



HORSE ARCHERY USA

DIVISIONAL FORMAT FOR HORSEBACK ARCHERY COMPETITIONS

The following divisions apply to both WALK/TROT and to CANTER levels:

NOVICE – An entry-level competitor; for those who are learning the skills necessary for the Sport of horseback archery and in their first year of competition. *Competitors **MUST** advance to the **INTERMEDIATE** division when (a) they have competed for 1 full year from the date of their first competition; (b) they have met the criteria for Intermediate division below.

INTERMEDIATE – Any individual who has developed riding and archery skills beyond that of a Beginner, is competent in the sport, and has a basic understanding of the rules and safety requirements necessary for success. At this level, competitor has (a) placed in the top half overall in 3 competitions (min. 10 competitors to qualify); (b) has placed in the top 3 in the Novice division at 2 or more events (min. 10 competitors and at least 3 divisions offered to qualify); OR (c) has placed Student Level 3 or higher in IHAA Grading system and wishes to advance from Novice Division.

ADVANCED – An individual who has a solid foundation in horsemanship and is a proficient archer; individual is recognized as a horse archery instructor, clinician, or trainer; has competed successfully in competitive events. At this level, competitor has (a) placed in the top 30% overall in 3 competitions (min. 10 competitors to qualify); (b) has placed in the top 3 in the Intermediate division at 3 or more events (min. 10 competitors and at least 3 divisions offered to qualify); OR (c) has placed Horse Archer Level 1 or higher in IHAA Grading system and wishes to advance from Intermediate Division.

MASTERS – An experienced, winning competitor, possessing excellent riding and archery skills, and regularly placing in the top 3 overall at competitions. At this level, competitor has (a) placed in the top 10% overall in 3 competitions (min. 10 competitors to qualify); (b) has placed in the top 3 in the Advanced division at 5 or more events (min. 10 competitors and at least 3 divisions offered to qualify); OR (c) has placed Horse Archer Level 4 or higher in IHAA Grading system and wishes to advance from Advanced Division.

- **PLEASE NOTE:** *The divisions listed above are qualifying standards and are subject to change. Any HAUSA member may also make their individual case as to why they would request they be approved to enter Competitions above or below their qualifying division and the Event Organizer may approve or deny as deemed warranted. (Time out of saddle, medical necessity, change from Walk/Trot to Canter, or vice versa, etc.)*