



2021 Track Marshal/Chief Referee Training Module

To better provide a well-run competition, we have created these training modules for your Track Marshal/Chief Referee as a learning tool. Understanding the rules is an integral part of making sure your event runs smoothly and maintains consistency for your participants. If you are hosting a National Ranking event, it is mandatory that your Track Marshal and Chief Referee (sometimes the same person) complete this training before the event and we must have your graded final exam on file. A passing score of at least 80% is expected and you will be considered compliant.

We know it can be confusing with IHAA and MA3 rules. IHAA rules are meant to be broad. Each country can have rules that are a bit more restrictive in areas they feel are necessary. IHAA has just released their updated rules. Know that the MA3 rules at MA3 events, SUPERSEDE IHAA Rules in areas that MA3 rules are more detailed. Where MA3 rules are undefined or don't exist, then IHAA rules take precedence.

Directions:

Please read each module of the 2021 rules and answer the practice questions at the end of each module. These practice questions are for you and you do not need to turn these in with your final exam. Read the National Ranking Rules and answer the practice questions (these do not need to be turned in). Complete the final exam and submit to the MA3 Board of Directors for review to be considered as a registered MA3 Competition Track Marshal/Chief Referee. The final exam can be an open book test. Just like at a real competition, we expect you will have the rules printed and accessible to refer to throughout the event.

Module 1 – Competition Officials

- 1.1 Every competition shall have the following roles assigned: Competition Organizer, Chief Referee, Track Marshal, Start-Line Judge, Target Judge(s), Timekeeper and Score Keeper.

- 1.2 Each role may be held by a single person or by more than one person jointly—(Example:—A competition may have two people acting as Target Judge, working in tandem).
- 1.3 A single person or group of people may hold more than one role at a time. (Example: One person may hold the role of both Target Judge AND Timekeeper).
- 1.4 The Competition organizer shall submit a competition application to the MA3 Board of Directors for review and approval no less than two (2) months prior to the first competition day for National Ranking events, and no less than One (1) month for Non-Ranking events. The Competition Organizer shall be responsible for providing the venue and announcing horse accommodations for competitors.
 - 1.4.1 For National Ranking Competitions, the Competition Organizer shall ensure that all Track Marshal and Chief Referee have taken and passed the required training module and final exam AT LEAST two weeks before the first Competition Day.
- 1.5 The Chief Referee (in collaboration with the Track Marshal) shall be responsible for ensuring that the competition runs in accordance with the rules and MUST have a working knowledge of the current rule system before the Competition Date. The Chief Referee shall have the final decision in all matters relating to the rules and rules violations save where that responsibility is passed to an appeal panel. The Track Marshal reports to the Chief Referee. In the case that either the Track Marshal or Chief Referee is also a competitor, they shall not make the final call in matters of scoring. All scorekeeping decisions shall be maintained by the official Score Keeper in that instance.
 - 1.5.1 The Track Marshal shall be responsible for ensuring all competition rules and safety protocols listed in this document are followed.
 - 1.5.2 Starting in 2021, all Track Marshals and Chief Referees for National Ranking Competitions shall be required to complete the training module provided by MA3 and to pass the final exam with at least an 80% score before they are allowed to perform these roles.
- 1.6 The Track Marshal shall be responsible for ensuring the physical layout of the competition space is safe for competitors and MUST have a working knowledge of the current rule system before the Competition Date. The Track Marshal shall keep an eye out for holes in the track, poles and safety guideline adherence, safety of competitors and horses, etc.
 - 1.6.1 The Track Marshal shall be responsible for making sure the Track is clear between competition runs and shall announce it is clear for the next competitor to begin their run.
 - 1.6.2 The Track Marshal shall be in communication with the Scorekeeping Table/Announcers of the Competition to manage flow of competitors when the track is ready.
 - 1.6.3 The Track Marshal shall report to the Chief Referee.
 - 1.6.4 Starting in 2021, all Track Marshals and Chief Referees for National Ranking Competitions shall be required to complete the training module provided by MA3 and to pass the final exam with at least an 80% score before they are allowed to perform these roles.
- 1.7. The Start-Line Judge shall be responsible for ensuring competitors adhere to Start-Line procedures per the competition rules. They shall watch to make sure arrows are not pulled before the starting line where necessary and shall report to the Chief Referee if competition rules are broken. Where necessary, the Start-Line Judge shall also interact with the Timekeeper to ensure proper timing of course runs.

- 1.8 The Target Judge(s) shall be responsible for determining the number of points scored by arrows hitting the targets. They shall operate under the supervision of the Score Keeper and the Chief Referee. Target judges must be familiar with the provisions of rule 5 (scoring).
- 1.9 The Timekeeper (or the Track Marshal should one not be present) shall be responsible for ensuring that the timing equipment is operating correctly and for recording
- 1.10 The Score Keeper shall be responsible for supervising the Target Judges and ensuring that the scores awarded by the target judges are recorded correctly. They shall also collect the run times from the Timekeeper. The Score Keeper shall report to the Chief Referee.
 - 1.10.1 There must be at least two scorers with at least one being an Active MA3 member.
 - 1.10.2 No competitor may be a scorer.
 - 1.10.3 Smaller competitions with less than 15 competitors may where needed have only ONE Score Keeper, double checking scores by a second person who is not a competitor. Larger competitions with 15 or more competitors should have TWO Score Keepers, and it is advised to utilize the Radek IHAA online scoring system.
 - 1.10.4 In the case of the Radek system usage, one Score Keeper will input the scores into the Radek system online while a second Score Keeper will write the scores manually. (www.ihaa.eu)
- 1.11 In addition to those listed above, individual events may call for further officials, including judges for each section of track and end lines (Tower course).

Module 1 Questions

1. What are the roles that must be assigned during an MA3 competition?
2. T or F The Competition organizer shall submit a competition application to the MA3 Board of Directors for review and approval no less than two (2) months prior than the first competition day for National Ranking events, and no less than One (1) month for Non-Ranking events
3. T or F Your competition organizer can be the same person as the Track Marshal?
4. T or F The Track Marshal/Chief Referee shall decide all matters relating to the rules save where that responsibility is passed to an appeal panel.
5. T or F Is it ok to pull a last-minute target judge to fill a vacancy and not train them on how to score?
6. T or F It is very important to have a trained Chief Referee that knows the rules and understands the courses being run and the scoring and rules for those courses.

7. T or F The Start Line Judge shall be responsible for making sure the Track is clear between competition runs and shall announce it is clear for the next competitor to begin their run.
8. T or F The volunteer coordinator or competition organizer is in charge of making sure the timers are working.
9. T or F You have a small competition with only 8 competitors. It is OK to only have one score keeper.
10. T or F The Chief Referee reports to the Track Marshal.

