

## State Tournament Guidelines

### MAIN REQUIREMENTS:

Must have on file with the NDBA State Tournament Director a written bid (application) to host a State Championship. It should include dates, location, rounds to be held, and the name, address, and phone number of the host club tournament director as a contact person. The Area Tournament Representative or his/her alternate for the host club, shall act as liaison between the club and the State Tournament Director.

Must be a NDBA and a NFAA chartered club in current standing, that means paid up, and carry NFAA liability insurance or similar liability coverage. Must have an NFAA-rated Two Star or better range if hosting the 300 or Field Round Championship and a current NFAA Constitution and By-Laws handbook, which is available from the National Field Archery Association.

State Indoor Tournament must not coincide with the NFAA National Indoor Tournament.

### TOURNAMENTS:

At least 30 days prior to any State tournament contact the State NFAA Director to set up a time for a safety inspection (all shooting ranges being used for the tournaments must be inspected).

Competitive structure for the State tournaments:

- 3-D Competitive Archer: Must be a current NDBA member to compete and to be eligible for State awards. NFAA/NDBA Divisions & Styles will be used as listed in this guide or in the NFAA Constitution & Bylaws.
- 300 & Field Round Competitive Archer: Must be a current NFAA & NDBA member to compete and to be eligible for State awards. NFAA/NDBA Divisions & Styles will be used.
- Non-Competitive Archer: Not required to be a current NDBA or NFAA member to compete. Not eligible for any State awards. Registration fee maybe slightly lower than the Competitive Archer. No divisions or styles.
- The NDBA per shooter fee still applies to both Competitive and Non-Competitive Archers. Contact the State Tournament Director for the applicable shooting fees and the current NDBA per shooter fee.

Know how to set up, run, and interpret the rules governing the tournament being hosted. The following NFAA/NDBA Divisions & Styles must be recognized for all State Tournaments - Indoor 300, Indoor 3D, Field Round, 900 Round & Outdoor 3D.

**Divisions: Male and Female**

**Adult (18+) - Senior (50+) - Silver Senior (60+) - Master Senior (70+)**

Freestyle	Freestyle Limited	Bowhunter Freestyle
Barebow	Bowhunter	Bowhunter Freestyle Limited
Traditional	Longbow	Freestyle Limited Recurve

**Youth (12-14), Cub (-11)**

Freestyle	Freestyle Limited	Bowhunter Freestyle
Barebow	Freestyle Limited Recurve	

A display board showing the current standings is to be displayed throughout the tournament and kept updated.

Handicap scoring of any kind will not be allowed in any State competition.

A final list of all the competitors, their division, style, and score are to be made, with the top 3 finishers noted. This list is to be kept in the club records and a copy sent to the State Tournament Director. Include dates, times, and places along with any articles and or photos that may be used in the NDBA newsletter.

State awards will be given in all divisions and styles listed. 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> place is to be awarded in all Cub Divisions; and for Youth thru Senior use the following minimum award requirements:

- 1 thru 3 Competitive Archers dictates 1 award.
- 4 thru 6 Competitive Archers dictates 2 awards.
- 7 or more Competitive Archers dictates 3 awards.

A guest class for other styles of equipment or other shooting events will be allowed if the host club obtains prior approval from the State Tournament Director. These classes or events will not be eligible for any state awards.

NDBA will supply the awards, registration forms, and scorecards for all State sanctioned events. The host club must provide individuals to handle all the registration and scoring processes and the NDBA will provide assistance when needed.

Tournament registration will close 2 hours prior to the start of the NDBA annual banquet.

The host club must have 2 large tables set aside at a State tournament for a NDBA and a NFAA booth. At these booths the NDBA and the NFAA may have raffle ticket sales (providing proper permits are obtained if needed), membership applications, inventory for sale, etc.

The NDBA will work with the host club on the advertising of the State tournament.

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## **NFAA & NDBA COMPETITION RULES:**

- **NFAA & NDBA COMPETITION RULES WILL APPLY FOR THE STATE INDOOR 300**
  - May reference the NFAA Constitution and Bylaws manual for additional rules.
  - The shooting times listed for the tournament are to be considered the Competitive Round. Shooters may shoot anytime there is sufficient room that is available on the shooting line, with in the restraints of the listed shooting times, or the host club may have a scheduled sign-up sheet located at the registration area to best coordinate the time and space allotted for the round and if so, the host club must notify in advance if a scheduled time line will be used.
  - You will be teamed up with another impartial archer if possible, for the purpose of scoring each other's arrows. If you are alone and want to shoot, a designated scorer will be assigned to you, such as a Tournament Official or Line Judge.
  - The arrows in the target face may not be touched until that end is scored.
  - When you register for the 300 round you will be handed both 300 round cards. You then must turn both cards into the scorer's table located at the 300 round. Under no circumstances are the cards to leave the "scoring area", other than having a Tournament Official collecting them and turning them into the main registration table
  
- **.NFAA & NDBA COMPETITION RULES WILL APPLY FOR THE STATE FIELD ROUND.**
  - May reference the NFAA Constitution and Bylaws manual for additional rules.
  - Designated flights will be held with the times pre-advertised in the tournament notice.
  - Pre-registration will continue up to ½ hour prior to the start of each flight.

