

SHOOTER OF THE YEAR "SOY" General Rules

If there are any questions about Shooter of the Year rules, please get in touch with One of the OAA officers to explain these rules sooner rather than later, so that the shooter is eligible.



- Shooter-of-the-Year Awards/Buckles will not be awarded to "PeeWee" classes.
- OAA members in good standing, at the time of the event, will receive SOY points.
 - NFAA/Ohio membership required to be eligible for the SOY award
 - Membership must be renewed/in good standing **PRIOR** to the OAA shooting event (if you are not sure of your membership renewal date, you can email us here to verify) info@ohioarchers.com or lori@ohioarchers.com
 - If you let your NFAA/Ohio membership lapse and then want to be eligible for the SOY, you cannot backdate your membership to p/u the points to be eligible – NFAA memberships are 12 months from date of purchase.
 - USA Archery memberships are not considered for the OAA SOY award – archer **MUST** have an NFAA/Ohio membership.
- All events will utilize NFAA classes.
- SOY points will be calculated for each tournament as follows:
 - Archer's score divided by highest OAA member's score in the applicable class x 100.
 - An Archer will receive 100 points even if he/she is the only shooter in the class.
 - An Archer will receive zero (0) points for any tournament not shot.
- Awards will be given to classes where there are two Eligible Archers.
 - Eligible Archer is defined as an OAA member who completes in five of the seven OAA events within the same class.
- The Eligible Archer's best five scores will be used to calculate overall SOY points.
- An archer must complete 80% of the tournament for it to count toward their SOY points. Tournaments completion that is less than 80% will be zero'd out.
- SOY will be awarded to the Eligible Archer in a specific class who has the highest point total at the end of the season.
- Age classes and shooting styles will not change during the year even if NFAA institutes a midyear change. OAA will utilize January 1 nomenclature the entire calendar year.
- Ties will be broken by total x count in all events both archers competed. If total x's tie, winner will be the archer with the highest x count after the first tournament that was not a tie in the order tournaments were shot by both archers.
- SOY points are based on final scores in each class. If an error or omission is reported, recorded, calculated or published, it will be corrected and SOY points re-calculated based on actual results.
- SOY calculations after the 900 Championship round are considered to be "unofficial" – Winners announced during the award ceremony are subject to change and photo(s) will be taken with generic belt buckle.
- SOY calculation/count will be reviewed in detail by the OAA officers after the 900 Round and approved by the President and/or Vice-President. The confirmed SOY winners will be announced over social media. These announced winners are FINAL at such time.
- SOY belt buckles will be ordered and then shipped out to the proper winners after final announcement. (NOTE: there is a 4-6 week order turnaround time for these since they are custom.)



Birthdays and Class Changes

NFAA rules require that a shooter must move up age class on their birthday. This can create problems for Shooter-of-the-Year (SOY) points. For example, Chuck Jones is 14 years old on January 1st. On May 23rd, he becomes 15 years. For all the events before his birthday he was shooting as an YMFS (Youth Male Freestyle) but after his birthday we would be shooting as a YAMFS (Young Adult Male Freestyle). So, half of the tournaments he attended and SOY points he earned would be under YMFS and half under YAMFS. This would result in Chuck not qualifying for any SOY participation. To prevent the above situation, if you (or your shooting child/teen) are changing age class during the year, you should start the year at the older class from the very beginning. So, under this scenario, Chuck would have shot all his tournaments as YAMFS (Young Adult Male Freestyle) even though his first four tournaments he would have been 14 years old only. This goes for all age classes - PeeWees, Cubs, Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Senior Adults, Master Senior Adults. You must be mindful of your age/class when you are near the cutoff lines.