

August 2024 Coaches Meeting Notes

We had good attendance from the Colorado JOAD teams. Of the 15 teams actively participating in the buckle series, 14 teams had representatives on this call.

Three questions were brought up for discussion and to a vote. Votes were cast by the head coaches of each team. If a coach was not present, then a representative voted for that team.

The questions are listed below...

Should this season's buckle series remain at 5 tournaments: Last year we ran the season with a total of 5 tournaments to make up the indoor buckle season. This question was asked if the coaches wanted to run the same number of tournaments this year or move to a different format. It was noted that the JOAD indoor state tournament was not included as one of the 2023-2024 belt buckle qualifiers.

Voting results:

13 votes were favorable to continue with a 5-tournament season

1 team was not present (Metropolitan State University of Denver Club Archery)

Should we add JOAD State scores to the buckle series? This will provide 6 tournament scores to determine shooter of the year: We would include the scores from state as one of the belt buckles scores. This would allow archers to miss two tournaments allowing them to keep their top 4 scores required to earn the buckle. Several of the coaches were not in favor of this decision and voiced concerns. One coach commented that if the state tournament does not contribute to the purchase of the buckle, then they should not be included in the buckle series. This was brought to a vote.

Voting results:

4 teams voted yes to add state scores as part of the buckle rotational

11 voted no to add state scores

1 team was not present (Metropolitan State University of Denver Club Archery)

Should we keep the -1 bonus for attending all 5 buckle tournaments: Here's a summary of the key points and concerns raised:

1. -1 Bonus increases participation: The "-1" bonus was mentioned as a motivator for archers to attend tournaments. Some coaches felt it could encourage regular attendance, which is seen as positive.
2. Health Concerns and Attendance: There were ethical concerns about encouraging attendance at tournaments when an archer is sick. Some coaches questioned whether the incentive might pressure children and parents to attend even when it isn't safe or advisable.
3. Coach's Role in Guidance: It was agreed that coaches should educate their archers and their parents about the nature of the "-1" bonus. The emphasis should be on the fact that while the bonus is beneficial, it is not mandatory, and attending a tournament while sick should be discouraged.
4. Purpose of the Buckle: There was a discussion about what the buckle represents. Some coaches questioned whether it is awarded based solely on attendance or if it reflects a combination of both attendance and skill. Coaches generally agreed that the buckle is a reward for both regular attendance and skill, reflecting a commitment to both.
5. Impact on Shoot-offs: There were mixed opinions on whether the "-1" bonus affects the number of shoot-offs. Some believed it reduced shoot-offs, while others saw no significant impact.

Overall, the conversation highlighted the balance between encouraging participation and ensuring the well-being of the kids, as well as clarifying the goal offered in the -1 bonus.

Voting results:

7 Teams voted yes to keep the -1 bonus

6 teams voted no

1 team abstained

1 team was not present (Metropolitan State University of Denver Club Archery)

New JOAD Clubs

Recon Archers is a new club coached by Jonathan Whitson. Jonathon's club is practicing out of No Limits archery

TAP Archery Club/3D JOAD is being coached by Paul Kosek is also new to our JOAD community. Paul is also hosting the state 3D tournament in Canyon City.

Tournament Selection: In years past we started the selection where we finished the prior year. Last year the selection started with Bear Creek Archery and ended with Untouchables. We started the selection process this year starting with ASR. Here are the results...

Archery School of the Rockies JOAD – Selected February

Ascent Archery – Selected November

Aslan Archery - Selected December

Bear Creek Xtreme - Passed

Colorado Gold JOAD - Passed

Colorado Springs JOAD - Passed

Denver Summit Archers - Passed

Empty Quiver Broomfield - Passed

High Altitude Hitmen - Selected March

High Impact Archers - Passed

Metropolitan State University of Denver Club Archery – NP

Mile High Archers - Selected October

Rocky Mountain Hot Shots - Selected March

Springs JOAD - Passed

Untouchables JOAD Club – Will be available to host a tournament if a team needs to back out

Here are the tournaments listed in order of month, hosting team, and locations...