Module 2 - The Track

- 2.1 Unless otherwise specified by the rules for a specific event, the track shall be 2-4m wide and the boundaries of the track shall be clearly delineated by a rope, track poles, or raised earth.
 - 2.1.1. It is suggested that if a track is built with poles rather than with ropes, the poles should be moved closer together than they would be with ropes as barriers.
- 2.2 Any posts used as barriers must be bendable, easily bent, under 100 pounds, such that it does not present significant risk of injury to a horse or rider who falls on them. The top of the post must be covered by a non-metal T-shaped fitting, ball, or rounded object to prevent injury. The white, push-in posts with flat, square tops are permissible to use without a covering on top as long as the posts are angled OUTWARD from the track. Wood or metal posts including steel "T-posts" are strictly prohibited for use as track boundaries.
- 2.3 It is required, that if rope is used, it should have breaking points to allow a horse to go through it. The recommended method is to attach a small piece of wire to the ends of the ropes and hook them together.
- 2.4 As a safety check, all tracks including Straight Tracks, Hunt, Cross Country, or otherwise, will be ridden at suggested course speed prior to warm-up day by competition organizers or members of host chapter. If track must be changed for safety reasons, it must be re-run at suggested course speed by at least two riders/horses before continuing competition.
- 2.5 The track shall be inspected for hazards before each day of competition. It is recommended to designate a track maintenance person or crew during competitions.
- 2.6 There shall be at least 15 meters space after the finish line for the horse to slow and stop safely.
- 2.7 In the event that left-handed competitors are registered for the competition, the track formation must be adjusted to provide equal target placement for both left and right-handed competitors.
- 2.8 All spectators must always be at least 15 feet from the course. Volunteers, Scorers, Photographers, Competitors, and other crew shall not be within 10 feet of the course while a competitor is running.

- 2.8.1 It is suggested that when marking track barriers, this 15 foot/10 foot zone is also marked off for easy visual reference during competition.
- 2.9 State equine laws must be posted in a physical sign during competitions, viewable for all competitors.
 - 2.9.1 It is suggested that these signs be posted within 50 feet of the Track.
- 2.10 Emergency contacts for Local Hospitals, Vets, and Farriers must be posted in a physical sign during competitions, viewable for all competitors.
 - 2.10.1 It is suggested that these signs be posted within 50 feet of the Track.

Module 2 Questions

1. The track must be how wide?
2. T or F It is suggested that if a track is built with poles rather than with ropes, the poles should be moved closer together than they would be with ropes as barriers.
3. T or F It is never ok to not have ropes as a barrier on the track.
4. T or F The white, push-in posts with flat, square tops are permissible to use without a covering on top as long as the posts are angled INWARD from the track.
5. T or F It is ok to not run the track before the event to check for safety.
6. Who can run the tracks before the event for safety?
7. How many feet must there be after the finish line for competitors to be able to stop safely?
8. When is it ok to not think about the track for the lefty shooters?
9. How far must the spectators and the designated photographer be from the track?
10. T or F The state's equine liability signs do not need to be posted because the MA3 rules and insurance supersedes these signs.

Module 3 Horses

- 3.1 All horses should be adequately trained and experienced in mounted archery and must be fit enough to complete all their required runs at walk, trot, canter, or gallop.
 - 3.1.1 It is suggested that only experienced mounted archery horses be shared among multiple riders at a competition.
- 3.2 Competition Organizers and national governing bodies may make additional rules regarding the horses' age, vaccinations, health records, veterinary examinations, and fitness as are reasonable.
- 3.3 Competition Organizers and national governing bodies may make rules regarding the inclusion of stallions as are reasonable.
- 3.4 Without prejudice to the above rules, horses with a known propensity to kick or bite should be required to wear red or orange ribbons in their mane and/or tail.
- 3.5 It is recommended that no more than 2 competitors shall be pre-assigned a given horse in any one competition. Three competitors may share a single horse in the case of a necessary switch for safety or soundness reasons per Track Marshal discretion. No more than 3 competitors shall ride a given horse for the canter division, never more than 4 competitors for the trot division, and never more than 5 competitors for the walk division in any one competition for any reason.
 - 3.5.1 There should be no more than 9 runs per day offered for a multiple day competition. (Example: There should be a 6 run course and a 3 run course per day maximum)
 - 3.5.2 There should be no more than 12 runs per day offered for a single day competition. (Example: There can be a 6 run course and another 6 run course per day maximum).
- 3.6 In the event that more than 2 competitors wish to ride an available horse, the final say shall go to the Competition Organizer. This decision shall not be appealed under Rule 9.
- 3.7 In regards to rules 3.5-3.6, final discretion over a rider selection shall be subject to the horse owner's final approval.
- 3.8 Competitors must be given reasonable opportunity to ride the horses before the competition, in order to familiarize themselves with their horse.
- 3.9 The Track Marshal may, at any time and at their discretion, decide that a horse is not safe to continue, either through injury, fitness or for any other reason.
- 3.10 The owner of a horse may at any time withdraw their horse from the competition for any reason.
 - 3.10.1 If a competitor (other than the owner) is displaced by the horse's owner removing the horse from competition for any reason other than injury, the Competition Organizer shall attempt to make provision for an alternative horse for that competitor only.
 - 3.10.2 If an alternative horse is being provided then the competitor shall be allowed a reasonable time to familiarize themselves with the horse and warm the horse up. The Track Marshal shall determine how long is reasonable in the circumstances.
 - 3.10.3 In the event that a rider is given a new horse per the previous section 3.10.13-3.10.2, the competitor shall be granted one NON SHOOTING warm-up run for the

horse before competition resumes.

- 3.10.4 In the event that a rider is given a new horse per the previous sections, the competitor shall be allowed to complete their expected course runs.
- 3.11 All competitors MUST use a saddle with stirrups, and a bridle, bit-less bridle, or bosal. All horses must have reins. There will be no liberty riding or riding with only a nylon halter allowed.
- 3.12 Horses should have a free head carriage. Any device or arrangement that pulls on a horse's head or mouth during normal paces, when the reins have been released, (whether used with the aim of slowing the horse or not) is not allowed. Examples include (but are not limited to) bearing, side, draw, running, balancing reins, or similar. Devices such as the Market Harborough (German martingale) or de Gogue may not be used. Reins may not be looped over the pommel so tight that they act to slow the horse.
- 3.12.1 The use of martingales is discouraged. In competition, permission to use a standing martingale must be obtained from the Competition Organizer. If the chief referee feels the standing martingale is tight enough to be doing more than simply preventing the horse raising its head dangerously high, he may ask for it to be loosened or removed (see rule 3.9). A running martingale may be used without requiring specific permission.
- 3.12.2 Local rules may further restrict the use of standing and/or running martingales.
- 3.12.3 Where used, there must be a gap of at least 1.5cm between the horse's nasal plate and a noseband.
- 3.12.4 Care should be taken that, when they are dropped, the reins do not hang so low that there is a risk of the horse stepping on them, or of them catching on anything. Short reins, knotted reins or rein keeps / quick release attachments may be employed as long as they do not contravene rule 3.9.
- 3.12.5 Rein extenders are permitted as long as they can be safely used by the individual.