- During that ½ hour prior to the start of the flight, the Competitive Archers will be assigned to impartial groups of 3 or 4. After everyone has been assigned to their respective groups, you will shoot with your designated group during the time it takes to finish the entire Field Round. (Tournament Official may use discretion).
- Anyone who registers and is not there when the groups are assigned would not be allowed to shoot at a later time, unless he or she withdraws before the groups are announced.
- Anyone registering after the cutoff time would have to wait until the next prescribed time. (Tournament Official may use discretion).
- May shoot with Son, Daughter or Spouse, but a third or fourth impartial individual will be added to the group.
- Will try to group according to your peers in accordance with your style of shooting.
- Double scoring will be used, and both your scorecards must have identical scores before being accepted by a Tournament Official.
- The arrows in the target face may not be touched until that end is scored.
- When you register for the Field Round you will then be handed both sets of Field Round scorecards, which will then be turned into the scorer's table located at the Field Round site. The tournament official will then hand you only one set of your Field Rounds scorecards. Once you have completed the 1<sup>st</sup> half of your Field Round, you must turn the cards in to the scorer's table after you have completely filled out the cards and had them signed by the scorer. The official will hold the other set of Field Round scorecards until your group reports back to the scorer's table and wishes to finish the Field Round. Under no circumstances are the cards to leave the "scoring area", other than having a Tournament Official collecting them and turning them into the main registration table.

## **I. NDBA INDOOR 300 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND**

- A.** The Championship Round may be held at any club that:
1. Has a current NDBA charter.
  2. Agrees to abide by Championship Round guidelines as specified by the NFAA.
- B.** The responsibilities of the Championship Round host club are to:
1. Secure a facility that will accommodate the Round and its participants.
  2. Provide facilities management and basic services.
  3. Provide registration services.
  4. Provide a Line Judge.

**5.** Provide adult supervision for the cub and youth divisions: to call arrows, record scores, and to total scorecards. Parent volunteers shall, when possible, supervise the targets of those other than their own children.

**C.** The responsibilities of the NDBA during the Championship Round are to:

- 1.** Provide materials to register, score the round.
- 2.** Provide target assignments to the participants.

**D.** One (1) Championship Round may be shot for each NFAA class in which a participant has entered to compete.

**E.** If a participant has missed their line time but has otherwise meet the Championship Round requirements they may shoot at a later time noncompetitively if space permits.

**F.** Championship Round participants must also be NDBA & NFAA members.

**G.** The NFAA/NDBA Pro class shall have as an award a free NDBA membership for 1<sup>st</sup> Place.

## **II. NDBA INDOOR 300 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND RULES**

### **A. NDBA 300 Round**

#### **1. General**

**a)** Comprised of two (2) practice Ends (one (1) End consists of five (5) arrows) and twelve (12) competitive Ends (shot as three (3) games with four (4) Ends each). (1) A complete round must include a minimum of 60 shot arrows.

**b)** Adults, Young Adults, and Youth shall shoot all arrows from a distance of twenty (20) yards and cubs shall shoot all arrows from a distance of ten (10) yards.

**c)** NFAA/NDBA Classification System applies.

**d)** NFAA approved target shall be used.

**e)** NDBA Award Unit System applies.

**f)** The Line Judge (or designate) will be available at all times.

**g)** A two shooting line A/B system may be used.

**h)** An End begins when signaled by the Line Judge (or designate) using any reasonable medium that can be heard clearly by all of the Round's participants.

**i)** An End is complete when the all-clear signals given.

**j)** The allowed time for an End is four (4) minutes.

**k)** A witnessed pass-through shall be shot over.

**l)** A witnessed bounce-out shall be shot over.

**m)** Binoculars may be used on the shooting line if not interfering with other competitors.

- n)** In the event of equipment failure, the participant shall have fifteen (15) minutes to repair his/her equipment. One (1) practice end will be allowed. The participant shall be allowed to make up arrows and/or ends missed during repair time, after the final end.
- o)** The NDBA Tournament Protest Policy shall be used.
- p)** A Participant(s) that is taking part in behavior that is deemed unusually distracting or unsafe by the Line Judge (or designate) during the round shall be asked to discontinue such behavior. If a Participant(s) persists in such behavior they will be disqualified and escorted from the facility.
- q)** The Line Judge (or designate) may stop the Round at any time due to safety concerns. The Line Judge (or designate) will signal all shooters to stop shooting using any reasonable medium that can be heard clearly by all of the Round's participants. When the Line Judge (or designate) signals, all participants must immediately stop shooting and let down if at full draw without releasing an arrow. Any arrows shot after the Line Judges (or designates) signal will be scored as zero.
- r)** Awards will be given out according to the NDBA awards policy.
- s)** A participant has twenty (20) minutes following the end of competition (including after the end of make-up arrows) to turn in to the specified Indoor Tournament official their tabulated, verified, and signed score cards. If there is a dispute in scoring that cannot be resolved during the allowed time then that, or those, participant(s) must contact the specified Indoor Tournament official within the allowed time and ask for a delay in submission. The Indoor Tournament official may not allow for anymore than ten (10) minutes of additional time for the resolution of any scoring disputes. After the allowed time, and any additional time given by the specified Indoor Tournament official, the scorecard shall be ruled late and will be disqualified.
- t)** A participant shall not sign their scorecard until after the bale scorekeepers have resolved and verified the scorecards between themselves. If the bale scorekeepers cannot resolve a scoring conflict within the allowed time stated in item t, then a participant shall not sign their scorecard until after the bale scorekeepers with the assistance of the specified Indoor Tournament official have resolved and verified the scorecards. Once a scorecard is signed by the two scorekeepers *and* the participant it is considered to be an official result and cannot be changed or disputed.

