

2025 August Coaches Meeting Notes

Attendance: Brenda Flores, Brian Kidwell, Carol Smith, Chris Dorrow, Dan Dougherty, David Baker, Greg Henry, Jesse Rogers, Jim Flores (Facilitator), Jonathon Whitson, Karin Bock, Kendra Hanak, Kristin Hanak, Layel Mather, Leo Carrasco, Luis Iglesias, Luther Augenstein, Mac McCollum

Local Fundraiser Planning

The meeting began with discussion about organizing a local fundraiser aimed at reintroducing participants to tournament-style shooting and easing the financial burden on hosting teams by funding belt buckles in advance. The fundraiser is proposed as a one-day event on a Saturday with three shooting lines to maximize participation and convenience. Suggestions included involving parents and coaches in shooting activities and using existing nonprofit status for sponsorship and donations. Business sponsorship opportunities were considered, with ideas for branding specific event areas like check-in counters and DJ booths to attract local business support. Award ideas focused on fun and cost-effective options, including repurposing leftover medals and trophies from previous events with new tags or lanyards for cohesion.

Alternative Tournament Styles

A proposal was made to incorporate a "shoot down" style competition or fundraiser to provide a different competitive format, especially indoors, involving qualification rounds in the morning and elimination rounds in the afternoon. This format was suggested to help archers gain experience with elimination rounds and pressure situations, which are less common in current practice but valuable for outdoor competition preparation. Target face options and scoring considerations for compound archers were also discussed to ensure fairness and enjoyment.

Event Logistics and Registration

The tentative date for the fundraiser was set for September 13th, with a plan to promote the event widely through social media and flyers. Flyer design assistance was offered, and registration logistics were debated, especially concerning secure online payment methods. Options included using existing platforms like Sport 80 or Between Ends for registration and scoring or reverting to a cash-only, paper-based system for simplicity and security. The inclusion of non-USA Archery members, such as parents, was agreed upon to maximize participation and fundraising potential.

Scholarship Program Discussion

The group explored establishing a scholarship or grant program funded by contributions from hosting clubs, aiming to support youth archers with educational expenses such as school supplies or college needs. Eligibility criteria focused on older archers within the JOAD age range, primarily U18 and U21 classes, with a requirement to attend a minimum number of tournaments. Various ideas were suggested for scholarship awards, including backpacks filled with school supplies or gift cards, rather than direct cash to ensure funds are used for educational purposes. The complexity of implementing the program led to a consensus to plan for the scholarship fund in the following year, allowing more time for detailed development and fundraising efforts.

Tournament Rules and Belt Buckle Eligibility

A key rule under consideration was the requirement for archers to compete in the same class throughout the season to be eligible for belt buckles. The rule's purpose is to reward consistent participation and encourage attendance at all tournaments. Concerns were raised about the fairness of the "-1" point deduction bonus for participation, especially when it could affect shoot-off scenarios. After discussion, the group voted to retain the "-1" rule and to use the top four scores rather than three for final rankings, providing a more statistically sound evaluation. The timing of aging up archers to new divisions was also debated, with the consensus that while aging up at the season start makes sense to reduce confusion, the decision should ultimately rest with the archer, parents, and coaches. Communication about these rules will be emphasized to prevent misunderstandings.

Belt Buckle Rules 6.1.6:

10 votes in favor of keeping the -1 rule

1 vote against

7 coaches not present

Using the top four scores rather than three for final rankings

10 votes in favor of 4 tournaments

1 vote against

7 coaches not present

Tournament Hosting Schedule

The meeting included a detailed review of the upcoming tournament hosting schedule, with clubs selecting specific months from October through March. Discussions covered

venue availability, particularly at No Limits, and the possibility of co-hosting to share responsibilities. Constraints such as avoiding certain dates due to other events or trade shows were considered. The group finalized a tentative schedule with flexibility to adjust based on venue availability and participant needs.

Here is the 2025 tournament schedule (the fund-raising tournament is not included):

Month	Club	Location
10/18/25	Ascent Archery	No Limits
11/08/25	Misfits	ASR
12/13/25	Mile High Archers/Recon Archers	No Limits
1/3 & 4/26	Indoor State	ASR
02/28/26	Rocky Mountain Hot Shots	No Limits
03/14/26	Untouchables JOAD Club/High Altitude Hitmen	No Limits

Coaching and Archery Support

The group addressed coaching logistics, specifically the number of coaches allowed per team on the shooting line. The current rule allows for two level 2 credentialed coaches per club, with additional coaches permitted if the range is split. The consensus was that the tournament environment is not primarily for coaching during shooting, and coaches often assist across teams as needed. A proposal to maintain or adjust the coach-to-archer ratio was discussed, with acknowledgment of the practical challenges in crowded venues. The consensus was to maintain the current rule

Archery Score Tracking Resource

One participant proposed maintaining a historical score spreadsheet to track archers' progress and competition levels over time. This resource would help coaches prepare their archers and understand competitors' performance trends. While recognizing the potential value, concerns about data management and privacy were noted. The group agreed that if maintained, this resource should be accessible only to coaches via a password-protected section of the website, ensuring controlled access to sensitive information. Research on how to make this information secure on the website is ongoing.

Appreciation for Venue Support

The meeting concluded with a suggestion to formally recognize and thank Phil at No Limits for his consistent support in providing the range at a stable cost, which has been crucial for hosting events. This idea was tabled for future discussion to allow for thoughtful planning.

Next Steps and Meeting Schedule

The group agreed to hold quarterly meetings moving forward, with the next meeting scheduled for November 17th at 7:00 PM via virtual call. The meeting adjourned with plans to distribute meeting notes and continue discussions on unresolved topics.