Module 3 Questions

1. T or F Horses do not need to be fit, after all, most tracks are only 90 meters long.
2. T or F It is ok to bring in a horse that will be shared who has never been shot off of.
3. T or F A competition organizer may require a vet exam before competing.
4. T or F The competition organizer may limit the age of horses at the event.
5. What color ribbon is used to tie in the horse's tail if they are known to kick?
6. T or F It is OK to have a stallion at an event if it is cleared by the event organizer.
7. T or F It is OK for a horse to carry 4 riders at canter because another horse went lame and can't be used.
8. T or F It is OK if a competitor does not like the horse they were given and made arrangements to switch horses with another competitor.

9. T or F The Chief Referee may, at any time and at their discretion, decide that a horse is not safe to continue, either through injury, fitness or for any other reason.
10. T or F If a competitor (other than the owner) is displaced by the horse's owner removing the horse from competition for any reason other than injury, the competitor has no choice but to scratch from the competition.
11. T or F It is ok to use a liberty ring around the horse's neck.
12. T or F If a rider had to switch horses during the competition, the competitor may not be given any warm-up runs.
13. T or F It is ok for a competitor to use a tie down on the horse's head while competing.
14. T or F There should be no more than 12 runs per day offered for a multiple day competition.

Module 4 Personal Conduct

- 4.1 All competitors, supporting staff (including but not limited to coaches, grooms, and team managers) and spectators shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike fashion. Unacceptable behavior on the part of competitors, spectators or supporting staff may result in penalties against the competitor to whom the offenders relate.
- 4.2 Unnecessarily rough or cruel handling of the horses is forbidden. Penalties may be imposed as in rule 4.1 above.
- 4.3 In the interest of keeping competition zones safe for horses and competitors, there will be no alcohol or drug use closer than 30 yards from the start and stop zones of the track. This includes but is not limited to spectators and other non-competitors or Competition personnel.
- 4.4 No competitor shall consume any alcohol until they have concluded their riding and shooting for the day.
- 4.5 No competitor shall take any drug, whether prescribed or not, which may affect their ability to compete in a safe manner.
- 4.6 Any person acting in an unsafe or disruptive manner may be required to leave the event at the discretion of a majority vote of the Chief Referee, Track Marshal, and Competition Organizer.
- 4.7 Infringement of any provision of rules 4.1-4.6 may be penalized by warning, the deduction of points or disqualification. This shall be determined by the Chief Referee, who shall bear in mind the seriousness of the behavior. Competitors thus penalized may appeal under rule 9.
- 4.8 Guns or ammunition are prohibited within 30 yards of the competition track.

- 4.9 Minors under the age of 18 are not allowed to participate without a parent/guardian present.
- 4.9.1 In the event that a Competitor or Participant under the age of 18 travels to a competition without their parent or legal guardian, they must bring with them paperwork designating responsibility to whichever adult is acting as their guardian for the event.
- 4.9.2 This rule applies to the Competitors, Volunteers, and Participants of any kind, at any official MA3 event including practices, demonstrations, and competitions.
- 4.9.3 The Parent, Guardian, or person designated responsible for the minor **MUST BE ON SITE AT ALL TIMES** when the minor is on site during any official MA3 Event.
- 4.9.4 Please reference the Youth Waiver for more details and official designations.

Module 4 Questions

1. T or F It is OK for competitors and volunteers to drink alcohol at their tent after the competition day is over.
2. T or F A competitor was witnessed whipping their horse back at the coral. Penalties may be imposed.
3. T or F A competitor witnesses another competitor drinking or taking drugs an hour before they are to compete. The competitor may be required to leave the event at the discretion of a majority vote of the Chief Referee, Track Marshal, and Competition Organizer.
4. T or F A group of spectators are sitting 20 ft from the start of the track and are seen drinking alcohol. This is ok as they are not competing.
5. T or F A spectator is open carrying a firearm within 30 yards of the track, but this is ok because the state where the competition is being held has an open carry law.
6. T or F A competitor that has been barred from competing due to being abusive to their horse can appeal under rule 9.
7. T or F It is Ok that a minor competitor was left at the competition without another adult acting as a guardian.
8. T or F It is ok for a minor target judge helping out to be at the site without a parent or guardian.
9. T or F The parents of a minor competitor had to leave the event due to a family emergency. It is Ok if they designated another adult at the event to be responsible.

5.0 PERSONAL DRESS & EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 Traditional garb is encouraged but is not mandatory. It is up to the discretion of the Competition Organizer whether to require garb or not.
 - 5.1.1 If garb is to be required for a specific event, it must be announced in the Official Competition Rules of the event at time of registration, so that all competitors have equal opportunity to make an informed decision to compete.

- 5.2 Riding helmets are encouraged but are not mandatory. The exception is that competitors under the age of 18 must wear a riding helmet at all times when mounted.
 - 5.2.1 If a helmet is to be required for a specific event, it must be announced in the official competition rules for the event at time of registration, so that all competitors have equal opportunity to make an informed decision to compete.

- 5.3 A competitor riding their own horse may use spurs, crop, or other similar equipment. Competitors riding a horse that is not their own must have the permission of the horse's owner before using such equipment.
 - 5.3.1 It is not allowed for the rider to use their arrows or bow to cue their horse, either by waiving in the air or hitting the horse.

- 5.4 Bows shall be of traditional form but may be of modern or traditional construction, including the use of modern materials. No arrow shelves, rests, cut-out windows, stabilizers, weights, pistol handles or mechanical releases shall be permitted. Any draw weight may be used.

- 5.5 Arrows may be of any material, including the nocks and fletching. Only target **and field** points are permitted. Broadheads or any other **hunting** point that causes excessive damage to the target shall NOT be permitted. Where blunts are required, they must be made of rubber, wood, plastic, leather, or some other soft material.
 - 5.5.1 Qabac arrows MUST BE rubber blunted Flu Flus.
 - 5.5.2 Arrows may be carried in a quiver, belt, or sash.
 - 5.5.3 Arrows may not be carried in the boot.