## **2. Target**

- a)** Must be shot on an NFAA approved target.
- b)** If using a double line: At the start of an End participants whose targets are in the bottom position on the bale will shoot first and shall be referred to as being on the A line. Those participants whose targets are in the top position on the bale will shoot second and shall be referred to as being on the B line.
- c)** Halfway through the Round the top two (2) targets will switch positions with the bottom two (2) targets. When switching, a target must move at least one (1) target face height in the direction of the switch. If a

single line is used, the target position does not need to be switched & can be placed to the participants choice.

**d)** Once scoring has begun, a participant may not switch their target face to a single-spot from a five-spot or from a five-spot to a single-spot. A participant must shoot the entire scoring round on the same style face.

**e)** A participant may mark his/her target for the purpose of identification in non-scoring area only. All marking in a nonscoring area of a participant's target shall be small and not perceivable from a distance of twenty (20) yards. Marking in the scoring area of a participants target is not allowed. Any marking in a scoring or non-scoring area of a participant's target with the intent to aid in aiming is not allowed. The Line Judge (or designate) shall rule on any questionable marking of a participant(s) target.

**f)** A participant may repair his/her target in between ends. Repair is defined as the careful lifting of the target face and the pushing back into position torn target paper due to the impact of an arrow(s)

### **3. Scoring**

**a)** Target scoring is 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, from the spot out.

**b)** A participant may choose between a single-spot 1 through 5 point target or a five-spot 4 and 5 point target to shoot at. In either case the X-ring is counted as a tiebreaker. If a shooter chooses to shoot at a 5-spot target then he/she agrees that any arrow not scored in the 4 or 5 ring is scored as a zero.

**c)** Each target shall select an arrow score caller and two (2) scorers.

**d)** All arrows shall remain in the target face that they were shot into until they are scored.

**e)** No touching of the arrows is permitted until they are scored.

**f)** An arrow that touches a scoring line is awarded the higher score.

**g)** A participant may ask the Line Judge (or designate) to rule on arrows in his/her own target that they deem questionable as to their scoring value.

**h)** A participant must shoot all of his arrows into his/her own target for them to be scored. Any arrow(s) not shot into a participant's own target will be scored as zero.

**i)** Any arrow(s) released after allowed time on the End time clock has expired shall be scored as zero(s).

**j)** Any arrows not shot during the allotted End time shall be scored as zero(s).

**k)** An archer shall stand so that one (1) foot is on either side of the shooting line.

**l)** Any arrow that travels completely beyond ten (10) feet shall be considered shot and shall be scored. Any arrow that does not travel completely beyond ten (10) feet shall be considered dropped and may be picked up and shot, or another may be shot in its place.

**m)** A participant may shoot any number of arrows into any one (1) of the spots that they choose on the target if they are shooting a 5-spot face.

- n)** Any arrows shot by a participant into another participant's target may be pulled at the request of the participant whose target was shot into before he/she shoots another arrow into the target.
- o)** A participant that shoots arrows in excess of those allowed shall have arrows withdrawn starting with their highest scoring arrow until the allowed number remains in the bale and one extra point subtracted for each arrow shot in excess.
- p)** Double scoring is mandatory. Individual arrows must be recorded on scorecard and all X-rings recorded.
- q)** In the event of a tie score in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd places in any (1) class: a shoot-off **may** be declared by the Line Judge/ Field Captain (or designate) if the participants are available. If a shoot-off is declared the Line Judge/Field Captain (or designate) shall order that new targets be placed for the participants who are shooting off. Round rules will apply with the following exceptions:
- (1) The participants shall shoot two (2) Ends of head to head competition to determine the result.
  - (2) If after two Ends the result has not been determined then the Field Captain (or designate) shall order that new targets be placed for the participants and that the participants shall shoot arrow for arrow with inside-out scoring until the result is determined. After each arrow a new target face will be put in place for each participant. The Field Captain (or designate) will witness the shoot-off in its entirety and with a second shall call all arrows.
- r)** Official scorecards shall be signed by two (2) witnesses and the participating shooter for a total of three (3) signatures.
- s)** Each participant must present both of his/her scorecards to the official scorer for verification. Once verified the official scorer will return the participants scorecard and will retain the official scorecard to be recorded.
- t)** Once submitted a participant's scorecard may not be retrieved for the purpose of adjusting the score.
- u)** A participant that submits a scorecard that has been incorrectly totaled to add points to their score shall be disqualified.

