



TUGGERAH LAKES FIELD ARCHERS INC

RULES OF SHOOT 2025

COMPETITIONS

1. The club calendar is to be referred to for dates of each type of competition.
2. Club competitions will be held monthly from February to November inclusive.
3. Competitions will be held on a Sunday except in special circumstances.
4. There are two competition levels.
Competition A consists of two rounds
Competition B consists of one round
5. Participants must nominate which competition (A or B) they will compete in prior to their first competition shoot of each season, i.e., Unmarked Safari or Field.
6. Participants in **competition B must shoot the morning round of the Unmarked Safari** competition (i.e. 2 arrow shoot).
7. Participants in competition B may shoot the morning or afternoon round of the Field competition. If shooting the afternoon round they must be at the club by 11.30am.
8. If a member nominates to shoot competition A and for any reason only shoots one round on any given competition day the score for that round is entered as a full competition score.
9. Five Unmarked Safari competitions will be held throughout the year.
10. Five Field competitions will be held throughout the year.
11. An archer's three (3) highest scores in either the Unmarked Safari competition or the Field competition will be used to calculate award recipients for either type of competition. This rule applies to both competition A or competition B.
12. Hosted competitions on the club grounds will be counted towards awards on the same basis as club competitions.

AWARDS

DIVISIONAL PLACES

Trophies will be awarded in all age and equipment divisions for the Unmarked Safari (A and B) competition or the Field (A and B) competition [maximum three (3) places]. If there is only one competitor in any division, provided they have recorded three (3) scores, as per #11 above, a medal will be awarded.

EQUIPMENT DIVISIONS

Compound sighted / unsighted; Recurve sighted / unsighted and Traditional i.e. long bow

NOTE

When registering archers must nominate whether they are competing in the A or B competition, the equipment and age division in which they wish to compete.

AGE DIVISIONS AND SHOOTING POSITION MARKER COLOURS

DIVISION	AGE	COLOUR	Un sighted Compound or Recurve
Joey's	up to 9 years	Pink	
Cubs	10 to 12 years	Black	
Novice*	13+ years	Black	
Cadets	13 to 15 years	Blue	
Juniors	16 and 17 years	Blue	
Adults	18+ years	Red	Blue
Veterans	60+ years	Blue	

Novice competitors*

Any member over 13 years who has not previously shot in a full series / season of any type of outdoor competition with TLFA may choose to shoot from the novice plate (black).

CHANGE OF AGE DURING YEAR

When an archer’s age division changes during the year due to birth date the following applies:

- a) if the archer’s birthday is **before 1st July** then the archer is to shoot in the age division that they will be in as of that birthday. For example, an archer in the cub division turns 13 before the 1st July then that archer shoots as a cadet.
- b) if the archer’s birthday is after 1st July then the archer must nominate at **their first competition** the age division for the year. For example, an archer turns 13 after the 1st July then that archer can chose to shoot as a cub or a cadet.

This decision carries through for the year until awards are given.

UNMARKED SAFARI COMPETITION A

(Joeys and Cubs shoot competition B)

- a 40 target competition
- 2 rounds x 20 targets
- **Round 1 = 2 arrow shoot** per target – both arrows scored
- **Round 2 = 1 arrow shoot** per target

Each target has **4 score zones,**

- Red = 10**
- Blue = 8**
- Pro-Ring (White) = 14**
- Body of the animal = 6**



The official total scoring is out of 840. i.e., 60 x 14 (pro rings)

MAXIMUM DISTANCES

DIVISION	AGE	MAXIMUM DISTANCE
Novice*	13+ years	20 metres
Cadets	13 to 15 years	33 metres
Juniors	16 and 17 years	33 metres
Adult Unsighted	18+ years	33 metres
Adults	18+ years	43 metres
Veterans	60+ years	33 metres

***Novice competitors**

Any member over 13 years of age who has not previously shot in a full series / season of any type of outdoor competition with TLFA may choose to shoot from the novice plate (black).

UNMARKED SAFARI COMPETITION B

(includes Joeys and Cubs)

- a 20 target competition – morning round only
- 2 arrow shoot per target – both arrows scored

Each target has 4 score zones,

- Red = 10**
- Blue = 8**
- Pro-Ring (White) = 14**
- Body of the animal = 6**



The official total scoring is out of 560 i.e., 40 x 14 (pro rings)

MAXIMUM DISTANCES

DIVISION	AGE	MAXIMUM DISTANCE
Joeys	up to 9 years	10 metres
Cubs	10 to 12 years	20 metres
Novice*	13+ years	20 metres
Cadets	13 to 15 years	33 metres
Juniors	16 and 17 years	33 metres
Adult Un sighted	18+ years	33 metres
Adults	18+ years	43 metres
Veterans	60+ years	33 metres

***Novice competitors**

Any member over 13 years of age who has not previously shot in a full series / season of any type of outdoor competition with TLFA may choose to shoot from the novice plate (black).

