



IAU COMPETITION RULES FIELD CROSSBOW 2005

Art. 320 PRACTICE

320.1 **Use of Competition Field:** At **WC, RC, IC** and **CE** sanctioned by the **IAU**, the Competition field may be used by the competitors for practice prior to the days of the Competition in accordance with the times announced in the Program (Art. 307.2).

Where the Competition field is not available for practice, the **OC** shall provide suitable facilities as detailed in Art. 314.2.1.

320.1.1 **Practice Field:** At **WC** and **RC**, the **OC** shall make practice facilities available at least two (2) days before the Official Practice Day. Such practice facilities if possible shall be the Competition field, or be located on a separate field adjacent to the main Competition field.

A number of targets equal to two thirds the number of confirmed entries should set out on the Practice Field. Such practice facilities are to be announced in the Program (Art. 307.2).

320.1.2 **Practice Field Captain (FC):** Shall at all times be in charge of practice sessions. The **FC** shall be solely responsible for the conduct of shooting.

It is suggested that a fixed period of time (e.g. 5 minutes) be allocated for shooting and that there shall be no limit to the number of bolts which can be shot within this time limit.



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320.1.3 **Control of Practice:** All competitors shall move forward together to collect their bolts, irrespective of the distance being shot. No arbalist shall shoot during this time, nor collect bolts at any other time.

The **FC** may bar from the practice session any arbalist contravening this rule.

320.1.4 **Allocation of Butts for Unofficial Practice:** On Unofficial Practice days, the butts shall be set out at distances of 65, 50 and 35m in proportion according to the direction of the **FC**. Competitors desirous of changing the butt allocation shall negotiate with the **FC**. Any Change in the distance at which targets are set shall be regulated by the **FC**, who may ask practising arbalist to assist in moving and re-arranging targets.

320.2 **Conduct of Official Practice:** Official Practice shall take place on the tournament field in accordance with the details set out in the Program (Art. 307.2). In that the regulation of ends (visual time control) under the control of the **DOS** shall be employed. Members of the **IJC** shall be present to observe the conduct of the shooting and, in liaison with the **NTMs**, advise competitors over matters of procedure. The **OC** shall arrange for a sufficient number of **FJs** (Art. 312.2.c) to be in attendance to assist the **DOS** in the running of the practice session.

Official Practice Butt Allocation: each competitor shall use target assigned to him/her for the Competition (Art. 319.2.2).

320.2.1 **Official Practice Day Field Layout:** All butts shall be set at 35 metres to begin Official Practice, then moved to 50 metres, and finishing the session at 65 metres for all arbalists.



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320.2.2 **Official Practice Timetable:** To timetable shall be submitted to the **IJC** for approval no later than twenty four (24) hours before the start of Official Practice:

Recommended timings:

09 00 - 11 00 hours	35 metre practice
11 00 - 12 00 hours	Lunch
12 00 - 14 00 hours	50 metre practice
14 30 - 16 30 hours	65 metre practice

Practice (shooting) on the tournament field or the practice field between the official start and finish times on the days of Competition is **NOT PERMITTED**.

The **OC** shall preferably make available practice butts equivalent to at least 20% of the number of competitors for practice purposes on an adjacent field.

On Competition days, such facilities shall be available as announced in the Program and shall be closed 30 minutes prior to the published Competition start time. These facilities may be re-opened for a specified period, 30 minutes after the close of shooting.

320. 3. 1 **Test Butt:** For the purpose of testing a crossbow which has undergone essential repairs, a target butt shall be set out at a maximum distance of 20 metres in an area separated from the tournament field. The use of such facilities shall be under the supervision of a **TC Member** or Judge.



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320.4 **Practice of the Shooting Stance:** On days of Competition before the Competition starts and during the intervals between distances, competitors may practice only the shooting position and sighting, without cocking/spanning/loading their crossbows. Such practice may only take place on the shooting line and in the direction of the competitor's allocated target. In the event that a bolt is shot during such practice, the bolt shall count towards the next scoring end shot. The scorer shall make a note to this effect on the score sheet, the highest scoring bolt for the next scoring end shall be forfeited. The arbalist concerned shall be cautioned by a Judge. An arbalist repeating this offence may be barred from the day's Competition. See (Art. 335.2).