## **NDBA 3D Tournament Instructions For Competitive Round (Flying Rules and the Impartial Shooter)**

These instructions will apply to the NDBA 3D Indoor and Outdoor competition rounds as to provide integrity and fair competitive environment.

- The host club will have the choice on whether to have archers register for line times or to have an open registration format. The format the host club chooses must be published on the state tournament flyer at the earliest convenience of the host club.

\*Registered line Times: The Host club will provide multiple shooting time slots for archers to sign up for. At the start of each line time the archers will be split into impartial groups of 3 or 4 when possible. A group of less than 3 will have a tournament official or line judge periodically oversee scoring activity.

\*Open Registration: Will allow archers to register at any time during open registration as set by the host club. Archers will be formed into impartial groups prior to being allowed to progress to shooting line.

- Family members that would like to compete together must declare this at the time of registration and will be paired with at least 1 impartial archer. Any family group of more than 3 will be asked to split the group and include an impartial archer.
- Impartial groups are to be archers of the same division/class. Impartial groups will be the responsibility of the host club and archers to form the group as impartially as possible.
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(Impartial groups is defined under these guidelines as archers who don't usually shoot together. The purpose of impartial groups is to create the most un biased group as possible. By shooting with and against an archer in the same class or division we believe creates an honest and fair competitive environment. A host club that chooses to have registered time lines will have a random draw for groups. In an open registration event the host club will do the best of its ability to form these groups. Although the host club will not be solely responsible in forming an impartial group, participants are also responsible to help in the process. The goal of these guidelines is to prevent any cheating that may occur and to verify the final score.)

- At any given time a tournament official or line judge may oversee the groups shooting and scoring to ensure tournament rules are being followed.
- A host club that offers a competitive and noncompetitive course may elect to have the Adult & Senior Divisions: Traditional, Longbow, & Freestyle Limited Recurve, Youth 12-14 (all styles) held on the noncompetitive course as all above rules shall still apply. This would allow archers to compete for a state award in 2 divisions on separate courses.

### **III. NDBA COMPETITION RULES WILL APPLY FOR THE STATE INDOOR 3D**

- There will be a 25-target course for the State Indoor, shooting 1 arrow per target.
- Shoot in groups of three. Double scoring will be used, and both your scorecards must have identical scores before being accepted by a Tournament Official
- A scorer's table will be set up near the end of the shooting line in the "scoring area". Here the scorecards will be turned in and collected by a Tournament Official when you are done competing. The scorecards must be filled out completely, signed, and both cards must have the identical score before they are to be accepted by the Tournament Official. Under no circumstances are the cards to leave the "scoring area", other than having a Tournament Official collecting them and turning them into the main registration table.
- The cubs will have a separate course: a 20-arrow, 10-target course.
- There will be unmarked distances with a 50-yard maximum.
- Scoring will be 12, 10, 8, & 5. A miss will be scored as a zero.
- Parts of the animal other than the major body mass will be scored as a missed target. Examples are legs below than the main bodyline, horns, ears, and turkey fantails.
- Archer is allowed one minute to shoot each target.
- Only one competitive round may be shot per individual. However, a cub may elect to shoot a second competitive round in the youth division, since it is a separate course.

### **IV. NDBA COMPETITION RULES WILL APPLY FOR THE STATE OUTDOOR 3D**

- Impartial groups of 3 or 4 will be formed as shooters register.
- May shoot with Son, Daughter or Spouse, but a third or fourth impartial individual will be added to the group.
- Will try to group according to your peers in accordance with your style of shooting.
- Double scoring will be used, and both your scorecards must have identical scores before being accepted by a Tournament Official.
- A scorer's table will be set up near the end of the shooting course in the "scoring area". Here the scorecards will be turned in and collected by a Tournament Official when you are done competing. The scorecards must be filled out completely, signed, and both cards must have the identical score before they are to be accepted by the Tournament Official. Under no circumstances are the cards to leave the "scoring area", other than having a Tournament Official collecting them and turning them into the main registration table.
- The youth archers shall have separate shooting stakes from the adult/young-adult shooting stakes.

- There will be unmarked distances with a 50-yard maximum.
- Scoring will be 12, 10, 8, & 5. A miss will be scored as a zero
- Parts of the animal other than the major body mass will be scored as a missed target. Examples are legs below than the main bodyline, horns, ears, and turkey fantails.
- Only one competitive round may be shot per individual. However, a cub may elect to shoot a second competitive round in the youth division, since it is a separate course. This also applies to the youth. Youth may elect to shoot a second competitive round as a young adult since youth have a separate shooting stake.

