

## **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS**

All students entering athletic events **MUST** enter at least two (2) other non-athletic events.

Implementing a sports program can be of tremendous benefit to the Christian school. Godly coaches can use sports to teach character and self-control. Sports can also be used as an instrument to create and promote school spirit.

On the other hand, a sports program has the potential of becoming an end in and of itself. Students and staff who hold sports above all else do themselves a disservice and do not honor the Lord. Schools that enter competition solely to compete in sports are missing a tremendous opportunity for their students to broaden their talents and abilities in other areas.

WCA Student Conventions may refuse to accept teams or individuals:

1. Who are only interested in sports competition.
2. Whose coaches or players have demonstrated disrespect for officials and/or other teams and coaches.
3. Who have repeatedly displayed a negative attitude.

Schools desiring to enter any athletic competition must agree to abide by the rules as outlined in these Guidelines.

### **Athletics Dress Code**

#### **Male**

- Contestants must wear loose fitting, full length, sweat pants, warm-up pants or trousers.
- Uniformity in dress is mandatory for team events.
- Students competing in basketball may wear their athletic attire during their event only.
- Non-marking soles are required for all athletic shoes worn on gym floors.
- Shorts, and sleeveless shirts will NOT be allowed. (Exception: a numbered tank top over a colored T-shirt is acceptable for athletics)

#### **Female**

- Loose-fitting skirts and tops are to be worn for competition. Skirts must be full and loose fitting. Skirts must touch the floor when the wearer is in an upright kneeling position.
- For modesty reasons it is recommended that:
  - white athletic clothing NOT be worn.
  - dark colored leggings be worn under the skirt.
- Non-marking soles are required for all athletic shoes worn on gym floors.
- Shorts, and sleeveless shirts will NOT be allowed. (Exception: a numbered tank top over a colored T-shirt is acceptable for athletics)

# ARCHERY

## **(731) Unlimited Free Style**

Equipment for this class may vary as listed. Any bow (compound or recurve) may be used. This bow must meet all general guidelines for equipment. A release aid, adjustable sights (with non-magnifying dot, cross hair or pins), stabilizer over twelve inches, and wings will be allowed. Sights may be adjusted at will, however no extra time will be allowed for setting sights. Anyone or all of these added to a bow will move it to this class.

## **(732) Traditional Instinctive**

This class is restricted to recurve, long bows, and self-made bows. Bows must meet all general guidelines for equipment. No sights, stabilizers, or wings allowed in this class. An arrow rest and nock are the only items allowed on a bow. The bow may be shot off the shelf.

### **Equipment**

#### **Bows**

All bows must be in good condition with no frayed strings or cracks in the riser or limbs. No bow will be used that is considered unsafe. No overdraws **or** bows with a built-in overdraw will be allowed. The maximum draw weight for any bow will be sixty (60) pounds. All compound bows will be checked for proper draw weight at equipment check. No shooter will be allowed to compete with a bow that is set over sixty (60) pounds. (Please read safety guidelines.) The minimum draw weight will be twenty (20) pounds. Crossbows are not allowed.

#### **Arrows**

Arrows must be selected to match the draw weight of the bow. Arrows should be used that will spine correctly and weigh at least five (5) grains for each pound of draw weight. (Example: A 50-pound bow should use at least a 250-grain arrow.) Your local archery shop will be glad to help with arrow selection and setup.

Arrows will be equipped with target or field tips only. No hunting tips or broadheads of any kind are permitted. A contestant should take at least eight (8) arrows to the shooting line. Six (6) arrows will be shot at each target. All arrows should be of identical length and weight. Arrows can be made of aluminum, carbon, or aluminum/carbon composite. Good wood arrows may be used in the traditional class. Wood arrows will not be allowed with compound bows.

#### **Arrow Nocks**

Bow strings must be fitted with no more than two (2) standard metal nocks. If two (2) are used, they may be no more than one-half inch apart.

#### **Strings**

Bow strings in the Unlimited Free Style class may contain any type of sighting mechanism, except those that are electrically powered or use any type of magnifying lens. String walking is not allowed in any class.

#### **Targets**

All targets will be round 48" ten-ring targets. The distances will be as follows: 15, 20, 30 and 40 feet.

#### **Safety**

The utmost care will be given to safety. A bow is a deadly weapon, not a playroom toy. Any student who does not follow all safety rules will be removed from the firing line.

1. Never point your bow in a direction other than downrange.
2. No horseplay!

3. Never run with an arrow in your hand.
4. Don't nock an arrow until instructed to do so.

Any student who cannot safely pull his/her bow will be asked to lower the poundage. The person should be able to pull the bow to full draw without having to reach to the sky or ground. A good way to check this is to have the student sit on a bucket and pull the bow. If he cannot pull it without reaching up or down, lower the poundage.

### **Rules of Competition**

1. Each student will comply with all orders given by the judges.
2. No coaching from the sidelines.
3. Once on the line, shooters may talk only to the judge.
4. Shooters may not distract other archers.
5. The decision of the judges is final.

### **Order of Competition**

1. Each archer will shoot six (6) arrows at each target.
2. When advancing to the firing line, each archer will place the bow on the ground or place it in a bow holder (archer provides own holder).
3. On the order, "The line is clear. You may pick up your bow," archer picks up the bow. Next, "The firing line is no longer clear. Commence firing." At this command archers will shoot arrows. When each archer finishes shooting arrows, the bow is placed on the ground or in a bow holder. When all bows are on the ground or time has run out, the Line Judge will say, "Cease firing." At this point, anyone not finished will place his bow on the ground. The Line Judge will then say, "Is the firing line clear?" Each judge will respond by raising his or her hand. When the Line Judge is satisfied that the line is clear, he will say, "The firing line is clear. Advance to your target score and remove your arrows." When all archers and judges have returned to the line, the Line Judge will say, "Advance to the next target." These steps will be repeated until each archer has completed the course.

### **Scoring**

Scoring will be from ten to zero with bull's-eye being "10". Any arrow that touches the next higher score will be scored at the higher score. If more than six (6) arrows are shot at any one target, the highest score will be dropped. The highest possible score will be 240 points.

### **Time**

There will be a time limit of five (5) minutes on each target for the archer to shoot all six (6) of his/her arrows. Two (2) minutes will be allowed to score the archer's arrow. If lost arrows are not retrieved in this time limit, the student may come back after competition is over and search for lost arrows.