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**World Crossbow Shooting Association**

# **Shooting Rules.**



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The WCSA Shooting Rules are written primarily for World and Regional Championships.

A Federation, Country or Club may have their own variations of these rules specific to their local requirements. These variations are valid for those local competitions but, if the competition is a registered WCSA event.

All registered World and Regional events must be conducted using the current WCSA – Shooting Rules as posted on the WCSA website.



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As a Judge at a Crossbow Championship it is your responsibility to enforce the Shooting Rules to ensure the competition is conducted in a safe and fair manner.

The Shooting Rules are your primary reference and should be followed to the letter at all times.

Personal interpretation should be avoided.

If there are any question relating to the Shooting Rules that you as a judge are unable to answer then the Chief Judge should be consulted as soon as possible.



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The Shooting Rules are broken up into 12 sections for easy reference.

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- Definitions
- Section 1 - General information
- Section 2 – Safety, Crossbow types, Bolts & clothing
- Section 3 – Outdoor Target
- Section 4 – Outdoor Matchplay
- Section 5 – Indoor Target
- Section 6 – Indoor Matchplay
- Section 7 – Forest and Bushland Rounds
- Section 8 – 3D Round
- Section 9 – Bench, Prone and Medieval Round
- Section 10 – Appendix and Diagrams



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What is New in the Shooting Rules.

Section by Section





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## Definitions –

The following definitions have been adjusted or added.

- Bushland Round
- Compound Crossbow
- Crossbow
- Forest Round
- Freestyle Crossbow
- Limb
- Medieval Crossbow
- Prone
- Sporting Crossbow
- Stock
- Target Crossbow



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## Section 1 – General Information

- Clause 5.1 and Clause 5.1.1  
Records and awards for financial members and Invited guests defined.

### Match-Play – Target

- Clause 32.4  
Time per bolt shortened to 50sec.

### Match-Play – Standard & Freestyle

- Clause 32.5  
Time per bolt shortened to 75sec.

### Match-Play – Medieval

- Clause 32.6  
Time per bolt shortened to 50sec.

### Medieval Crossbow

- Clause 32.12  
Kneeling Round (Medieval only) added to Bench/Prone Rounds.





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## Section 2 – Safety, Crossbow Types, Bolts & Clothing

### ➤ Clause 31.8

Individual and Teams for Bench, Prone and Kneeling (medieval) Rounds.

### Medieval Crossbow

### ➤ Clause 36.6 to 36.6.3

The medieval crossbow design specifications reviewed and updated in greater detail.

### Crossbow Bolts

### ➤ Clause 37.1.10 and Clause 37.2.6

Bolt length on all Target, Standard and Freestyle crossbows must be longer than the track.

### ➤ Clause 37.3.7

Bolt length on Medieval crossbows have a defined minimum and maximum length.

### ➤ Clause 37.3.8

Maximum shaft diameter for Medieval Crossbows.



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## Section 4 – Outdoor Match-play

- Clause 40.1 to 40.3  
Timing for match-play per bolt shortened to 50sec and 75sec.
- Clause 40.19.1  
Official practice for Team match-play, elapsed time following Individual Match-play for Team practice.



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## Section 6 – Indoor Match-play

- Clause 42.1.3  
Match-play timing per bolt shortened to 50sec and 75sec.



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## Section 10 – Appendix and Diagrams

- Appendix 1  
Palm Rest not permitted for Assisted Shooters.
- Appendix 3, 3a, 3b, 3c and 3d  
Medieval style examples.  
Medieval crossbow part names and specifications.  
Medieval replacement bolt track styles permitted.  
Medieval String specification and Lath assembly position on Tiller.
- Appendix 12b  
Recommended Team match-play ground layout.



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## **Bushland, Forest and 3D Rounds**

All Bushland, Forest and 3D round distances are unmarked  
for World and Regional Championships.



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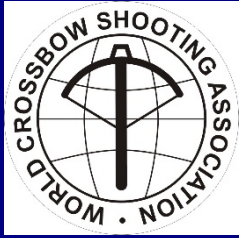
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Bushland Round:

- 24 Targets laid out in a bushland setting.
- Uses World Archery (FITA) Field faces



- 2 score zones
  - Inner Centre Yellow – 20 points (circled)
  - Centre Yellow – 20 points
  - Black – 10 point
- Inside out scoring is removed. If a bolt touches the line it will receive the higher value.



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Forest Round:

- 24 Targets laid out in a bushland setting.
- WCSA approved (NEFAA faces recommended) paper animal faces.



- 2 score zones
  - Centre Inner ring – 20 points (circled)
  - Inner ring – 20 points
  - Outer Hair line ring – 10 point
- Inside out scoring is removed. If a bolt touches the line it will receive the higher value.





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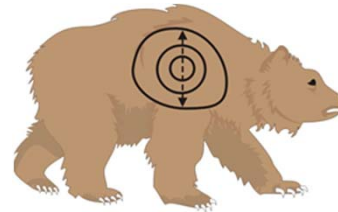
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3D Round:

- 24 Targets laid out in a bushland setting.
- WCSA approved 3-dimensional Animal targets.



- One bolt per target per shooter
- 4 scoring zones.
  - Centre - critical spot - 11 points
  - Inner ring - critical area - 10 points
  - Outer ring - Vital area - 8 points
  - Rest of the body - 5 point (provided the bolt is held in the target).
- Inside out scoring is removed. If a bolt touches the line it will receive the higher value.



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## Unmarked Rounds:

- All World Championship Field rounds are now unmarked.
- Due to the nature of field courses this opens the events up to cheating or gauging for distances
- Be alert to the use of measuring devices, discussion amongst fellow team members, etc.



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- If you suspect breaches:
  - Perform an Equipment inspection on the spot.
  - Refer to section 12.4.4 of your Judges Handbook for further information.
  - Slow groups should be monitored and if after a warning, time limits should be applied.



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