### **STANDARD COMPETITION RULES:**

- The arrowhead must conform to a point and shall not cause undue damage to the targets.
- Arrows must remain in the target until all arrows are scored, and the arrow shaft only has to touch the line to be scored in the area of the next higher value.
- Off-ground skids or glances into the target shall be scored as a miss.
- If a team or challenge round is offered by the host club, your individual State round score must be shot first.
- You must touch the shooting stake with any part of your body. Failure to do so will cause said arrow to be "no score".
- No archer shall advance to the target and then return to the stake and shoot.
- Arrows must be in the target to score. Arrows believed to have passed through the target may be re-shot with marked arrows, which will not be scored if the doubtful arrows are found in the target. Arrows passing through the face, but still in the target, will be pushed back and scored.
- Any arrow rebounded by striking another arrow and that does not proceed into the target will be scored the same as the arrow it struck, provided the damaged arrow can be identified. A witnessed bounce-out arrow will be re-shot for score.
- Any arrows deflected by a foreign object or misfired will be scored where it lies.
- Any arrow embedded in the nock of another arrow (generally known as a "Robin Hood") will be scored the same as the arrow it struck and skewered, even if it falls to the ground and not in said target.
- Any archer who shoots an arrow at the 3-D target, for any reason, in excess of the prescribed number shall lose their score for that target. If this happens twice, the archer may be disqualified.
- A dropped arrow may be re-shot. A dropped arrow is one which falls while being transferred from the quiver to be nocked on the string or in preparation for a shot or which falls from the string during a "controlled" letdown.
- Guests are not allowed on the range without permission of the tournament officials.

- There will be no practicing on the range nor will any participant be allowed on the range either prior to or following the day's competition.
- If equipment failure occurs during the act of shooting, the arrow maybe re-shot if it doesn't strike the target in any scoring area. Upon declaring equipment failure to his or her group, the shooter will have 45 minutes from the time the individual leaves the group for equipment replacement or repair. (For outdoor shoots, "travel time" to & from the group to range official, is not included in the 45-minute time limit). The Archer must report to a range official as soon as possible for verification of equipment failure, so as to proceed to replace or to begin repairs. Each shooter is limited to 1 repair or replacement of equipment per day in a tournament. There will be no restriction on the number of arrows shot for sighting during an equipment repair, which is included in the 45-minute time limit. Then, in the presence of the tournament official, be allowed to shoot the targets missed.
- During a 3-D tournament or Field round, an archer will be allowed to search for lost arrows, provided it does not cause undue interruptions or delays in the normal flow of the tournament. (Common Sense rule applies).
- If there is a dispute that cannot be settled at the target, or place of incident, and the range official is not available, mark the scorecard and the target number, and then consult a tournament official before you turn in your scorecard.
- Running scores can be checked during the progression of the round to eliminate errors.
- All tied scores will be broken by the number of 12 Rings; except in the case of a first place tie. When this occurs, a sudden death shoot-off will take place. If first place competitors are not present, ties will be broken by the number of 12 Rings.
- No cameras, range finders or any device capable of estimating distance will be allowed on the range. Binoculars will be allowed. However, no shooter will glass the target while standing at the shooting stake after shooting their arrow.
- If host club is using 3-D targets with multiple vitals, the vital must be specified if scoring other than the front vital.
- Competitor must finish round to eligible for a State Championship Award

## **PROTESTS:**

- Any grievance or protest must be filed in writing with the Tournament Director within 1 hour from the completion of that competitive round. This protest must include the names of all parties and witnesses involved with the said grievance. It is the responsibility of the person or persons filing the grievance to have this information written down and signed by all the parties involved. All participants must be available to be interviewed by the Tournament Director at the time of the filing.

- The tournament officials and officers reserve the right to:
  - Disqualify anyone for any reason deemed appropriate. (A written protest by a competitor is not necessary for a disqualification).
  - Change a posted score to reflect a “proper score”.
  - Be the final authority in all matters concerning the tournament.

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## **STATE BANQUET GUIDELINES**

### **BANQUET:**

The NDBA Banquet Committee shall consist of the Area Representative as chairman and as many NDBA members (generally from the host club) as he or she deems necessary to organize the banquet.

The NDBA will provide nametags for under the big game mounts; which will include the name, address, and P & Y score. The nametags will be given to the NDBA Banquet Committee from the NDBA office 2 weeks prior to the banquet date.

The NDBA will handle all awards at the banquet, which may include but not be limited to the following:

- Big Buck buckles will be ordered through the NDBA office.
- The NDBA office has the big game patches. The NDBA office will mail out the big game applications before the banquet.
- The NDBA Banquet Committee will contact the NDBA office well in advance and inform them on what type of contests will be held, (elk calling, arrow cresting, etc.). The NDBA office will then supply the ribbons or certificates.
- The NDBA Banquet Committee will contact the judges for the contests to be held through out the weekend. (Photo, arrow cresting, drop horn, etc.).

All banquet tickets will be handled and distributed through the NDBA office.

NDBA Area Representatives are responsible for collecting all door prizes.

The NDBA Banquet Committee shall acquire the facilities for the manufacture's booths somewhere in the area of the banquet or 3-D shoot location, and shall inform the NDBA office on how many booths are available and who has reserved a booth, for this information will be put in the March/April newsletter. The NDBA will receive 100% of the money collected from the booth rental.

