



# **New Zealand Bowhunters Society**

## **NZBS Rules for Tournament**

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**Note:** These Rules can only be changed through a General Meeting or by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority of the Committee (present and voting), subject to ratification by the Society at the next General Meeting.

## **2. NZBS RULES FOR: TOURNAMENT**

### **2.1 NAME**

The name of the Tournament shall be the New Zealand Bowhunters National Annual Tournament.

### **2.2 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE TOURNAMENT**

To be held every King's Birthday weekend.

To allow bowhunters to gather and socialize

Presentation of annual Hunting trophies

The holding of the AGM to determine policy, consider remits and elect National Committee officers for the ensuing year.

To hold a field shoot catering primarily for hunting conditions and equipment. This will be a relaxed event but some competitive edge will be present and as such rules of competition will be necessary as are subsequently laid out.

Presentation of other annual awards and Tournament trophies

To provide a venue for the display of hunting trophies (antlers, skins, tusks etc) and photo albums and record books

### **2.3 LOCATION**

Application to host a Tournament may be made at the AGM two years prior to the intended date of the Tournament and voted on at the AGM prior to the Tournament.

If the successful applicant is unable to run the Tournament the NZBS Committee may arrange for one of the unsuccessful applicants to do so, or failing this any other organization that is able to do this in the time available.

### **2.4 THE HOST ORGANISING COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **To provide:**

Venue for a course or courses to be laid out in complete safety

Practice butts separate to course

Shelter in case of rain (suitable for the number of entrants)  
Office for Tournament Secretary and helpers (eg caravan)  
Venue for social and conduct of social  
Venue for AGM  
Details of all available accommodation within reasonable travelling distance of the various venues  
Laying of course butts and erection of specialty targets: Targets will be the responsibility of the NZBS Committee but when laying out the butts the Committee should be mindful of (Ref Appendix 1) target face size, distance, shooting lanes, safety of the course and be able to recommend to the organizing committee where to place targets and general peg locations.  
Provision of course captains to handle problems with the course/courses during the Tournament.  
Pegs.

## **2.5 ENTRY**

The NZBS Tournament is open to all financial NZBS members and to non-members on an equal basis except that perpetual NZBS Trophies cannot be won by non-members. The Committee has the right of refusal of any entry.

The NZBS hold no responsibility and all people attending the NZBS Tournament and associated functions do so at their own risk. While all care and attention will be paid to safety on the course, acts of god, freak accidents and personal foolishness cannot be provided for in any safety arrangements.

## **2.6 EQUIPMENT**

Simulated Hunting Arrow must have fletching at least 12mm at highest point, of any material. The head of the arrow must be a removable field pile. On all but traditional equipment this should be removable for weighing if necessary.

Hunting Bow shall be defined as a longbow, recurve or compound bow that is hand held and hand drawn and that has no mechanical device to enable the hunter to lock the bow at full or partial draw (other than energy stored by the drawn bow no device to propel the arrow will be permitted).

To conform to the equipment commonly used by hunters only the following items can be used with a hunting bow:

Cushion/Berger button

A sight without magnification protruding not more than 150mm in front of the bow

- A peep sight
- A bow quiver
- A hunting stabilizer of 300mm or less in length
- A release aid

NOTE: In Traditional Division only longbows (ie with string only touching bow at the tips) may be used, without sights or stabilizers.

Equipment will be inspected prior to the shoot and anything not complying with the simulated Hunting Equipment provision will have to be changed to comply with the satisfaction of the Equipment inspectors or used in Ladies, Junior or Open division as appropriate.

## **2.7 DIVISIONS**

COMPOUND – Compound 1 (unsighted) and Compound 2 (sighted). Must use Hunting bow and simulated hunting arrows.

SENIOR – Aged 60 years and over, can use any Hunting bow with simulated hunting arrows.

RECURVE – In recurve division only recurve bows may be used without sights or stabilizers. Must use Hunting bow and simulated hunting arrows.

LONGBOW – In Longbow division only longbows (ie, with string only touching bow at the tips) may be used without sights or stabilizers. Must use Hunting bow and simulated hunting arrows.

LADIES – Compound 1 (unsighted) and Compound 2 (sighted). May shoot any arrows from Hunting bow, Ladies may nominate to shoot in any other division providing they comply with those division rules.

JUNIOR – 16 years and under at closing date of Tournament. May shoot any arrows from Hunting bow. Juniors may also nominate to shoot in any other division providing they comply with those division rules.

