

## WHAT IS A FITA FIELD SHOOT?

ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 15 AND 16, 2013, CHICAGO BOW HUNTERS WILL BE HOSTING THE USA ARCHERY NORTH REGION FITA FIELD TOURNAMENT. THIS BRIEF SUMMARY WILL ANSWER MANY GENERAL QUESTIONS IN REGARDS TO THE TOPIC: **“WHAT IS A FITA FIELD SHOOT”**.

A FITA FIELD TOURNAMENT IS A RECOGNIZED EVENT BY FITA, THE INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY FOR TARGET ARCHERY COMPETITIONS. USUALLY YOU THINK OF FITA EVENTS AS BEING HELD ON FLAT AND OPEN VENUES. THE STANDARD FITA TOURNAMENT FOR MEN IS THE 90M / 70M / 50M / 30M 144 ARROW SHOOT. THE OLYMPICS HAVE ALL ARROWS SHOT AT A DISTANCE OF 70M. LIKE ITS NFAA COUNTERPARTS OF FIELD, HUNTER, OR ANIMAL ROUNDS, A FITA FIELD TOURNAMENT WILL HAVE MULTIPLE TARGETS SET UP AT A VARIETY OF DISTANCES TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE AVAILABLE TERRAIN TO MAKE IT A CHALLENGING ARCHERY EXPERIENCE.

IT IS A TWO DAY EVENT. ON EACH DAY THERE ARE 24 DIFFERENT TARGETS. YOU SHOOT 3 ARROWS AT EACH TARGET. SO, 72 ARROWS ON DAY 1 FOLLOWED BY 72 ARROWS ON DAY 2, FOR A TOTAL OF 144 ARROWS.

THE TARGET FACE IS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT FROM THE NFAA HUNTER ROUND, EXCEPT THE CENTER IS YELLOW. ALL OTHER SCORING RINGS ARE BLACK. THERE ARE FOUR DIFFERENT SIZES OF TARGET FACES DEPENDING ON THE DISTANCE THAT IS BEING SHOT.

**DAY 1:** DISTANCES ARE IN METERS, BUT ARE **UNKNOWN** TO THE ARCHERS. THIS IS A SIMILAR CHALLENGE THAT YOU WOULD FACE IN A 3D TOURNAMENT.

**DAY 2:** DISTANCES ARE IN METERS. YOU WILL **KNOW** THE DISTANCE YOU ARE SHOOTING, BUT THE NUMBER DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO END IN A '0' OR A '5'. YOUR SHOT FOR EXAMPLE MIGHT BE 44M.

SIMPLY...MAKE GOOD SHOTS...HIGH SCORE WINS.

## FAQ:

Q: I AM NOT GOOD AT ESTIMATING DISTANCES. HOW DO I SURVIVE THIS PORTION OF THE COMPETITION?

A: THERE ARE SEVERAL CLUES YOU CAN WORK WITH. THERE IS A RANGE OF KNOWN DISTANCES FOR EACH SIZE TARGET FACE. IF YOU SEE A 20CM FACE, YOU WILL KNOW YOUR SHOT RANGES FROM 5M TO 20M. A 40CM FACE WILL MEAN YOU ARE IN THE RANGE OF 20M TO 35M. ETC. ADDITIONALLY THERE ARE STAKES IN THE GROUND FOR THE YOUTH AND BARE BOW COMPETITORS, AND YOU WILL KNOW THEIR APPROXIMATE RANGES AS WELL. YOU HAVE TO THINK AND USE ALL THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE (SORRY...NO ELECTRONIC RANGE FINDERS ARE ALLOWED). HAVE A GOOD PAIR OF BINOCULARS AND BE READY TO MAKE QUICK AND ACCURATE ADJUSTMENTS AFTER THE FIRST ARROW YOU SHOOT AT A TARGET. TYPICALLY, THE PEOPLE ORGANIZING THE TOURNAMENT ARE SYMPATHETIC TO ARCHERS ON THE UNMARKED PORTION, AND IN MOST TOURNAMENTS, MOST SHOOTERS FIND DAY 1 ACTUALLY EASIER THAN DAY 2

Q: WHAT'S UP WITH THE M AND CM STUFF? I HAVE ALL MY SETTINGS IN YARDS. I WANT TO SHOOT IN "AMERICAN".

A: SINCE FITA IS THE INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY FOR ARCHERY, ALL DISTANCES ARE METRIC. HOWEVER, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO REDO ALL OF YOUR SETTINGS. IT IS EASY TO CONVERT IN YOUR HEAD. MULTIPLY YOUR METERS BY 1.1 AND THAT IS YOUR YARDAGE. AN EXAMPLE IS:  $45M = 49.5YD$       $45 \times 1.1 = 49.5$       $45 + 4.5 = 49.5$ . FRANKLY, I'D JUST USE MY 50 YARD MARK, A LITTLE HIGHER OR LOWER DEPENDING ON WIND, UPHILL OR DOWNHILL TERRAIN, OR ANY OTHER VARIABLES THAT MIGHT COME INTO PLAY.

Q: HOW IS THE ROUND SCORED?

A: THE INNER YELLOW IS SCORED A "6". THE OUTER YELLOW IS SCORED A "5". THE BLACK RINGS ARE SCORED "4"- "3"- "2"- "1".

Q: THE NAA HAS THIS GOOFY DRESS CODE. IS THIS ENFORCED FOR THE FITA FIELD?

A: NO. THERE IS NO DRESS CODE ENFORCED FOR THE FITA FIELD TOURNAMENT. IN FACT, KNOWING HOW WE'VE SET THE COURSE UP AT CBH, I WOULD SUGGEST JEANS THAT WILL PROTECT YOUR LEGS FROM FOLIAGE. A STURDY PAIR OF HIKING BOOTS WHICH OFFERS SUPPORT IS ALSO SUGGESTED. WATERPROOF IS EVEN BETTER.

Q: DO I NEED ANY OTHER SPECIAL EQUIPMENT?

A: A GOOD PAIR OF BINOCULARS IS RECOMMENDED. BUG SPRAY IS ABSOLUTELY RECOMMENDED. PERSONALLY, I FIND A COMFORTABLE LONG SLEEVE WICKING T-SHIRT EASY TO SHOOT IN AND ALSO HELPS WITH MOSQUITOES. WE WILL HAVE "CHEAT SHEETS" AVAILABLE WHICH WILL LIST THE TARGET SIZES AND THE POSSIBLE RANGE OF DISTANCES THAT WILL BE SHOT AT THOSE TARGETS.