 300 Round**

##### **1. General**

**a)** Comprised of two (2) practice Ends (one (1) End consists of five (5) arrows) and twelve (12) competitive Ends (shot as three (3) games with four (4) Ends each).

(1) A complete round must include a minimum of 60 shot arrows.

**b)** Adults, Young Adults, and Youth shall shoot all arrows from a distance of twenty (20) yards and cubs and midgets shall shoot all arrows from a distance of ten (10) yards.

**c)** MSAA Classification System applies.

**d)** MSAA approved target shall be used.

**e)** MSAA Award Unit System applies.

**f)** MSAA Tournament Fee applies.

**g)** The Field Captain (or designate) will be available at all times.

**h)** A two shooting line A/B system will be used.

**i)** An End begins when signaled by the Field Captain (or designate) using any reasonable medium that can be heard clearly by all of the Round's participants.

- j)** The End time clock shall be started in conjunction with the signal.
- k)** An End is complete once allowed time has expired on the End time clock and not necessarily when the all-clear signal is given.
- l)** The signal scheme is as follows:
  - (1) Bring the A line participants to the shooting line – one (1) signal blast.
  - (2) Begin A line shooting – two (2) signal blasts.
  - (3) End A line shooting and bring B line participants to the shooting line – one (1) signal blast.
  - (4) Begin B line shooting – two (2) signal blasts.
  - (5) End B line shooting and all clear – three (3) signal blasts.
- m)** The allowed time for an End is four (4) minutes.
- n)** A witnessed pass-through shall be shot over.
- o)** A witnessed bounce-out shall be shot over.
- p)** Binoculars may be used on the shooting line if not interfering with other competitors.
- q)** In the event of equipment failure, the participant shall have fifteen (15) minutes to repair his/her equipment. One (1) practice end will be allowed. The participant shall be allowed to make up arrows and/or ends missed during repair time, after the final end.
- r)** The MSAA Tournament Protest Policy shall be used.
- s)** A Participant(s) that is taking part in behavior that is deemed unusually distracting or unsafe by the Field Captain (or designate) during the round shall be asked to discontinue such behavior. If a Participant(s) persists in such behavior they will be disqualified and escorted from the facility.
- t)** The Field Captain (or designate) may stop the Round at any time due to safety concerns. The Field Captain (or designate) will signal all shooters to stop shooting using any reasonable medium that can be heard clearly by all of the Round's participants. When the Field Captain (or designate) signal all participants must immediately stop shooting and let down if at full draw without releasing an arrow. Any arrows shot after the Field Captain's (or designate) signal will be scored as zero.
- u)** Awards will be given out according to the MSAA awards policy. The Field Vice President (or designate), the Governor representing the host club (or designate), or the Tournament Director (or designate) shall present the awards.
- v)** A participant has twenty (20) minutes following the end of competition (including after the end of make-up arrows) to turn in to the specified Indoor Tournament official their

tabulated, verified, and signed score cards. The line clock shall be set and ran down from twenty (20) minutes upon the order of the Tournament Director or designate. If there is a dispute in scoring that cannot be resolved during the allowed time then that, or those, participant(s) must contact the specified Indoor Tournament official within the allowed time and ask for a delay in submission. The Indoor Tournament official may not allow for anymore than ten (10) minutes of additional time for the resolution of any scoring disputes. After the allowed time, and any additional time given by the specified Indoor Tournament official, the scorecard shall be ruled late and will be disqualified.

**w)** A participant shall not sign their scorecard until after the bale scorekeepers have resolved and verified the scorecards between themselves. If the bale scorekeepers cannot resolve a scoring conflict within the allowed time stated in item t, then a participant shall not sign their scorecard until after the bale scorekeepers with the assistance of the specified Indoor Tournament official have resolved and verified the scorecards. Once a scorecard is signed by the two scorekeepers *and* the participant it is considered to be an official result and cannot be changed or disputed.

## **2. Target**

**a)** Must be shot on an MSAA approved target.

**b)** The MSAA shall provide targets to the host club.

**c)** A cardboard section no smaller than the target itself shall back all targets. The host club shall provide cardboard sections.

**d)** A target may be changed halfway through the Competitive Ends, or at the discretion of the Field Captain (or designate).

**e)** Targets will be arranged on a single bale using a four-quadrant system, with two (2) targets above and two (2) targets below.

**f)** A participant shall arrange his target on the assigned bale at any open position or according to the position that was assigned by the Field Captain (or designate).

