

# **Champion Branches Competition**

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## **Purpose**

To provide a competition by which each Branch may compete against each other for the title "Champion Branch". The competition will make use of a variety of shooting styles and allow various strategies in the formation of teams.

Separate "Champion Branch" competitions will be held for ABA, 3D and IFAA competitions.

## **Eligibility**

Each Branch is eligible to enter a team in the competition. Team members must be members of the ABA and must have competed in at least three (3) Branch Interclub/Official tournaments. Members must also have a current 'grade' as recognized by the National Score Recorder.

Adults, both male and female and veterans are eligible.

Professional archers, Junior and Cub divisions are not eligible to compete in an adult team.

A registration fee, as set by the National Executive, is required.

Branch Controllers (or their representative) must submit their nominated team, with the registration fee (if required) before the beginning of competition on the first day to the National Score Recorder.

(NB. Current registration fee is \$20 set as per the 2007 National Annual General Meeting)

## **Shooting Styles**

Each team will consist of a maximum of five (5) archers. Teams of less than five archers are permitted.

Each team may have a maximum of two (2) archers competing in sighted divisions.

It is permissible to have all barebow and no sighted archers in a team.

It is also permissible to have more than one archer competing from the same bow division or grade.

The selection is strictly left to each Branch sponsoring the team.

## **Scoring of Points.**

### ***1. Individual points***

The total daily scores of each individual archer will be added together to form a 'team' score. The greater the score shot on the day - the greater the tally of points to the team. These scores will be added (where possible) on a daily basis.

### ***2. Medal Count***

Individual medals earned in general competition, for the particular event, by members of teams, will receive bonus points. Medals will be weighted accordingly; Gold will receive 50 points, Silver will receive 30 pts, and, Bronze will receive 10 pts.

These points will be added to the 'team' score at the end of the competition.

## **Strategies.**

The Branch Champions event is a combined effort from all archers. From the overall numbers of competitors in particular styles, to each Branch team, each assists the team achieve their ultimate victory. It should also be recognized that the shooting styles practiced within each individual Branch will have a great deal to do with the success in this competition, i.e. a Branch that has no Freestyle archers will have difficulty putting forth a full team.

Teams will need to use careful consideration when deciding upon their final teams. By careful use of strategy, a Branch can overcome another Branch's strengths by careful team selection. For example, Branch X may have a particular strength in Bowhunter Men's Compound. Branch Y may counter this by putting in their team, in the same style, a Women's Bowhunter Recurve because she is assured of gaining the extra points for winning a medal. From a competition viewpoint (and that of fielding more competitive Champion of Nations Teams at a WFAC), those Branches who are without a particular style are encouraged to develop that style within their Branch. A team member who shoots the tournament, regardless of score, is guaranteed a minimum of their daily score points which may just make the difference.

## **Junior Competition**

The Junior Competition will be run separately from the senior competition as a way of encouraging the youth of our association.

Branch Controllers will select a team of five (5) representatives for their Branch.

A maximum of two (2) team members may be archers from sighted divisions.

There is no limit on the number of boys or girls required to make up a team.

**Cub competitors may not be used as substitute archers.**

Scores will be tabulated from the score that the archer shoots each day and these points will be totaled for a 'team score'.

At the end of the competition, bonus points will be awarded for any medal placing.

Gold medal = 50 points, Silver medal = 30 points, Bronze medal = 10 points.

These 'bonus' points will be added to the team total.

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