FIELD COMPETITION A

(Joeys and Cubs shoot competition B)

- a 24 target competition which is 2 x 12 target rounds
- a **3 arrow shoot** per target – all arrows scored



Score zones

Rings will be scored from the centre of the target as

6 5 4 3 2 and 1

The official total scoring is 432

MAXIMUM DISTANCES

DIVISION	AGE	MAXIMUM DISTANCE
Novice*	13+ years	25 metres
Cadets	13 to 15 years	50 metres
Juniors	16 and 17 years	50 metres
Adult Unsighted	18+ years	50 metres
Adults	18+ years	60 metres
Veterans	60+ years	50 metres

***Novice competitors**

Any member over 13 years of age who has not previously shot in a full series / season of any type of outdoor competition with TLFA may choose to shoot from the novice plate (black).

FIELD COMPETITION B

(includes Joeys and Cubs)

- a 12 target competition i.e. one round. Archers may participate in either the morning or afternoon round.
- a **3 arrow shoot** per target – all arrows scored



Score zones

Rings will be scored from the centre of the target as

6 5 4 3 2 and 1

The official total scoring is 216

MAXIMUM DISTANCES

DIVISION	AGE	MAXIMUM DISTANCE
Joeys	up to 9 years	15 metres
Cubs	10 to 12 years	25 metres
Novice*	13+ years	25 metres
Cadets	13 to 15 years	50 metres
Juniors	16 and 17 years	50 metres
Adult Unsighted	18+ years	50 metres
Adults	18+ years	60 metres
Veterans	60+ years	50 metres

***Novice competitors**

Any member over 13 years of age who has not previously shot in a full series / season of any type of outdoor competition with TLFA may choose to shoot from the novice plate (black).

COMPETITION RULES

1. Archers who do not complete the competition course in the correct order **will be disqualified** for that competition and no results will be recorded.

Courses

Unmarked Safari – one circuit (round) is targets 1 to 20. For example, if a shoot group starts on target 16 then the progression is target 16 to 20; followed by target 1 to 10; followed by target 11 to 15 to complete the course.

Field - one circuit (round) is targets 1 to 12. For example, if a shoot group starts on target 6 then the progression is target 6 to 12; followed by 1 to 5.

2. To begin **each round** of the competition **all shoot groups will start at the same time** except in special circumstances approved by the competition director.
3. Archers will shoot in groups of not less than three (3) and not more than six (6), unless otherwise mandated by government regulations.
4. **The order of shooting changes after each round in competition A** i.e., archers who shot first will shoot last and vice versa according to their divisions. Archers shooting from the right-hand side will shoot from the left-hand side and vice versa.
5. An archer's feet **are not to be in front of** the appropriate marker. One foot shall not be more than 10 centimetres behind or a maximum of one metre to either side of the appropriate marker.
6. Where targets are shot two-up if an archer feels that they are at a disadvantage in their allocated position then they are permitted to shoot from the other position.
7. A parent of a Joey may accompany their child throughout the competition at the discretion of the competition director or range captain.
8. An experienced archer must accompany Joeys and Cubs throughout the competition. **Joeys and Cubs must walk between two adults when on the range.**

9. Shoot groups shall not interfere with any other shoot group.
10. Archers must not intentionally slow the shoot. Arrows should be shot in no more than four (4) minutes – field competition and no more than three (3) minutes – unmarked safari competition.
11. A faster shooting group is allowed to overtake a slow-moving group at the first possible opportunity during a round of competition.
12. Archers drawing the bow above horizontal to the target face may be disqualified at the discretion of the competition director or range captain.
13. Practice is not permitted on the Unmarked Safari / Field range prior to commencement of the competition.

SCORING

1. Arrows are scored (circled) from highest to lowest.
2. An arrow which misses the target face will be scored as a miss. The letter “M” to be circled on the score sheet.
3. An arrow which **bounces off the scoring zone** shall be recorded if the group agrees on the score of the arrow. If there is no agreement the archer may re-shoot the arrow.
4. An arrow which embeds in the target after hitting a tree or bouncing off the ground is scored.
5. Arrows that pass through a target shall be recorded if the group agrees on the score of the arrow. If there is no agreement the archer may re-shoot the arrow.
6. In an Unmarked Safari competition an arrow touching the line will be scored at the higher value.
7. In a Field competition an arrow breaking the line will be scored at the higher value.
8. In an Unmarked Safari competition if more than two (2) arrows are shot into a target in Round 1 only the lowest two (2) arrows will be scored. If more than one (1) arrow is shot into a target in Round 2 only the lowest arrow will be scored.
9. In a Field competition if more than three (3) arrows are shot into a target only the lowest three (3) arrows will be scored.
10. An arrow which has not reached the target but has travelled an estimated distance of more than three (3) metres is considered a miss (M).
11. Arrows which land in the wrong target will be scored as a miss (M).
12. An archer who shoots from the wrong marker shall lose the score of the highest arrow shot from the incorrect position.
13. The archer’s score for each Unmarked Safari or Field competition – either A or B will be recorded for the end of year awards.

EQUIPMENT FAILURE

1. An archer with an equipment failure is permitted to leave the range and repair the equipment. However the group must remain together. To leave the range the group must walk around the course until it is safe to exit.
2. If the equipment can be repaired while still on the range the group must stand back and allow other groups to shoot through.
3. If the repair cannot be completed within 30 minutes the group is to return to the course and continue shooting.
4. The archer with the equipment failure may remain with the group when it returns to the range and continue repairs but misses will be recorded on each target until the archer can resume shooting.