CUBS—For Juniors aged 8—13 years who shoot from the Cubs peg. No equipment restrictions. Not eligible for the Junior Trophy or any other trophies while shooting from the Cubs peg, however Cubs may nominate to shoot from the regular pegs if they wish to compete for the Junior Trophy. Note that cubs will shoot last in any group they are in.

OPEN – For men and women – any appropriate archery equipment not covered by the Hunting bow and simulated hunting arrow categories. This division allows the use of rangefinders and binoculars and any combination of sights and stabilizers.

BOWHUNTER DIVISIONS – All entrants using a Hunting bow and simulated arrows are considered to be in a bowhunter division.

NO CROSSBOWS ALLOWED.

## **2.8 COURSE DETAILS**

Specialty targets: Two shooters will generally shoot together from pegged positions.

Peg positions will be set at various distances appropriate to the target type and will seek to simulate hunting style shots. Foliage, trees and such may obscure the target requiring the archer to stretch, bend or kneel to see the target. Such items may not be moved.

Foot placement – both feet must be behind the shooting peg with one foot within 300mm of the peg.

All entrants are reminded that this is a Bowhunter tournament and shots may be from very awkward, wet or muddy situations.

Targets – will be of game animals currently hunted in New Zealand and will have three scoring zones being centre of lung, lung, and hair and feather line, with the lung zone placed where a shooter could achieve a killing shot. The body line will be placed allowing realistic hair and feather lines.

Scoring shall be on the cards provided for at the Tournament, the scores of all four members of each group to be recorded on the same card and two of these cards to be used by each group.

All arrows to be scored before being touched or removed from target

An arrow touching a zone line shall score the value of the higher zone. All cards to be signed by scorer and any alterations initialled.

## **2.9 ROUNDS COMMONLY SHOT**

Two 2 arrow rounds (plus four specialty targets) on Saturday. One arrow from each of two pegs with colour sequence to be announced at Tournament. First hit scores. 20/15/10 (centre of lung/lung/hair and feather line) respectively from either of the pegs. Two missed arrows scores 0. The second peg must be a penalty shot, ie further away from the target or a position more difficult to shoot the target or both.

Two 3 arrow rounds (plus specialty targets) on Sunday. One arrows from each of red, white and blue pegs shot in sequence on targets with scores of 20/18/16, 14/12/10 and 8/6/4 (centre of

lung/lung/hair and feather line) respectively. First scoring arrow counts. Three missed arrows scores 0.

### Specialty Targets

Five second snap: Target will be uncovered for five seconds then covered by a screen for five seconds. The target will be uncovered for four separate intervals of five seconds. Arrows must remain in the quiver and only nocked and drawn when the target is uncovered.

Twenty second snap: Arrows in quiver. Target will be uncovered for 20 seconds during which the shooter will attempt to shoot four arrows at the target.

Running Target: Arrows in quiver. The archer will then get 30 seconds to run from start peg to the shooting peg and attempt to shoot four arrows at the target. The run should be of about ten seconds to an average adult.

Moving Target: Arrow allowed to be placed on bow then a target will be run along a wire towards or past the archers during which they will shoot. Arrow allowed to be nocked for each of four passes.

Scoring on specialties. Only two zones will be on specialty targets. These being lung and hair and feather line, scoring 10 and 5 respectively (for each arrow in the zones).

Two shooters will generally shoot together from pegged positions.

These rounds may be varied by NZBS Committee.

## **2.10 TARGETS AND SHOOTING DETAIL**

Recommended Bowhunters Target Specifications:

Target Types and Distances

Type 1	Rabbit/Possum	(7m + or -20%)
Type 2	Wallaby/Small Pig	(15m + or – 20%)
Type 3	Goat/Chamois	(20m + or – 20%)
Type 4	Fallow/Red Deer	(30m + or – 20%)
Type 5	Large Pig/Wapiti	(40m + or – 20%)
Four Specialty Specialties	- Moving, Running or Snap etc - Type 2 Targets	

## **2.11 GENERAL SHOOTING RULES**

No binoculars, rangefinders or spotting aids allowed on course, with the exception of participants in the Open division. These shooters would shoot last in their group (except for cubs) and they would not be allowed to use their rangefinders or binoculars until everyone else in their group (not in that division) has shot and it is their turn to shoot. Furthermore they should keep distances/kill zones to themselves.

No practicing on course. No alcohol on course.

No broadheads on course. No hunting on course during Tournament.

