

I. ROLLING SCHEDULE WITH NAMES

Closer to the Nationals weekend, we will release a tentative schedule with more detail as far as the order of class and “Start times” For example, if we say that Youth Compound will not start until 11:30, if we get ahead of schedule we will stop and take a break (and hopefully get our staff fed a little bit) and not start back until that time. However, there is always a possibility we might be running behind, so times may be later.

*That day (possibly before) - we will release the rolling schedule with folks' names. This is the pre-tournament list. This MAY (and probably will) change slightly as the Last Chance concludes. If you feel that you're not lined up in the correct order - TELL US so we can get it addressed. Once the class begins, we can't get it changed if it is incorrect.

II. REGISTRATION FOR THE GAUNTLET - ALL DUE BY FEB 8

Registration for 10-yard classes — Will be posted later

Registration for 20-yard classes — will be posted later

ALL competitors must fill out this sheet for the information that Mark needs for the broadcast

III. Registration for the Last Chance Qualifier -20 yard classes only

A. FOR YOUR SCORE TO CHANGE SEEDING/EARN YOUR WAY IN,
IT WILL NEED TO BE SHOT THE DAY PRIOR TO YOUR
CLASSES' SHOOT TIME.

- B. Flight times are available Friday evening and throughout the day Saturday **MUST BE THE DAY PRIOR TO YOUR CLASS IN GAUNTLET**
 - C. This will be a separate tournament
 - D. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE QUALIFIED to shoot in this tournament for fun. If you are shooting just for fun, it will not qualify you for a “last chance” into the Gauntlet - you must have shot at least three tournaments in your own series to be eligible for that bonus.
- IV. Last chance entry into the Gauntlet - Once the tournament is completed, scores will be entered into the National database. The top 8 going into the weekend will retain their entry into the Gauntlet. HOWEVER, the ranking scores MAY be affected. Any archer who “shoots their way in” will advance their ranking score above the previously last 8th place person. If a new archer grabs a spot in the Gauntlet, they will need to go back to registration, fill out the information form and pay the \$50 Gauntlet entry fee. Make sure to have cash or be able to Venmo. **THIS MUST ALL OCCUR THE DAY PRIOR TO YOUR SHOOT TIME**
- V. Event t-shirts - A very limited number of event t-shirts will be available at the Gauntlet for on-site purchase. T-shirts really need to be purchased at the time of registration to guarantee you get one. (They are so cool, you’ll want one!) Make sure you have cash or venmo for purchases
- VI. Event location - This year’s event will be held at the Kentucky Sports Factory, 839 Midtown Blvd., Madisonville, KY 42431. ALL TIMES FOR THIS VENUE WILL BE CENTRAL STANDARD TIME
 - A. Directions and parking instructions will be detailed later
 - B. Admission for the event is \$7 a day or a weekend pass for \$15. (Kids under 5 free)

- C. Archers will receive an armband to cover admission all weekend.
- D. DOORS WILL OPEN AT: Schedules will be posted later
- E. There will be a short church ceremony at 7 a.m. on Sunday morning in the gym.

VII. Registration/check in procedures will be detailed later

- A. We do ask that - for the first hour of doors opening, please allow the participants that shoot the earlier flights to check in first - ESPECIALLY those on the Friday night flights.. If your group doesn't shoot until the following day, please wait until then - or at least until the registration area calms down the day prior. We will be setting our registration documents up by classes/schedules, so that should help that area flow a little better.
- B. When you check in, one of our staff members will locate your name tag. You will be asked to verify spelling, etc. and they will note on the back of the tag if you want a 3 spot or 1 spot. THEY WILL KEEP THE TAG to go to the staff inside the Gauntlet. (After you finish shooting, you'll be able to take it and your target home.)
- C. The Gauntlet staff will also have your targets for your podium time - so all you need to do is show up and check in - then warm up and get ready! .

VIII. Practice range

- A. The practice range will be located in the gym area, and will run concurrently with the Last Chance tournament. This will ensure that safety measures are followed and whistle commands followed. It will be open throughout the day. We do ask that you allow those folks who are shooting next to have priority.
- B. Targets can be purchased at the range for \$1 each.

- C. For those shooting the Last Chance tournament on Friday - there will be little guys on the practice range warming up at 10 yards, so please help us take care of those folks first. At the end of the 10 yard classes, all bales will be moved to 20 yards for the remainder of the weekend since the 10 yarders are done.
- D. We will have a monitor and projector in the practice area that is linked to the main gym to monitor the progress of the classes and podium time.

