

West Michigan Archery Center Outdoor Tournament Preparation



When preparing to attend or participate in an outdoor archery tournament, here are some things you will want to consider and pack to prepare for the tournament (especially any two-day FITA tournaments).

Getting There

- Location of the tournament (address and map)
- Location of hotels, etc.
- Make sure to transport archery equipment in a case or unstrung, arrows in a case, and all stored in the trunk.
- Cell phone numbers of other coaches and attendees
- Enough lead time to get to the tournament at least one hour before the shooting time.

Archery Equipment

- Bow bag or bow container
- Bow
- Arrows (outdoor shoots are typically six-arrow ends – try to have at least 8-9 arrows just in case)
- Quiver (with added equipment – see handout on possible quiver contents)
- Bow Stand
- Toolkit (see handout)
- Copy of appropriate membership card (keep a picture of this on your phone)

Setup On Site

- Easy-up tent/canopy
- Hammer/stakes
- Wagon or cart
- Portable lightweight chairs
- Cooler (packed with some ice)
- Scope or binoculars
- Camera
- Cell phone or Tablet with data connection

What to Do When You Get There

- Check in at registration area
- Fill out score sheets (2)
- Get lane assignments
- Get a judge to verify clothing and equipment
- Find a spot to set up the easy-up and equipment
- See if there is a practice range
- Get equipment set up
- Get a target hung and find out who is shooting on your target bale
- Check your own equipment and find your coaches

Miscellaneous Archer Equipment

- Pens and Pencils
- Clipboard
- Silver Sharpie Marker (for marking arrows)
- Bow Stringer
- Arrow Puller
- Arrow Lubricant
- Extra nocks
- Extra fletchings
- Calculator
- Plastic bag (for scorecard in case of rain)

For the Archer (kept with family)

- Snacks (preferably, not overly salty or sticky)
- Water
- Frog-Tog or other cooling towel
- Ice
- Insect Repellent
- Sunscreen
- Extra arm-guard, finger tab, etc.
- Money (for snacks and/or registration fees)
- First aid kit

Archer Clothing

- Close-toed shoes (bring an extra pair of shoes)
- Archery jersey
- Non-demin/non-jean pants (check on dress code requirements)
- Hat (make sure it works for shooting for size of any bill; no camo pattern)
- Spare of pants, shirt, and socks
- Non-camo rain coat
- Towel (for archer and arrows)
- Sunglasses (test these beforehand when shooting)