

Michigan State 4-H Tournament

General Archery Rules

Divisions

Unsighted Divisions – for contestants with bows without sights or bowmarks and who do not use a release aid: **Tape will be placed on the riser/handle by state tournament check-in staff to prevent bowmarks from being used.**

Sighted Divisions – for contestants using any fixed sight accessory (pin sights, lighted sights, bowmarks, etc.), but no release.

Open Divisions – for contestants using a manually triggered release aid* with compound bows only. Sights, and the bows on which they are mounted, must NOT incorporate any prism, lens, **magnifying**, laser, ranging or electronic devices.

*Automatic, hydraulic, or **resistance activated** releases are prohibited from this tournament. These include but are not limited to back tension releases and other releases that **incorporate a safety that resembles a trigger but does not function as a trigger to manually release the string.** ANY COMPETITOR USING SUCH A DEVICE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND REMOVED FROM THE COMPETITION IMMEDIATELY. **Examples of resistance types of releases include but are not limited to the Carter Attraction, Revolution, Evolution, Squeeze Me or Back Strap.**

Equipment

All contestants will use their own archery equipment and nine arrows or more. Bows must be enclosed in a case while being transported. All equipment will be inspected by the range officer prior to the competition. Equipment will be used and handled only on the range.

If changing equipment becomes necessary and an archer must use equipment, which has not been inspected by the range officer, it is the archer's responsibility to have that equipment inspected by a range officer before using it.

Equipment not mentioned or covered is **not allowed** in the competition without prior approval of the 4-H State Shooting Sports Board and/or appropriate event coordinator. Any equipment for which approval is requested must be placed before the committee for approval **prior** to the competition.

1. **Mandatory equipment**

- **Hip quivers** are mandatory.
- **Arm guards** are mandatory **and must be worn on the contestant's bow arm (forearm) below the elbow**

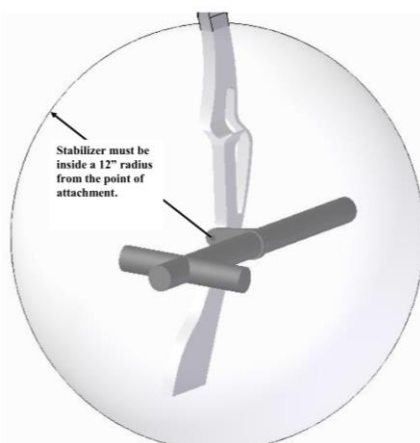
2. The following are permitted in ANY DIVISION.

- **Bows** may be recurve, long or compound. Overdraws are allowed except the arrow tip must extend to beyond the pivot point of the bow grip at full draw. Maximum draw weight allowed in any archery division is 60 lbs.
- **Bow strings** may have any number of strands and a serving with a nocking point (1 or 2 locators).
- **Arrow rests** may be adjustable, and any moveable pressure button, pressure point or arrow plate and draw check indicator may be used on the bow provided they are not electronic and do not offer any additional aid in aiming.

Permitted in any division (continued)

- **Arrows** may be of any type, provided they subscribe to the accepted principle and meaning of the word "arrow" as used in target archery, and that arrows do not cause undue damage to target faces and buttresses. An arrow consists of a nock, shaft, and arrowhead (point) with fletching, and if desired, cresting. Only target points or bullet-shaped points are permitted. Each archer's arrow must be marked or identifiable. Wooden arrows will not be used in compound bows.

- **Stabilizers** are permitted provided they do not serve as a string guide, touch anything but the bow, or present any obstacle to other archers on the shooting line. The term stabilizer shall also include counterbalancing weights. In 3-D archery events, only one stabilizer may be used. The stabilizer shall be no more than 12 inches long, and extend no more than 12 inches from the point of attachment to the riser of the bow. There is no stabilizer length limit in target archery events. The picture below shows an example of an allowed 3-D archery stabilizer.



- **Accessories** may include finger protection, dress shields, a bow sling, tassels, and foot markers (not protruding more than one centimeter). Release aids are permitted only in Open Divisions. **Release aids must be operated manually by depressing a trigger with a finger or thumb.**
3. The following are allowed **ONLY IN THE SIGHTED DIVISIONS** of this Tournament:
 - **Peeps and buttons** not exceeding 1 centimeter in diameter may be used.
 - **Bow sights** may be attached to the bow for the purpose of aiming (windage and elevation), but must **NOT incorporate a prism, lens, magnifying, or electronic devices. No laser or beam sights are allowed.**
 - **Bowmarks** are a single mark made on the bow for the purpose of aiming and are considered to be sights. Such a mark may be made in pencil, tape, or any other suitable marking material. A plate or tape with distance marking may be mounted on the bow as a guide for marking, but must not in any way offer any additional aid.
 4. **Prohibited equipment**
 - **Field glasses, binoculars, spotting scopes, telescopes** and other visual aids may NOT be used for spotting arrows. Prescription glasses, sunglasses, or shooting spectacles, provided they are fitted with the same lenses normally used by the archer, may be worn. None may be fitted with micro hole lenses, glasses, nor marked in any way to assist in aiming.
 - **Range finders** are not allowed in any division
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