October: Mile High /Recon Archers at No Limits

November: Ascent Archery at No Limits

December: Aslan – Location TBD

February: Archery School of the Rockies JOAD at No Limits

March: High Altitude Hitmen\Rocky Mountain Hot Shots at No Limits

Dates will be sent out soon. The Deadline to provide tournament dates will be September 3rd

An organizational meeting will be scheduled for the coaches that are hosting tournaments.

Next year's tournament selection order: We will start the selection next year with Springs JOAD, then the Untouchables, etc...

If the untouchables host a tournament as a backup this year, then we will start the selection with Springs JOAD then Archery School of the Rockies will be next in line.

Open Discussion:

Bracket Shoot: Coach Brenda pointed out that many kids do not participate in USATs or outdoor summer tournaments, which often feature bracket-style competitions. This thought led to the idea of creating a way for archers to experience bracket shoots. Better preparing them for head-to-head competitions.

- **Proposal:** The idea proposed was to introduce a bracket shoot either as part of an existing tournament, as an independent event, or as a bonus event at the last tournament of the season. The intent is to provide archers with additional educational and training experiences,
- **Format:** She suggested that the format could start with three scoring ends to determine placements into a bracket. This bracket shoot would be separate from the regular buckle tournaments. The awards for this event could be different, maybe offering unique awards.
- **Further Discussion:** Several coaches liked the idea and were interested in continuing discussions on how to implement this. Possibly adding this bracket event this season.
 - **Jonathon's Suggestion:** Jonathon suggested running this new bracket format as part of the March tournament.
 - **Karen's Suggestion:** Karen mentioned the possibility of incorporating it into the indoor state tournament.
 - The next steps would include further discussions to finalize details such as the format, timing, and how it could be integrated into the indoor tournament season.

Easton Scholarship: Coach Karen said that ASR will be hosting one of the Easton Scholarship tournaments the week before Thanksgiving (November 23rd). A flier will be sent out.

Pin Shoot: David announced that he and Layel will be hosting some pin tournaments, which will include both outdoor and indoor formats. Coaches who are interested in participating or need more information are encouraged to reach out to him. He provided his contact information:

- **Email:** 4theloveofarchery54@gmail.com
- **Phone Number:** 720-203-5509

Coaches who would like to be involved in these tournaments or have any questions should contact David directly

Outdoor State Tournament: David provided details about the upcoming state tournament. It will be designed similarly to a USAT JOAD tournament, they will have qualifications, a challenge shot for money, a distance shot, and mixed team rounds. There will also be a barbeque on Saturday with eliminations on Sunday.

Sanctioning and Between Ends Assistance: Brad Fiala announced that if anyone wants help with sanctioning their tournaments or needs assistance with between ends to reach out to him

Belt Buckle Spreadsheet: Carol Smith volunteered to help maintain the spreadsheet throughout the season.

Tournament Help: Carol Smith also offered her assistance if anyone needed help with their tournaments. She has kept notes that she is willing to share with others.

Club	5 Tournament Season	Add State Scores to the Buckle Series	Keep the -1 Bonus	Tournament Selection			
Archery School of the Rockies JOAD	Yes	Yes	Abstain	February			
Ascent Archery	Yes	No	Yes	November			
Aslan Archery	Yes	No	No	December			
Bear Creek Xtreme	Yes	No	No	Passed			
Colorado Gold JOAD	Yes	No	No	Passed			
Denver Summit Archers	Yes	No	No	Passed			
Empty Quiver Broomfield	Yes	No	No	Passed			
High Altitude Hitmen	Yes	No	No	March			
High Impact Archers	Yes	No	Yes	Passed			
Metropolitan State University of Denver Club Archery	NP	NP	NP	NP			
Mile High Archers	Yes	Yes	Yes	October			
*Recon Archers	Yes	Yes	Yes	October			
Rocky Mountain Hot Shots	Yes	No	Yes	March			
Springs JOAD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Passed			
Untouchables JOAD Club	Yes	No	Yes	Willing to host if a team needs to back out			
Result	Yes	No	Yes				