**g)** A minimum of three (3) participants shall shoot on a bale.

**h)** If required the Field Captain (or designate) may move a participants target to another bale in order to comply with rule 3.A.2.g.

**i)** At the start of an End participants whose targets are in the bottom position on the bale will shoot first and shall be referred to as being on the A line. Those participants whose targets are in the top position on the bale will shoot second and shall be referred to as being on the B line.

**j)** Halfway through the Round the top two (2) targets will switch positions with the bottom two (2) targets. When switching, a target must move at least one (1) target face height in the direction of the switch.

**k)** Once scoring has begun, a participant may not switch their target face to a single-spot from a five-spot or from a five-spot to a single-spot. A participant must shoot the entire scoring round on the same style face.

**l)** A participant may mark his/her target for the purpose of identification in non-scoring area only. All marking in a non-scoring area of a participant's target shall be small and not perceivable from a distance of twenty (20) yards. Marking in the scoring area of a participant's target is not allowed. Any marking in a scoring or non-scoring area of a participant's target with the intent to aid in aiming is not allowed. The Field Captain (or designate) shall rule on any questionable marking of a participant(s) target.

**m)** A participant may repair his/her target in between ends. Repair is defined as the careful lifting of the target face and the pushing back into position torn target paper due to the impact of an arrow(s).

### **3. Scoring**

**a)** Target scoring is 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, from the spot out.

**b)** A participant may choose between a single-spot 1 through 5 point target or a five-spot 4 and 5 point target to shoot at. In either case the X-ring is counted as a tiebreaker. If a shooter chooses to shoot at a 5-spot target then he/she agrees that any arrow not scored in the 4 or 5 ring is scored as a zero.

**c)** Each target shall select an arrow score caller and two (2) scorers.

**d)** All arrows shall remain in the target face that they were shot into until they are scored.

**e)** No touching of the arrows is permitted until they are scored.

**f)** An arrow that touches a scoring line is awarded the higher score.

**g)** A participant may ask the Field Captain (or designate) to rule on arrows in his/her own target that they deem questionable as to their scoring value.

**h)** A participant must shoot all of his arrows into his/her own target for them to be scored. Any arrow(s) not shot into a participant's own target will be scored as zero.

**i)** Any arrow(s) released after allowed time on the End time clock has expired shall be scored as zero(s).

- j)** Any arrows not shot during the allotted End time shall be scored as zero(s).
- k)** An archer shall stand so that one (1) foot is on either side of the shooting line.
- l)** Any arrow that travels completely beyond ten (10) feet shall be considered shot and shall be scored. Any arrow that does not travel completely beyond ten (10) feet shall be considered dropped and may be picked up and shot, or another may be shot in its place.
- m)** A participant may shoot any number of arrows into any one (1) of the spots that they choose on the target if they are shooting a 5-spot face.
- n)** Any arrows shot by a participant into another participant's target may be pulled at the request of the participant whose target was shot into before he/she shoots another arrow into the target.
- o)** A participant that shoots arrows in excess of those allowed shall have arrows withdrawn starting with their highest scoring arrow until the allowed number remains in the bale and one extra point subtracted for each arrow shot in excess.
- p)** Double scoring is mandatory. Individual arrows must be recorded on scorecard and all X-rings recorded.
- q)** In the event of a tie score in first place in any one (1) class, or in first, second, or third places in the Open class, a shoot-off will be declared by the Field Captain (or designate). If a shoot-off is declared the Field Captain (or designate) shall order that new targets be placed for the participants who are shooting off. Round rules will apply with the following exceptions:
- (1) The participants shall shoot two (2) Ends of head to head competition to determine the result.
  - (2) If after two Ends the result has not been determined then the Field Captain (or designate) shall order that new targets be placed for the participants and that the participants shall shoot arrow for arrow with inside-out scoring until the result is determined. After each arrow a new target face will be put in place for each participant. The Field Captain (or designate) will witness the shoot-off in its entirety and with a second shall call all arrows.
- r)** Official scorecards shall be signed by two (2) witnesses and the participating shooter for a total of three (3) signatures.
- s)** Each participant must present both of his/her scorecards to the official scorer for verification. Once verified the official

scorer will return the participants scorecard and will retain the official scorecard to be recorded.

**t)** Once submitted a participant's scorecard may not be retrieved for the purpose of adjusting the score.

**u)** A participant that submits a scorecard that has been incorrectly totaled to add points to their score shall be disqualified.