- 5.6 A quiver or sash is required unless otherwise specified in the course description. When not required, arrows may be carried in the bow hand tips up or down. Quivers may be attached to the hip, thigh or back, but never to the horse or saddle.
 - 5.6.1 These rules on quivers apply to all events in MA3 competitions when arrows are not being held in the hand.
 - 5.6.2 Quivers must be attached to the rider, they may not be attached to the horse, its tack or to the bow.
 - 5.6.3 The quiver may be attached to a person's body, belt, or upper leg. It may not be attached to the arm or lower leg (i.e. no straps to be secured below the knee).
 - 5.6.4 Quiver types where arrow points are uncovered are permitted.
 - 5.6.5 If the Chief Referee has concerns that a particular quiver is dangerous or is irritating the horse (for example, by flapping) then the Track Marshal may request that a competitor adjusts or changes the quiver. If this is not done to the Track Marshal's satisfaction, they may forbid the person from continuing to use that quiver.

Module 5 Questions

1. T or F It is OK if competitors do not wish to dress up in traditional costumes as they compete.
2. T or F A 13 yo competitor is seen warming up on their horse without a helmet and this is permissible.
3. T or F It is Ok for a competitor to ride a borrowed horse with spurs without asking the owner of the horse first.
4. T or F A competitor is getting ready to do their runs and someone complains that they have an arrow quiver that is attached to the saddle. This is OK.
5. T or F It is OK for broadhead tips to be used because that is all the competitor has.
6. T or F There is nothing wrong with a competitor pulling their arrows from their boot during their runs.
7. T or F It is OK for a competitor to hit their horse with their bow to go faster because they own the horse.
8. T or F A competitor is ok to use a bow that has an arrow shelf for the competition.
9. T or F It is permissible for a competitor to use a quiver that does not cover the arrow points/tips.
10. T or F The Track Marshal has the right to ask a competitor to change quivers or adjust a quiver that is flapping and irritating the horse.

6.0 SCORING

- 6.1 Arrows should not be touched until their score has been determined and recorded.
- 6.2 Arrows that bounce off the target shall score zero and do not count as "hits" for the purpose of bonus points.
- 6.3 Arrows that pass through the target should be awarded the score that is indicated by a new hole in the target face, or where the target judge believes the arrow to have penetrated the target. If

nobody saw which scoring zone the arrow passed through, or there is disagreement, then the lowest score for that target should be awarded.

- 6.4 An arrow that strikes and remains embedded in another arrow shall score what the chief referee determines it most likely would have scored.
 - 6.4.1 If the arrow is embedded in the nock-end (i.e. has robin-hooded) another arrow, it should score the same points as the arrow it struck.
 - 6.4.2 If an arrow bounces but obviously hit and damaged another arrow already in the target, causing a broken nock or similar damage that couldn't possibly been there when that arrow was shot, the chief referee may choose to award points as he deems appropriate, given the location of the damage and the angle of the shot..
- 6.5 An arrow that penetrates the paper target face but does not penetrate the boss and is left hanging from the paper face shall be scored as though it had penetrated the boss.
- 6.6 If the shaft of an arrow breaks two different scoring zones or touches the line between two scoring zones then the arrow shall be scored as the higher of the two scores.
 - 6.6.1 The arrow should be scored where the arrow shaft breaks the target face. If the arrow has been shot at an angle such that the mid-shaft lies in contact with a higher scoring zone, this does not count: the location where the shaft penetrates the target face is the score that counts.
 - 6.6.2 If a tear in the paper face caused by the arrow touches the line (or higher scoring zone), but the shaft of the arrow does not, then the lower score is recorded. The higher score is only awarded if the arrow itself touches the line or higher zone.
 - 6.6.3 It is recommended, but not mandatory, that if an arrow is close to or just touching a line (i.e. it is a close decision as to which zone to score it in), the target judge should obtain a second opinion before announcing the score. If it cannot be determined whether an arrow touches the line or not, the higher score is given.
- 6.7 Arrows shall be scored by target judges, who shall indicate the score to the score keeper.
 - 6.7.1 The target judge shall not touch the arrow or the target face until the score keeper has instructed the target judge to pull the arrow.
 - 6.7.2 Target judges should indicate the target point score for long enough that a rider's representative based near the judges' tent can note them and question results if necessary.
- 6.8 Once properly scored (in accordance with rules 6.1-6.7), arrows should be removed from the targets after each run, so each competitor has clear target faces to shoot at.
 - 6.8.1 The arrows should not be removed until the competitor's representative has been given adequate time to query the scores (see 6.7.2), though this should not be a lengthy enough delay to slow the flow of competition.
- 6.9 If scoring is efficient enough then preliminary results for individual competitors may be announced while the next group is warming up.

Module 6 Questions

1. T or F It is OK for the person scoring at the target to remove the arrow before the score keeper has recorded the score.
2. T or F The arrow passed through the target, the Track Marshal/Chief Referee should let the competitor take a rerun.
3. T or F If an arrow bounces but obviously hit and damaged another arrow already in the target, causing a broken nock or similar damage that couldn't possibly been there when that arrow was shot, the chief referee may choose to award points as he deems appropriate, given the location of the damage and the angle of the shot
4. T or F The points do not count if the arrow did not penetrate the boss and only the paper.
5. T or F The Target Judge will communicate the score to the Track Marshal.
6. T or F An arrow scores a 2 but has a side that is touching the score of 3. The score will be a 3.

7.0 REFUSALS, FALLS, AND SAFETY EXCLUSIONS

- 7.1 Once a competitor has been given the signal to go, they must enter the track within 60s. Failure to do so shall count as a refusal and the competitor shall not be permitted to enter the track once the 60s have elapsed. If the horse enters the track after 60s, they shall score zero for that run.
- 7.2 If a horse leaves the track other than through the approved exit then the competitor shall score zero for that run.
- 7.3 If a competitor falls from their horse whilst on the track then they shall score zero for that run. A second such fall in the same Course shall result in disqualification from that event. The competitor may compete in other courses at the same competition.
- 7.4 The Track Marshal may, at their discretion, rule that a competitor is not safe to continue, either through injury, a medical condition or through lack of competence, or any reason deemed necessary by the Track Marshal. In such a situation the competitor shall not attempt any more runs but shall not be disqualified, so any runs already completed shall count towards results and standings.
- 7.5 A competitor who is deemed unsafe to continue through injury or medical condition under rule 7.4 may, at the discretion of the Chief Referee and Track Marshal, be permitted to attempt further runs once the issue has been resolved.

- 7.6 The Chief Referee/Track Marshal may, at their discretion, allow the competitor to complete any runs that they have missed whilst injured or for any other reason.