Archers should endeavour to move from target to target without unnecessary delay and carry enough arrows to allow them to abandon lost arrows for later search and recovery after the round is finished if they cannot be speedily recovered during the round.

Non shooters will not be allowed past the assembly point without the approval of the Course Captain.

Any activity deemed to be unsportsmanlike may lead to an archer being expelled from the NZBS Tournament.

Any relevant place getters tied scores will result in a shoot off over targets of the type of round in which the scores were tied and will be a sudden death style shoot off.

These shooting rules to be displayed at the Tournament venue

## **2.12 TOURNAMENT PERSONNEL**

Organising Committee: See 2.4

Course Captain: Generally from the host organizing committee, responsibilities include directing archers to targets; handle any complaints about the course.

NZBS President: Liaise with organizers, handle any disputes, hand out prizes, welcome any special guests, talk to the press but can also delegate any of these duties.

Tournament Secretary: Handle all entries, organize office/shop, recording scores and placings, and is in charge of paper work etc. (NZBS Committee appointed).

Equipment Inspectors: Shall inspect all archers' equipment prior to Tournament and make sure they are in the appropriate divisions (NZBS Committee appointed).

Specialty Target Operators: In charge of their operation and informing each group reaching the target on the rules of its operation (Host to provide). If a shortage of operators, groups should make themselves aware of the rules as they may have to operate.

Course Inspectors: In charge of laying out targets and making sure course is safe before shoot commences (NZBS Committee appointed).

Peg Officers: In charge of laying out pegs prior to shoot (NZBS Committee appointed).

Generally the senior or most experienced member of each group is in charge of the group's behaviour. Should make sure group moves quickly between targets and does not slow up Tournament. Should be familiar with rules and inform anyone if they are breaking rules or misbehaving. We expect groups to sort out their own problems but any serious breaches should be immediately reported to the person concerned and then a verbal report given to the President or Course Captain. Their action will depend upon the severity with the possible penalty being expulsion from the Tournament or in extreme cases the NZBS Committee may elect to expel them from the Society.

### **2.13 TROPHIES**

Only NZBS members make take perpetual annual trophies. All winners and place getters of annual trophies shall receive the trophy or plaque allocated to that category.

Overseas bowhunters given honorary membership may win trophies but the trophies will remain in New Zealand. Engraving and upkeep are the responsibility of all recipients and they should ensure they get the trophy to the next NZBS Annual Tournament.

Loss or damage of trophies must be reported promptly to the Administration Officer.

### **2.14 TOURNAMENT TROPHY LIST**

Only NZBS members (before participating) can win perpetual trophies.

SOUTH WESTLAND BOWHUNTERS TROPHY: Champion Compound Barebow division, highest aggregate score in Compound 1 division

BULLIVANT TROPHY: Champion Compound Sighted division, highest aggregate score in Compound 2 division.

ARROWHEAD ARCHERY TROPHY: Champion Senior division, highest aggregate score in the senior division (age 60 years and over).



PAUL SCHULTZ TROPHY: Champion Recurve division, highest aggregate score in the Recurve division.

BEN PEARSON TROPHY: Champion Traditional division, highest aggregate score in the Longbow traditional division.

DAVIDSON TROPHY: Champion Ladies Barebow division

LADIES SIGHTED TROPHY: Champion Ladies Sighted division

GARTH JACKSON MEMORIAL CUP: Junior Champion, highest aggregate score.

CUBS TROPHY: Cubs Champion, highest aggregate score.

HINCHO MEMORIAL TROPHY: Highest aggregate score in the open division.

COLIN CAMPBELL TROPHY: For the most improved bowhunter, scores to be judged from previous tournaments results. Only those who completed all rounds at the previous year's tournament in the bowhunter divisions are eligible for this trophy (must have shot in the same division both years).

METCALFE TROPHY: For married couples, highest aggregate score.

SID MITCHINER MEMORIAL TROPHY: Midway Cup. All archers are eligible for this trophy. All rounds to be completed at the Tournament.

LARA TERESA TROPHY: Top aggregate score, specialty targets for Ladies divisions.

NOEL FINAN TROPHY: Top aggregate score, specialty targets for Men's bowhunter divisions.

DENTON TROPHY: Top aggregate score, specialty targets for Junior and Cubs divisions.

BENTLEY-MACEY TROPHY: Top score Saturday all bowhunter divisions.

MCDONALD TROPHY: Top score Sunday all bowhunter divisions.