

2024-25 Big Game Archery Qualification

The Zuni Fish & Wildlife Department (ZFWD) will be conducting Archery shooting test for those drawn for a 2024-2025 Big Game Archery hunt. The qualification will be required for the 2024-25 season before any payment is made on a hunting license/permit. Please see the rules and scheduled times for the qualification.

Qualification Rules:

1. **Drawn Archery Hunters** must qualify for archery hunts prior to making any payment(s) on their permit. Payments made prior to qualifying will be on hold until the qualification has been successfully passed. Drawn archery hunters that are unsuccessful at qualifying prior to the first archery hunt or by August 29, 2024, will be reimbursed at 100%. Any non-attempts will be reimbursed at 50% of the original permit cost.
2. **Purpose:** The purpose of the qualification is to encourage hunter marksmanship, hunter ethics, gear selection, and overall proficiency and accuracy to minimize the wound loss for all big game archery hunts.
3. **Location:** Qualifications will occur outside at the **Department of Natural Resources Compound**.
4. **Dates and Time:** Every **Sunday, Tuesday, & Thursday** starting **June 30 – August 8, 2024. NO Qualifications will be held on July 2nd & 4th, 2024.** After August 8th, qualifications will only occur on **Tuesday & Thursday**. Last day for qualifications will be **August 29, 2024.** **The scheduled time frame for qualifications will begin at 5:00pm – 7:00pm.** Hunters also have the option of scheduling an appointment with the ZFWD provided that a staff member will be available during that date and time.
5. **Draw Weight:** A minimum draw weight of forty (40) pounds will be checked and enforced for all archery hunters.
6. **Distance:** Compound bow: 30 yards, Traditional: 20 yards.
7. Qualification will be determined if an individual can group 3-arrows out of 5-arrows within an 8" circle. A ZFWD staff and/or Tribal Ranger will be there to witness and verify the qualification(s).
8. **Attempts:** There will be a maximum of 3 attempts per Qualification Day for all hunters.

If you would like to know more information about the Archery Qualification, please feel free to get in contact with ZFWD @ (505)782-5851 or email POZ.Hunts@ashiwi.org. The ZFWD would like to thank you and we appreciate your cooperation.