Module 7 Questions

1. T or F A competitor is having trouble with their horse getting them to go on to the track after the start whistle sounded. It has been 80 seconds from the whistle to the horse getting on the track for the run. The scores for that run shall count.
2. T or F The horse jumped over the track ropes but did not break the ropes. The arrow points will count for that run.
3. T or F A rider has taken their second fall while doing their 5th run for a particular course. They are DQed from that course.
4. T or F A competitor came off their horse and had to stop competing. They felt better later on in the day and asked the Chief Referee if they could complete their missed runs. It is Ok for the Chief Referee to comply as long as there is time and volunteers to rearrange targets for those runs.

8.0 PROTESTS AND TIMING FAILURES

- 8.1 A competitor may protest if they feel that their run was unfairly affected by some outside influence. Such influence may include, but is not limited to, undue distraction by spectators or others near the track.
- 8.2 Any protest under rule 8.1 must be lodged after the run has concluded and before the competitor's next run.
- 8.3 A protest under rule 8.1 may be lodged with The Chief Referee, Track Marshal or Competition Organizer Immediately following that competition run.
- 8.3.1 In the case of an Official protest being lodged, all competition must pause while the protest is properly resolved. Competition runs shall NOT continue during the course of an official protest.
- 8.3.2 If it is apparent that an immediate resolution cannot be decided upon by the Officials during the event, then the protest will be tabled until after the day's competition runs have ceased, when the Competition Officials can meet to make a formal decision.
- 8.4 If a competitor lodges a protest in good time and as a result of lodging the protest, they are late for their next run then their lateness shall not count as a refusal under rule 7.1, so the competitor shall not forfeit such a run.
- 8.5 In the event of a protest under rule 8.1, the Track Marshal may, as their discretion, allow the competitor to attempt the run again. If this is allowed, then the score on the rerun shall stand in place of any score achieved on the original run, even if the original run scored Higher.

- 8.6 When considering whether to allow a rerun following a protest, the Chief Referee shall consider the extent to which any outside influence was foreseeable or greater than that experienced by other competitors. In particular, if the protest stems from distraction by spectators or others near the track then the referee shall consider whether such distraction was no more than should have been expected, bearing in mind the event and the crowd conditions in general.
- 8.7 If a malfunction of timing equipment means that a competitor's run is not timed then the competitor may be entitled to repeat the run, or the Score Keeper may take an average of the remaining runs for the course.
- 8.7.1 If the run is not timed because the competitor entered the track before they received the correct starting signal then the run shall not be repeated unless the competitor shows, following a protest, that they were induced to start the run through some mistake on the part of the officials (Example: The Starting Judge told the competitor to go despite the official signal not having been given).
- 8.7.2 It is suggested that all competition courses have manual timers at the start gate and end gate in the case of mechanical timer malfunction.
- 8.7.3 A rerun may be awarded, or the Score Keeper will take an average of the runs depending on remaining time available. This decision shall be predetermined before the start of the competition by the Competition Organizer and agreed upon with the Officials.
- 8.8. Each Country can have rules that are more restrictive than the IHAA rules in areas they feel necessary. MA3 rules at MA3 events SUPERCEDE IHAA Rules in areas that MA3 rules are more detailed/restrictive. Where MA3 rules are undefined or do not exist, IHAA rules take precedence and must be adhered to.

Module 8 Questions

1. T or F It is OK to allow a rerun when a competitor has complained that they should be allowed to retake their last run because a loose dog made it from the campground to the track. The dog was seen running parallel to the track during the run.
2. T or F A competitor complains at the end of all the course runs that they should be able to make up a run because it was not fair their horse had to run while there was a drone flying nearby. It is OK to allow them to make up that run.
3. T or F The competitor may lodge their complaint to one of the target judges.
4. T or F In the case of an official protest being lodged, the competition does not need to pause while the protest is properly resolved.

5. T or F If it is apparent that an immediate resolution cannot be decided upon by the Officials during the event, then the protest will be tabled until after the day's competition runs have ceased, when the Competition Officials can meet to make a formal decision
6. T or F In the event of a protest, Track Marshal may, as their discretion, allow the competitor to attempt the run again. If this is allowed then the score on the rerun shall stand in place of any score achieved on the original run, even if the original run scored higher.
7. T or F The competitor started their run after being signaled by the start timer. After the run, you (Track Marshal) find out that the run was not timed because the timer was malfunctioning. If there is time, the competitor may have a rerun or an average of the times will be used.
8. T or F The IHAA rules ALWAYS supersede MA3 rules.

9.0 APPEALS

- 9.1 Prior to the start of the competition an appeals committee shall be formed. The committee shall be comprised of no less than 3 persons (one of whom shall be the Chief Referee/Track Marshal). Whenever possible the committee should not consist of more than one person from any given club or chapter.
 - 9.1.1 During the case of an appeal, the parties involved in the initial ruling will be called upon to review the situation and give their perspective. The corresponding rules will be consulted, and a decision will be made based on the adherence of said rules.
 - 9.1.2 In the case that a decision cannot be determined by the appeals committee, the issue will be tabled until competition ceases for the day, and the situation (including any possible points which would be affected) will be recorded for posterity. When the competition ceases for the day, the appeals committee will call upon their assigned MA3 Board of Directors Representative to communicate the issue to the BoD Rules Committee, who will legislate the situation.
- 9.2 A competitor may appeal against:
 - 9.2.1 any ruling by the Track Marshal
 - 9.2.2 any decision as to whether a competitor drew their arrows early.
 - 9.2.3 any score awarded by a target judge.
 - 9.2.4 the time recorded for a run.
 - 9.2.5 Any other alleged infraction of the rules, save where an appeal is expressly forbidden by the rules.
- 9.3 A competitor may appeal in relation to those matters mentioned in rule 9.1 in relation to their own run or any other competitor's run.
- 9.4 The competition organizers may (but need not) require a competitor to deposit a sum of money when lodging the appeal. If this is required, then the sum shall be not more than US\$50 or the equivalent in local currency. Such a requirement must be clearly stated in advance in the

published rules for that competition and must be enforced equally among the competitors. It is permissible to distinguish between senior and junior competitors for the purpose of this rule. Any such distinction must be specified in the published rules in advance.

9.4.1 In the case of this rule, “published” shall mean a ruleset written and distributed to all competitors previous to the competition date, whether via mail, email, or published on a competition website or other public media, and made available to all competitors in advance of the competition date.

9.5. Where a financial deposit is required under rule 9.4, the entire sum must be returned to the competitor following a successful appeal.

9.6. Should an appeal be unsuccessful, any money deposited under rule 9.4 shall be disposed of as specified in the rules. If the rules do not specify otherwise, then the money shall go to hosting organization.