The NDBA Banquet Committee shall have a count of the head table for the banquet manager (motel manager) well before the banquet.

The NDBA Banquet Committee will make sure there are reserved tables for the NDBA Area Representatives and their spouses.

The NDBA Banquet Committee shall pick an MC, well in advance, for the banquet.

The NDBA Banquet Committee shall pick a person to give the invocation during the banquet.

The NDBA will make a list of the big game award winners and place the patches in envelopes to be distributed at the banquet. A list of the big game award winners is also made for display. The patches will be mailed after the banquet to those individuals not attending the banquet.

The NDBA will send a banquet invitation to the Game & Fish Commissioner, the Governor, and to anyone they feel should have a free banquet ticket.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER:**

The NDBA Board of Directors is responsible for contacting and acquiring a guest speaker, however the NDBA Banquet Committee can recommend a speaker of their choice. The NDBA Banquet Committee then has to ask the NDBA Board of Directors for their approval before confirming any speaker.

The NDBA is responsible for the transportation expenses of the speaker. If the NDBA Board of Directors feels that the expenses are too high for a specific speaker, the NDBA Board of Directors can ask the NDBA Banquet Committee to help raise the funds to subsidize the cost.

The NDBA will request a letter from the guest speaker in regards to information about himself or herself for the March/April newsletter.

The NDBA Banquet Committee will make sure that there is a corsage for the female guest speaker or for the wife of the male guest speaker.

**RAFFLE:**

The NDBA may or may not have a hunt to raffle off. The NDBA Banquet Committee shall contact the NDBA Board of Directors if find out if a hunt is available for them to raffle off.

The NDBA Banquet Committee is to acquire, well in advance, a raffle permit number from the city commission. This raffle permit number must be given to the NDBA office before any tickets can be printed.

**FLIER:**

The NDBA Banquet Committee will give the NDBA office a list of the events and materials to be put in the March/April newsletter. All state events are to be billed equally.

The NDBA Banquet Committee will be responsible for the making of and the distribution of any additional fliers other than for the NDBA members. (NDBA members will receive banquet/tournament information in the March/April newsletter).

The NDBA Banquet Committee shall try to get funds for the additional fliers from the City Chamber or the Tourism Department, etc. If no funds are available, then the NDBA Banquet Committee shall request funds from the NDBA Board of Directors.

Include on the fliers and in the newsletter that proof of NDBA membership is required to compete for any State awards or to compete in any contests during the day of the banquet.

**HOTEL FACILITIES:**

The NDBA Banquet Committee shall check with the motel management on the deadline for the ticket sales on the banquet.

The NDBA Banquet Committee should try to acquire some type of entertainment on Saturday night after the banquet. The NDBA Banquet Committee shall try to acquire the funds for the entertainment from the

City Chamber or the Tourism Department, etc. If no funds are available, then the NDBA Banquet Committee shall request funds from the NDBA Board of Directors.

The NDBA Banquet Committee will make arrangements for placement of the big game mounts in the banquet room. Try to acquire as many mounts as possible.

The NDBA Banquet Committee will acquire an agenda board which is to be located at the motel and at the tournament site. This will keep everyone informed on the events for the weekend.

The NDBA Banquet Committee will send the prices of the banquet meal to the NDBA Secretary 2 months prior to the banquet. The NDBA Board of Directors will then set the price per ticket for the banquet.

The NDBA Banquet Committee will send the prices on the room rates, (single, double, etc.), to the NDBA Secretary so this information can be printed in the March/April newsletter.

The NDBA Banquet Committee will acquire the following:

- A double room for the guest speaker.
- A meeting room for the Friday night NDBA Board of Directors meeting.
- A room for storage of the NDBA materials.
- Hospitality room for Friday night and Saturday night after the banquet.
- A meeting room for the general membership meeting Saturday afternoon.

The NDBA Banquet Committee will arrange with the motel to have a cash bar set up outside the banquet area.

**DROP ANTLER CONTEST:** (Mule Deer and Whitetail Deer)

- One antler per species per person may be entered.
- No antler may be entered that has been entered in a previous contest.
- The person entering the contest must have found the antlers.
- Measuring is done by P & Y standards.
- Antlers must have tags on them with the owner's name, address, and telephone number.
- Antlers must be entered by 12 PM on Saturday.

**ANTLER JUDGING CONTEST:** (Mule Deer, Whitetail Deer, and Pronghorn Antelope)

- Viewing only scores antlers. The person cannot touch or measure the antlers.
- The best-judged score on all three antlers totaled will determine the winner.
- Antler judging will be held on Saturday afternoon.

**GAME CALLING CONTEST:** (Elk and Turkey)

- Preliminaries will start at 5 PM on Saturday.
- The top 3 in each category will move on to the finals, which are held during the banquet.

**ARROW CRESTING CONTEST:** (Aluminum and Wood)

- Only one arrow per category per person.
- Judging will be done on these criteria:
  - Color combination
  - Straightness
  - Fletching (feathers or vanes)
  - Neatness
- Arrows must have tags on them with the owner's name, address, and telephone number.
- Arrows must be entered by 12 PM on Saturday.

