



Competition Format & Rules

Overview

The 2019 Canadian National Axe Throwing Championships will be a two-day, tournament style competition testing competitors' abilities in throwing double-bitted axes.

There will be three divisions; Men's, Women's & Junior. Overall Champions will be awarded for each division and prize money awarded to competitors who make it to day two by placing in the top 20 for the Men's Division, Top 10 for the Women's Division and Top 5 for the Junior Division. Must be between ages of 10 and 16 at competition date to compete in Junior Division.

1. RULES

- 1.1 Contestant must take the one mandatory practice throw at the competitive target, followed by 6 counting throws.
- 1.2 Event will be scored 5,4,3,2, and 1 from the bullseye out.
- 1.3 Axe needs only to cut outer edge of line of scoring area to win points with any part of the leading edge.

- 1.4 Axe must stick in target to count.
- 1.5 The leading edge of the axe shall be the only scoring edge.
- 1.6 Axe must make one full rotation to count.
- 1.7 If both edges of axe stick in target, throw is disqualified, and zero points awarded for that throw.
- 1.8 Foot/feet may not step beyond the throwing line until the axe hits the target
 - 1.8.1 If competitors steps beyond the line before the axe hits the target that throw will receive zero points
- 1.9 Competitor may not retrieve his/her axe until the judge has scored the throw.
- 1.10 Judging must be done and scored before axe is removed.
- 1.11 Practicing on competitive targets is prohibited and may result in disqualification from the tournament.

2. EQUIPMENT / MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

- 2.1 Axe must have a 24 inch (~60cm) minimum overall length handle, including axe head, and the face of the leading edge shall not exceed 6 inches (~15cm)
- 2.2 Throwing axes must be double bitted, have four points and be reasonably symmetrical as per the judge's discretion
- 2.3 Bullseye will be 2 inches (~5cm) in diameter with 5 scoring areas 2 inches (~5cm) in width.
- 2.4 Throwing line 20 ft (~6m) from the target

3. COMPETITON FORMAT

Day 1:

- 3.1 Registered competitors will have access to practice targets throughout the competition, beginning at 9am, and be given time to warm up prior to their scheduled heat
- 3.2 Competitors will be scheduled in heats of up to 6 throwers at a time and must be prepared to throw in your assigned heat. Substitutions are only allotted at the head judge's discretion and may result in a disqualification from the tournament if last minute substitutions hinder the flow of the event.

3.3 Competitors will throw four (4) rounds of six (6) throws obtaining a score out of a maximum 120 points in the qualifying round.

3.3.1 Throwers will shift to the target to their right for their second round. Thrower on furthest target to the right in first round will circle back to position 1 target for their second round of qualifying throws.

3.3.2 Throwers will throw two (2) rounds of six (6) throws in the morning/early afternoon, followed by a break, then throw two more rounds of five throws in mid/late afternoon

3.4 Top 20 qualifying scores for Men's Division and Top 10 qualifying scores for Women's Division and Top 6 qualifying scores for Juniors will advance to Sunday's Final and will be announced immediately following final qualifying round of throwing on Saturday

3.4.1.1 If there are tied qualifying scores for final paying place in any division, ties will be broken with a 3-throw sudden-death throw-off

3.4.1.2 Ties for non-paying placings in Qualifier rounds will be broken by the tally the greater number of bullseyes between the tied throwers

Day 2:

3.5 FINALS FORMAT :

3.5.1 Round 1 (Men's Quarter Final, Women's Semi Final) - Qualifying competitors will throw 2 rounds of 6 throws for a total score out of 60; top 12 men advance to Semi Final, top 6 women advance to WOMEN'S FINAL

3.5.2 Round 2 (Men's Semi Final) – 2 rounds of six (6) throws, Top 6 men advance to MEN'S FINAL

3.5.3 Round 3 (CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL) – Top 6 Men, Top 6 Women & Top 6 Juniors will each throw two rounds of six (6) throws, best score in this round for each division is **2019 Canadian Axe Throwing Champion**

3.5.3.1 Any/All ties for paid placings on day 2 will be broken with a 3-throw sudden death throw-off

3.5.3.2 Any/All ties for Bonus payouts to be broken with a 3-throw sudden death throw-off