Module 9 Questions

1. T or F It is permissible to form an Appeals Committee at the time there is an appeal.
2. T or F 4 people need to be on the appeals committee.
3. T or F The Chief Referee or Track Marshal do not need to be on an Appeal Committee.
4. T or F In the case that a decision cannot be determined by the appeals committee, the issue will be tabled until competition ceases for the day, and the situation (including any possible points which would be affected) will be recorded for posterity. When the competition ceases for the day, the appeals committee will call upon their assigned MA3 Board of Directors Representative to communicate the issue to the BoD Rules Committee, who will legislate the situation.
5. T or F The apparel committee can have 2 members of one chapter.
6. T or F A competitor may appeal a decision on them drawing their arrow early.
7. T or F It is ok for a competitor to lodge an appeal for another competitor.
8. T or F It costs \$100 to make an appeal.
9. T or F After a successful appeal, the competition organizer gets to keep the \$50.

10. T or F The cost of an appeal needs to be clearly published before the event starts.

10.0 EQUIPMENT FAILURE

- 10.1 If a competitor's equipment fails then they shall be permitted to replace it. This includes, but is not limited to, the bow coming unstrung, breaking of bows, bowstrings, other archery equipment or riding tack. In such circumstances the competitor shall be permitted a reasonable time to replace the equipment. The track marshal/chief referee shall determine how long is reasonable.
- 10.2 A competitor's failure to enter the track for their run shall not count as a refusal under rule 7.1 during the time allowed by the chief referee for the replacement of failed equipment under rule 10.1.
- 10.3 A competitor shall not be permitted a rerun solely on the grounds that their equipment failed during a run.

Module 10 Questions

- 1. **T or F The competitor's bow came unstrung during a run. They wish to take a rerun, but you tell them they can't because they are responsible for their equipment. You made the right call.**
- 2. **At the end of a particular event (course), a competitor comes to you wanting a rerun on their 2nd run because they say their saddle was loose and caused them to not shoot well. What do you tell them?**

11.0 COMPETITORS' MEETING

- 11.1 There shall be a mandatory meeting for all competitors, to be held not more than 24 hours before the competition begins. At this meeting the rules and procedures for the competition shall be explained and competitors shall have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have.
- 11.2 All competitors must attend the competitors' meeting unless excused by the Chief Referee/Track Marshal or Competition Organizer. Any competitor who, without prior permission, does not attend the meeting may, at the Chief Referee/Track Marshal's discretion, be prevented from competing in the competition.
- 11.3 Before any volunteer shall be allowed to participate in a competition, it is required that they undergo proper training and education on MA3 Competition Rules and Guidelines. It is the responsibility of the Competition Organizer to ensure that this training occurs.

Module 11 Questions

1. T or F It is OK to hold the competitor mtg through an email correspondence.
2. T or F It is OK for a competitor to miss the competitor mtg.
3. T or F A training of the volunteers does not need to take place.

12.0 PRACTICE RUNS

- 12.1 There should be provisions for competitors to warm up properly, including separate areas for ground archery and horse schooling/warming up (without shooting) before each event.
- 12.2 The number of warm up runs is specified under the Tower and Raid Course rules.
- 12.3 At least one of the warmup runs must be timed and the time of the run communicated to the rider.
- 12.4 If there are concerns regarding either the fatigue of horses, especially in heavy going conditions, or the competition timetable, warm up runs may be decreased to a minimum of 1 canter without/with shooting, prior to starting the competition runs. If the competitors have issue with the number of warm up runs offered, it should be discussed between the Competition Organizer and competitors at the earliest opportunity.
- 12.5 If a rider has changed horses during the event (due to lameness/safety concerns with their original horse), prior to restarting their scoring runs on the same day, they should get 1 warm up canter run without shooting and 1 canter run with shooting.
- 12.6 For any non-linear sports tracks, (including field and Hunt courses), there should be clear information available to all competitors on:
 - 12.6.1 When the track will be open for walking by competitors.
 - 12.6.2 When the track will be open for familiarization rides by horses, the number of rides allowed and speed of riding that is permissible.
 - 12.6.3 What the warmup procedure will be on competition day, (i.e.: what will be allowed and when this is timetabled to occur).

Module 12 Questions

1. T or F It is OK to forgo all practice because it was raining the day before.
2. T or F At least one of the warmup runs before an event should be timed and the time communicated to the competitor.
3. T or F If the competition has 32 competitors with 2 events per day, you may decrease the number of warm up runs.

4. **T or F** A competitor had to switch horses due to their horse being lame. They are asking for one additional shooting warm up run on the new horse. This is OK.
5. **T or F** You do not need to tell competitors when they may school on the Polish (Hunt) track.

13.0 OPEN COMPETITION

- 13.1 All Competitions will be open to any current MA3 member, at the discretion of the host or chapter leader.
- 13.2 Competitors may be allowed to compete on two different horses if approved ahead of time by the competition organizer.
 - 13.2.1 In the case of a competitor at a National Ranking Competition competing on more than one horse, the competitors FIRST horse and run of each competition course shall be counted towards national Ranking. The competitor must use the same horse for all National Ranking course submissions at that event. (Example: If a competitor registers to ride 2 horses, horse A and B, and the National Ranking courses are the Tower and Raid, then the competitor rides horse A first on the Tower, that competitor must use the scores achieved on horse A for BOTH courses, and must use Horse A first on both courses. This is to ensure the same competition experience as all other riders).

Module 13 Questions

1. **T or F** Your chapter is putting on a fun competition just for their members. Another person from another chapter wants to also complete. It is OK to tell them the competition is not open to others outside your chapter.
2. **T or F** It is not allowed to have one competitor compete on 2 different horses.
3. **T or F** A competitor that has two horses decides to complete on both after it is cleared by the ranking event organizers. They wish to submit scores for ranking that are highest and this is OK.

MA3 Range Rules

No dogs allowed that don't live on the property or by track

Small children must be accompanied by an adult at all times

No alcohol allowed during shooting hours

Spectators must stay 15 feet away from the track

Helmets must be worn by participants under 18 years of age

No archery practice or shooting except in designated areas

Members need to have a chapter representatives' approval before unsupervised practice

All shooting stops while collecting arrows (Cease Fire and Resume shooting are the recommended voice commands)

Please be quiet while archers are shooting off horseback

Participants must sign all waivers and be current MA3 members

Be respectful of horses (use hitching rail when possible). No mistreatment or you will be asked to leave.

Please pick up after yourself and help with setup and teardown of timers, nets, arrows, etc.