**PHOTO CONTEST:** (There shall be 3 categories)

- Trophy "kill shot" BOW KILL ONLY, (no blood showing).
- Animal or live animal.
- Non-animal such as scenes, wildflowers, etc.
  - Following is a list of criteria.
    - Photos by or of NDBA members only. If someone else takes a picture of the NDBA member "trophy shot" that is OK.
    - Photos must be 5X7 or larger and mounted or framed. They should be suitable for hanging. Prints only, no slides allowed.
    - First, second, and third places will be awarded in each category, (given sufficient entries).
    - An impartial panel of judges will judge all entries and their decision will be final.

- Photos must have the name, address, and telephone number of the owner on the back.
- Photos must be entered by 12 PM on Saturday.

## **ALL CONTEST WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE BANQUET.**

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### **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

- How may I become eligible for the NDBA Scholarship?
  - All applicants must be at least seniors in High School or enrolled in an institution of higher education.
  - All applicants must be current members of the NDBA and have been for at least (2) years.
- How many scholarships will be given each year and the dollar amount?
  - There will be (1) \$250 scholarship awarded each year at the annual banquet.
- Will the scholarship be given to the person finishing high school or semester with the best grade average?
  - Scholastic achievements are not the main requirement, but will be weighed in its proper balance during the selection process.
- How may I apply for the NDBA Scholarship?
  - If you meet the qualifications above, complete the application below and mail it to North Dakota Bowhunters Association, PO Box 374, Bismarck, ND 58502. All applications must be postmarked by March 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered for the fall semester of the same year.
- If I am selected to receive the NDBA Scholarship when and how will I receive it?
  - If the winner is not present during the presentation at the annual banquet, he or she will receive a confirmation letter by May 1<sup>st</sup>. During August of said year, the NDBA will forward the award in the form of a check to the cashier of the institute of higher education of the recipient's choice for deposit to the student's financial account to be used as the student sees fit. If you decide not to attend an institution of higher education, the amount will be returned to the NDBA Scholarship Program.

### **[NDBA Scholarship Program Application](#)**

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## CLUB GRANT PROGRAM

North Dakota Bowhunter's Association guidelines for dispersal of NDBA monies

A. Monies appropriated shall be limited to \$1,000 and may be used for:

- Archery equipment for youth archery programs
- Materials to promote bowhunting
- Acquiring property for clubs (land, 3-d targets, etc.)
- Improving club property (land and/or buildings)
- Any other programs, materials or equipment which promotes archery

B. Qualifications for appropriation of monies:

- Must be a chartered club with NDBA for at least one year
- Must participate in qualifying programs (Club Grant discount program)
- Chartered Clubs who host a State Tournament are qualified

C. Process for requesting monies:

- Submit an application upon a form approved by NDBA board of directors
- Upon approval of the application for funds:
  - a. The funds must be used within one year
  - b. Present an itemized bill, or copy of bill showing items purchased for reimbursement

D. The funds shall come from the general operating funds of NDBA except the board shall retain 2 years operating capital in reserve.

E. Allocation of funds shall be recommended to the board by a committee appointed by the president consisting of president, 2 board members and a general member. The board will approve or deny requests at the Spring annual meeting.

F. Applications will be considered on a need basis

G. Applications and supporting documents must be returned by December 31 to: NDBA, PO Box 374, Bismarck, ND 58502;

The NDBA is responsible for all expenses incurred for the banquet during the banquet weekend. The NDBA Banquet Committee shall if at all possible go out and find funding to help pay for the various activities. All money received through funding shall be given to the NDBA; this includes money collected from the booth rentals.

The NDBA Banquet Committee shall have approval from the NDBA Board of Directors for any expenses above and beyond from what can be collected from outside sources.

## [NDBA Club Grant Application](#)

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## **NFAA CHARTERED CLUB GUIDELINES**

### **MAIN REQUIREMENTS:**

- Club: NFAA requires a club to have 5 current Head of Household members and the same 5 to be current NDBA members to charter or re-charter a club. Members may join the NFAA or the NDBA by contacting the following:

NDBA NFAA Director (See officers page on NDBA website)	NFAA 800 Archery Lane Yankton, SD 57078 1-800-811-2331	NDBA PO Box 374 Bismarck, ND 58502 1-701-222-3499
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- Commercial shop: NFAA requires either the owner or the manager to be a current NFAA member.
- The NDBA and the State NFAA Director must approve charters.
- The NFAA requires the club to have a Constitution and By-laws that is in compliance with the State requirements.

### **NEW CHARTER PROCEDURE:**

- Complete the New Club/Shop Charter agreement in triplicate.

- Submit all copies of the New Club/Shop Charter and the proper charter fees to the NDBA Administrative Secretary.

[NDBA Club Charter Application](#)

[NFAA Charter Application](#)

NDBA charter fee: \$50

NFAA charter fee: \$25

Make the check for the total amount of \$75 payable to the NDBA.

