

North Carolina Bowhunters Association



BCRS Certification Requirements

Bowhunters participating in the "Bowhunter Certification and Referral Service" are governed by the following requirements in order to be certified by the North Carolina Bowhunters Association.

- 1- All certified "BCRS Members" **MUST be an active member of the North Carolina Bowhunter's Association**, and they are required to maintain active membership as long as they are certified in the "BCRS" program.
- 2- All certified "BCRS Members" are required to complete the standard "**Hunter Safety Course**" and the "**International Bowhunter Education Course (IBEP)**, or the NCWRC's "**Today's Bowhunter**" course" **before** they can be certified and accepted into the program. No one will be "Grandfathered" into the program for any reason.
- 3- All participants will be required to complete and submit a standard "**BCRS Certification**" application to the NCBA-BCRS Chairman, or his designee. The application will be of standard design and available, upon request, to all active NCBA members. It is also listed on the NCBA website under the "Application" link.
- 4- An annual application/renewal fee will be assessed to all applicants. This fee will be used to pay for insurance coverage and administration costs of the program. The amount of the annual fee is \$20. It is valid for one year from the date of initial issuance. Members will be allowed to renew BCRS membership sixty (60) days prior to expiration for each individual membership.
- 5- Applicants must perform and pass a '**Accuracy and Proficiency Test**' (**APT**)' with the bow(s) they will be hunting with. They must be able to place (shoot) a **minimum of 5 arrows out of 10 shots** inside a target circle. The size of the target will be **6 inch circle** at: **fifteen yards for traditional bows**; or at **20 yards for compound bows**. The applicant must use the same bow(s) they intend to use for hunting. Applicants must qualify separately with each bow he/she intends to hunt with. (*Arrows with field points may be used for the test.) Archers can take the **APT** test more than once, but only **one time** on any given day. The standard BCRS - APT certification is valid for ONE year. BCRS members **must** re-qualify each year up to 60 days prior or after expiration of annual certification. Members may also re-qualify at any time if they desire to do so at no additional cost. Certification will also be extended for a 60 day grace period beyond the expiration date. A lapse in certification will also require the applicant to perform the **APT** again in order to be re-certified. Practice shots are permitted, but **NOT** on any BCRS target, or similar target at the time the test is administered.

6- Applicants must perform the **APT** in the presence of certified and approved NCBA/BCRS officials. A complete list of these people will be supplied / published on the website and will also be available from the BCRS Chairman.

7- Persons who will be qualified (eligible) to administer the BCRS-APT qualification tests are NCBA Members who are:

- a. Any "present or past" NCBA E.C. or A.C. officer.
- b. NCBA official measurers.
- c. Officers/Designees of Local Chapter Clubs.
- d. NCBA-IBEP Instructors.
- e. NCBA members who operate public or private, indoor or outdoor ranges. (*These members must be certified by any ONE of the five options listed in "a, b, c, d or e" above. A fee may NOT be charged to administer the BCRS-BCPT test. Nor shall BCRS applicants be required to patronize their establishment in any manner, form or fashion.)

NOTE: ALL persons must complete an application for the "Certifier" position who desire to perform this function. "IBEP and Hunter Safety certification course completion is NOT required for anyone to be approved as a "NCBA Certifier." Immediate family members (minimum 18 years of age) of a NCBA member, may register to be a "NCBA-BCRS Certifier."

8- "BCRS Member" applicants must sign and notarize a "Waiver of Liability" including a "Hold Harmless Clause" to be kept on file with the program coordinator for the BCRS program. (This is included with the "Member" application.)

9- Successful applicants, after acceptance, will receive a personal ID card after annual renewal and/or recertification.

10- Local NCBA chapter clubs should plan to schedule annual IBEP courses for members and others interested in participating in the BCRS program, and should also hold annual BCRS qualifying days.

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