IX. Gauntlet procedure

- A. When you arrive, you will be able to see where we are in the schedule. There will also be a display screen in the practice area so you can keep an eye on where we are. This screen will have everyone's names on them and be updated through the day. Keep an eye on it so you can make sure your order hasn't changed due to the Last Chance. As we progress on classes inside the Gauntlet, the top of the schedule will be deleted so your names will move up. You need to be ready to go on stage when the two matches in front of you are underway, which is approximately 30 minutes.
- B. When it's your time to enter, you will be directed into the "arena" - and (hopefully) your walk-out song will announce your arrival!
- C. As the new person coming in is the higher seeded archer, you have the choice to move your competitor off the podium they're on - or take the empty spot. **If only two competitors are on deck, the higher seed has the choice of which podium to take.**
- D. Our Gauntlet staff will hang/move the targets accordingly and you'll be ready to begin.
- E. ALL ARCHERS ARE ASKED TO BRING **AT LEAST** 6 ARROWS. You will be shooting in rotation - for example, you will shoot your three practice arrows. The staff will pull those arrows and the archers will go on and shoot their first round while the "Kid Patrol" volunteers bring your arrows

back to you. This will allow us to alleviate the downtime experienced when we had to wait for those before. We will have a few floor quiver, but hip quivers are recommended. If you have more than 6 arrows, you're welcome to shoot as many in practice as you want in the 2 minutes allotted

- F. We do have a judge from USA Archery who will be with us to judge and score arrows and we will be using electronic scoring. Bowscore actually built us our own "Gauntlet" scoring program - so crossing our fingers that the prototype works ! Our drop back and punt plan is to go to the flip boards again.

G. DO NOT LEAVE THE PODIUM DURING ANY SHOOTING TIME AFTER THE MATCH, PLEASE REMAIN ON THE PODIUM UNTIL THE ANNOUNCER RELEASES YOU

- H. The judge's decision is final.
- I. Due to the nature of the competition set up, no break downs are allowed. You are allowed to bring a back up bow if you want.
- J. You can, at any time, adjust/work on equipment with your coach during scoring breaks only INCLUDING BOWHUNTER CLASSES, who can move their sites - as long as it can be done in the time between scoring ends – archers are asked to not leave the podium, but the coach can assist there. COACHES cannot make adjustments for the archer while shooting is going on – if an archer can make the adjustment on their own, they may.
- K. There will be a box behind each archer for ONE COACH. Last year we had difficulties with extra folks behind the podium area - with the exception of one coach in each archer's box, anyone else will be asked to leave that area.
- L. You will get one practice end, followed by 3 scoring ends. X scores as 11. In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will be determined by one arrow closest to the center of the CENTER target. You are not required to shoot the practice ends.

- M. Podiums are 3'x3' and 12" high. For the Gauntlet, the targets are 52"
- N. Anyone who wins from 8th place **OR BELOW** will receive a \$100 cash prize.
- O. Did we mention the Emcee will be interviewing you 'briefly' while you're on the podiums while the scoring is ongoing. If you have a mullet, be prepared to do the shake (we really need to implement a "best mullet" award).
- P. Plans are to live stream again this year, and all winners will be sent to the media booth to do an interview after securing the buckle! The first, second and third place archers in each class are asked to go outside to the podiums for photos before leaving (and going to the interview)
- Q. **If, at any time, you feel there is an issue or you need assistance, PLEASE let the emcee or a staff member know. The event will be stopped if necessary and the problem will be addressed immediately.**
- R. **If you have issues with the volume of the party inside the gym for recurvers or clickers - or archers with other abilities - please let someone know so we can get that fixed.**
- S. If two archers are tied in seeding, they will shoot a one arrow shoot off (closest to the center of the middle target) prior to the class beginning. No practice arrows will be given in this case. However, competitors COULD break those ties possibly in the Last Chance tournament.
- T. If one of the Top 8 archers cannot attend the Gauntlet, the next person in line will receive the invite.
- U. For team scores, point totals will be counted for all competition classes. Exhibition classes (Pee Wee and Awesome Archers) will not count in this total. Points will be awarded as follows: 10 points for 1st place, 8 points for 2nd place, 6 points for 3rd place, 5 for 4th, 4 for 5th, 3 for 6th, 2 for 7th and 1 for any archer shooting in the Gauntlet in 8th place or below. (This is when there are more than 8 folks in the Gauntlet for some reason.)

X. There will be several volunteers running around helping us to help pull this off - so please thank them as you see them.

XI. Rules and Guidelines

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16hp3CDLsDXIdezwYTEhnhU77PFZ9Ltj4qbe26DzjyM/edit?usp=sharing>

XII Host hotel: - Coming soon

XIII. LIVE STREAM - Our event runs live on YouTube throughout the weekend — our first year was 9 hours — this past year was 33— we are totally going over 36 this year! Bored or need some background noise while you work? You have to put these on and just let them play!

XV - Awards

There is no formal award ceremony for each class - presentations of the awards will be made following each elimination phase to allow families to travel and not wait all day. There will be a podium photo opportunity set up in the hallway for photographs following the class. (It will also be natural lighting out there as the Gauntlet stage is often too dark for great pictures.) Following the podium picture, the Champion is asked to go to the media booth for interviews.

XVI - Practice area

There is a practice area that will be combined with the Last Chance Qualifier range in the basketball courts. There are tournaments scheduled there, so be aware of outside visitors moving through our area. Targets are available for \$1 each. This is a normal range with no podiums or lighting for warm ups. Competitors do get one practice end when they are on the podiums.

Competitors that remain on the podium can (but do not have to) shoot each practice end.

XVII - Schedule for Last Chance Qualifier – The time of the last chance qualifier tournament will be the time you selected on Bowscore. This does not go by a rolling schedule. Only the Gauntlet will follow the rolling schedule.

XVIII. Building rules for the Kentucky Sports Complex (coming soon)