The Mounted Archery Association of the Americas (MA3), the recognized governing organization for the sport of horseback archery in the United States and designated representative to the International Horseback Archery Alliance (IHAA), is pleased to introduce the Official United States National Ranking System. The National Ranking Competition Rules are intended to rank the best United States horse archers based on standard Raid, Tower, and Hunt course scores achieved in live competition. The National Ranking System is open to all horse archers based in the United States, regardless of affiliation, according to the guidelines and rules outlined herein.

1. Qualifying Competitors, Courses, and Scores

- 1.1. A competitor's two (2) highest scores from qualifying Raid events, two (2) highest scores from qualifying Tower events, and two (2) highest scores from qualifying Hunt events achieved in approved live competitions, will count toward their National Ranking.
 - 1.1.1 For 2021, the National Team will be selected from the two highest scores from qualifying Raid events and qualifying Tower events.
 - 1.1.2 Qualifying Scores on the Hunt course will be collected in 2021. However, the Hunt course scores will not be added to National ranking until the beginning of 2022. These 2021 Hunt scores will be used for the 2022 National Championships, so they are still important to get done. Two Hunt track scores, at a national ranking event, which achieve a minimum score of 30% of total points will be combined with the 2 Raid and 2 Tower scores.
 - 1.1.3 Beginning in 2022, a two-tier National Ranking System will be created.
 - Tier 1 will require six qualifying scores: Hunt (2) Raid (2) and Tower (2).
 - Tier 2 will consist of Raid (2) and Tower (2).
 - 1.1.4 When selecting the National Team, for 2022, Tier 1 takes priority over Tier 2. Tier 2 may be phased out on January 1st, 2024 pending review by the MA3 Board of Directors.
- 1.2. Qualifying Raid courses are R123; R23; R125; HBAE R233; and HBAE R235.
- 1.3. Qualifying Tower Courses are Tower T110, T90, and T60.
- 1.4. Qualifying Hunt Course.
 - 1.4.1 The Hunt track distance is 350 to 500 Meters. Course design is flexible and may vary depending on available land and target placement on the track. **There needs to be a minimum of two turns which will cause the average horse to perform a lead change both times.**
 - 1.4.2 Par time is calculated at 350 Meters per minute.
 - 1.4.3 Time bonuses are gained at 0.5pt/s for every second under the par time or deducted at 0.5pt/s over this par time. Time bonuses are only awarded if 3 targets are hit
 - 1.4.4 The width of the track is 3–5m and may vary depending on terrain conditions. The track doesn't have to be fenced along its full length; in places it may consist of open fields.
 - 1.4.5 The distance between shots is 30m. Targets themselves may be closer. However, the placement of proper shots count (30 m along the track).
 - 1.4.6 The first target must be 15 m or more from the starting line. The last target must be no more than 15 m before finishing line.
 - 1.4.7 All of the 80 CM targets can be hit multiple times. However, only the highest scoring arrow counts.
 - 1.4.8 The 120 CM x 120 CM large target shall be placed a minimum of 30 meters from the track, with enough distance on the track so a competitor has the opportunity to hit it a **minimum** of three times. Although more than three scoring arrow hits are encouraged and will count.

1.4.9 The Hunt course will be run two times for score. The scores will be added to determine the total. One Hundred Percent (100%) for this course is 158 points. Scores over 100% may be achieved with time bonuses and additional shots on the multi-shot 120cm x 120cm large target.

1.4.10 Eight (8) targets will be utilized for the track. They may be placed in any order depending on track design.

| | TARGET SIZE | DISTANCE | POINTS |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Target 1 | 80 CM Backshot | 9M | 1-2-3-5-7 |
| Target 2 | 80 CM Front shot | 7M | 1-2-3-5-7 |
| Target 3 | 80 CM Side shot | 5M | 1-2-3-5-7 |
| Target 4 | 80 CM Side Shot | 8M | 1-2-3-5-7 |
| Target 5 | 80 CM Side Shot | 10M | 1-2-3-5-7 |
| Target 6 | 80 CM Offside Angled | 3M | 1-2-3-5-7 |
| Target 7 | 80 CM Ground Shot | 0M *Next to track | 1-2-3-5-7 |
| Target 8 | 120CM X 120CM | 30M | 10 pts per hit |

1.4.11 All other rules, for hunt track setup, will follow IHAA guidelines.

1.5. Only scores equivalent to an IHAA Horse Archer level 1 (HA1) or greater shall be included in the United States National Ranking Competition Rules.

1.6. When more than one Raid, Tower or Hunt style course is run at an event, only the first scored course of each style during the competition will be considered eligible. In general, the eligible course shall be planned, scheduled, or otherwise announced prior to the event date. Courses run for practice, entertainment, or as last-minute additions will not be eligible for ranking.

1.6.1. If at a pre-approved Qualifying Event: One or more qualifying courses shall be determined at the time the competition is approved as a Qualifying Event.

1.7. No competitor shall exceed the amount of shooting warm-up runs from horseback in a given competition day as dictated by the course rules. These rules apply for the entire competition day. Mounted practice is not allowed on the course prior to the warm-up runs on the day of the event, even if a period of rest is observed. This applies to all competitions whether one-day or multi-day events.

1.7.1. Raid style: The archer is allowed 2 test runs in canter before a scored competition or grading, shooting is allowed on both runs. At the judge's/organizer's discretion warm up runs on the track at walk or trot, with no shooting, may be permitted prior to these.

1.7.2. Tower style: The archer is allowed 2 test runs in canter before the scored competition runs, shooting is allowed on both runs. At the judge's/organizer's discretion warm up runs on the track at walk or trot, with no shooting, may be permitted prior to these.

1.7.3. Hunt style: Before the competition, the competitors will be granted the opportunity of at least one test run on the track in walk, trot, canter, or gallop, although no shooting is allowed.

1.8. US Ranking scores are intended to be "pressure scores" and as such qualifying courses (Raid or Tower styles) must be the first mounted course of the day, to avoid excessive competitor warm-up through running another style course first. The National Ranking Hunt Track may be the second course of the day. Warmup for the hunt course is outlined in 1.7.

1.9. A competitor's six qualifying scores will be equally weighted, regardless of which qualifying Raid, Tower or Hunt style courses were run to achieve such scores. Scores shall be normalized by converting competitor's actual points scored to a percentage-based Ranking Score based on current USA National Course Records.

- 1.10. A Competitor's scores will remain valid for twenty-four (24) months from the date and time the score was achieved.
 - 1.10.1 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all 2019 scores and beyond will remain valid until such time as the MA3 Board determines COVID is not affecting event attendance.
- 1.11. For greatest transparency, National Ranking results will be publicly available, including Ranked archer name, styles and courses, scores, competitions, dates, and conversions.

2. Qualifying Events

- 2.1. Official Qualifying events must be pre-approved by MA3 no later than 2 Months prior to the event start date, following the standard MA3 competition approval process. A competition is considered a qualifying event if it meets the requirements outlined in both the IHAA Competition Rules and the United States National Ranking Rules.
- 2.2. There must be at least twelve (12) actual competitors participating at the canter level in any given event or course style for its scores to be considered toward a competitor's National Ranking.
 - 2.2.1 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there must be at least nine (9) actual competitors participating at the canter level in any given event or course style for its scores to be considered towards a competitor's National Ranking. This addendum will stay in effect until the MA3 Board determines event attendance is not affected by COVID.
- 2.3. No club or facility will be able to hold more than two Qualifying Events per calendar year. These events must be at least sixty (60) days apart.
- 2.4. Qualifying competition events must be publicly designated as and understood to be a Competition in advance of the event itself. This must be verifiable through some form of dated flyer or online event page. It is required to be able to demonstrate that the event had a formal registration process. This must be verifiable through online registration or copy of paper/PDF registration with dates and shown to have been opened to registration four weeks prior to the event. Registration through casual private message does not qualify as a formal registration process. Casual get-togethers, Club Practices, Clinics, Demonstrations, Postal Matches, and other non-approved events shall not be considered Qualifying Events, regardless of 'spur-of-the-moment' changes such as number of competitors, course modifications, or other efforts by organizers. All National Ranking events are to be open to all eligible competitors.
- 2.5. Select competitions held by official MA3 Partners (e.g., IHAA, Canadian Federation of Mounted Archery, Villa Cavalcare Brasil, Asociación Mexicana de Arquería Montada) may be considered Qualifying Events. These include European Grand Prix events, IHAA Official World Championships, and other international worldwide events. Scores from these events may be submitted by the individual competitor for approval by MA3.
- 2.6. Non-MA3 competitions held in the United States must be pre-approved as Qualifying Events though the standard United States National Ranking approval process administered by MA3 and payment of a processing fee.

- 2.7. All qualifying events must have a competent and knowledgeable non-competitor scorekeeper.
- 2.8. All Qualifying events must have a Certified Track Marshal present.
 - 2.8.1. For MA3 Qualifying events, the Track Marshal will ensure the event meets with MA3 Competition Rules, IHAA guidelines and the National Ranking Competition Rules.
 - 2.8.2. For Non-MA3 Qualifying events, the Track Marshal will ensure the event meets with their host organizations rules, IHAA guidelines and the National Ranking Competition Rules.

3. Process and Fees

- 3.1. The National Ranking Competition System took effect on January 1, 2019. Initial National Rankings were calculated based on competition events held in 2018 whose courses and scores were verified by the MA3 Board of Directors. These Rankings were first published during the month of January 2019, with the form and forum for posting announced at that time.
- 3.2. Approved MA3 competitions may advertise as an “Official MA3 National Ranking Qualifying Event” upon written approval by MA3. Scores from these Qualifying MA3 National Ranking Events may be submitted by the competition organizer (if using online scoring), or by the individual competitor, at no cost.
- 3.3. Non-MA3 Qualifying Events may be submitted to MA3 for approval at least 60 days prior to event dates accompanied by a USD\$50.00 Processing Fee. Once approved, such non-MA3 competitions may publicly advertise as a “US National Ranking Qualifying Event” and the competition organizer may, if they choose, submit scores for their event’s competitors. Under no circumstances may an approved, non-MA3, Qualifying Event use the MA3 brand, name, or logo in its statements or published materials. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in immediate revocation of approval.
- 3.4. Individual competitors will be able to submit their own scores to the system. However, it is recommended that the Event Organizer submit all qualifying scores.
- 3.5. Scoresheets must be submitted to MA3 or designated committee for all eligible scores. Exceptions can be made for select events outside the US per MA3 discretion.
- 3.6. Scores achieved at pre-approved Qualifying Events will be processed at no additional fee.
- 3.7. In all cases, it is the responsibility of the individual competitor to ensure that their scores or score sheets are, or have been, submitted in a timely manner.
- 3.8. If a submitted score is determined to be ineligible, for any reason except violation of the guidelines set herein, no fee shall be assessed, and if paid, shall be refunded.
- 3.9. All decisions regarding National Rankings, including courses; discrepancies; eligibility; fees; qualification; scoring; and/or team selections shall be at the sole discretion and determination of the MA3 Board of Directors, or a committee delegated by the MA3 Board of Directors, and may be amended at any time. Any issues or questions should be submitted in writing, via email, to ma3egr@gmail.com, with the subject line “National Ranking”; items sent by text, verbally discussed, or posted on social media, will not be considered.

As practice of your knowledge, complete this practice test on the ranking rules:

National Ranking Module Questions

1. What scores does a competitor need to submit to be considered for National Ranking?
2. T or F A competitor can submit Student grade scores and those will be accepted by the Ranking Committee.
3. A person submits scores from a local competition that was not approved as a ranking event. May they submit their scores?
4. T or F It is ok for a competitor to have extra warm up runs (not due to a change in horses or equipment failure) and submit that sheet for National Ranking.
5. How many competitors does a competition need to have at center to be able to submit the sheet for Ranking?
6. T or F It is ok for a competitor to be a scorekeeper.
7. What is the fee to submit a score for National Ranking when the competition was not pre-approved as a Ranking event, but all the rules were followed and met all the criteria?

MA3 CODE OF CONDUCT

MA3 endeavors to provide a positive community for horse archers and as such, expects appropriate and sportsmanlike behavior from its members. All members shall conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at horseback archery events and activities, and when engaging with the horseback archery community. Inappropriate behavior may include, but is not limited to, any criminal activity, possession, distribution or use of illegal drugs, consumption of alcohol at an inappropriate time or place during an event such as before completions of any shooting or riding or in an active shooting zone, engaging in racial, sexual or religious harassment or discrimination, cheating or misrepresenting scores in competitions and rankings, fighting, angry outbursts, excessive arguing or failing to comply with range masters and judges during competitions, abusing or appearing to abuse a horse, disregard of safety standards, putting themselves or others in danger, publicly slandering MA3 or its members, withholding or non-payment of competition fees, clinic fees or club dues, and withholding funds for non-delivered goods or services. MA3 members in leadership positions, such as Board Directors, Committee Chairpersons, Chapter Leaders and Instructors, understand that they are closely associated with our organization and as such, while using social media, are in full view of the National and International Horseback Archery community and will refrain from engaging, instigating or making posts or comments of an inflammatory or divisive nature in regards to religion, race, nationality, gender, sexual orientation,

politics. Any violations of this Code of Conduct can result in suspension or loss of membership status by vote of the Board of Directors.

The Final Exam is in the 2021 Online Forms folder. Please only submit the exam and not the entire training to Ma3board@gmail.com