Mail the New Club/ Shop Charter Agreement to:

NDBA

PO Box 374

Bismarck, ND 58502

- After approval of the new charter agreement by the NDBA and the State NFAA Director, the State NFAA Director will forward the agreement and the proper fees to the NFAA Headquarters.
- After the NFAA has verified all the information and the charter fees are paid, the charter will be processed and club charter will be mailed to the club/shop.

**CHARTER RENEWAL PROCEDURE:**

- The NFAA will send a Club/Shop Charter Renewal Agreement to the club/shop 60 days prior to the charter expiration date.
- Complete the Club/Shop Charter Renewal Agreement in triplicate.
- Submit all the copies of the Club/Shop Renewal Agreement and the proper charter fees to the NDBA Administrative Secretary.

NDBA charter fee: \$50

NFAA charter fee: \$25

Make the check for the total amount of \$75 payable to the NDBA.

Mail Club/Shop Renewal Agreement to:

NDBA

PO Box 374

Bismarck, ND 58502

- After approval of the renewal charter agreement by the NDBA and the State NFAA Director, the State NFAA Director will forward the agreement and the proper fees to the NFAA Headquarters.
- After the NFAA has verified all the information and the charter fee paid, the charter will be processed and a club/shop charter certificate will be mailed to the club/shop. It is the responsibility of the club/shop to keep their charter current.
- If a club/shop changes their Constitution and By-laws within the year, they will send a copy along with the charter renewal to the NDBA Administrative Secretary.
- Failure to renew the charter by the last day of the month, in which the charter expires, will result in the club/shop being dropped from the active rolls of the NFAA. If this occurs, the club/shop will have to re-charter as a new club/shop and pay the proper fees. NOTICE: Failure to renew will also cause your liability insurance and course approval to be suspended until the club/shop charter has been reinstated.

#### **RANGE INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS:**

- The club/shop must have a current NFAA charter on file with the NFAA Headquarters.
- Any NFAA chartered club/shop having a range will have it inspected for safety by the State NFAA Director or his/her designated representative every 2 years.
- The range inspection form must be filled out with the necessary information and 2 copies made (1 for the club records and 1 for the NFAA Director). Mail the original form and 1 copy, along with the proper fee, to the State NFAA Director.

#### **PERMANENT RANGE INSPECTION PROCEDURE:**

- Contact the State NFAA Director and he/she will inspect your range or appoint someone who is a current NFAA member to inspect the range.
- There is no fee if the range is inspected within the first 1 month of a new Club/Shop Charter. Otherwise a range inspection fee of \$15 must accompany the range inspection form. This fee covers either an outdoor range inspection or an indoor range inspection or a combination of both outdoor and indoor ranges if inspection is completed at the same time. The NFAA Director or his/her appointee shall be

reimbursed at the current per mile (NFAA rate) by the club/shop or association for travel incurred to inspect their course/range.

- After the range has been inspected, the completed forms signed by the NFAA Director or appointed representative, along with the proper fee from the club/shop, will be forwarded by the NFAA Director or appointed representative to the NFAA Headquarters. The NFAA will then send the club/shop a range certificate upon verifying all information is complete and the proper fees have been paid.
- Course approval shall expire 2 years from the date of issue except when a change is made in the course, or a higher rating is desired.
- The NFAA Headquarters shall notify the club/shop 4 months prior to expiration of their course approval.
- Course approval may be withdrawn at any time when, in the opinion of the NFAA Director, a condition falls below the standards for the rating awarded.

#### **TOURNAMENT RANGE INSPECTION PROCEDURE:**

- Contact the State NFAA Director in writing at least 3 weeks prior to any scheduled tournament dates. It should include dates, location, rounds to be held, and the name, address, and phone number of the host club tournament director as a contact person.
- The State NFAA Director or appointed representative will inspect the range for safety.
- A range inspection fee of \$15 must accompany the range inspection form.
- After the range has been inspected, the completed forms signed by the NFAA Director or appointed representative, along with the proper fee from the club/shop, will be forwarded by the NFAA Director or appointed representative to the NFAA Headquarters.

#### **LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS:**

- A NFAA club/shop must have a current NFAA charter on file at the NFAA Headquarters.
- All club/shops having an indoor, outdoor and/or bowhunting range, must have a current range inspection on file at the NFAA Headquarters.
- Only members of a chartered and insured club/shop are covered against liability claims.
- At any time a club/shop does not maintain a current charter or range inspection the insurance coverage will be cancelled.
- Policy date of the liability insurance coverage will run from January 1st to December 31st of each year.

## **LIABILITY INSURANCE PROCEDURE:**

- Contact the NFAA Headquarters for an insurance application.
- Complete the insurance application and forward it to the NFAA Headquarters with the proper fee.
- The NFAA will mail your club/shop a Certificate of Insurance after all requirements have been met. If so desired, a copy of the insurance policy may be obtained from the NFAA.
- If your Landlord, etc., requires to be named as an Additional Insured, complete this portion of the insurance application. There is no extra cost for the Additional Insured.
- If you already have insurance, and at a later date decide to add an Additional Insured, contact the NFAA Headquarters. There is no extra cost involved.

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## **BOARD MEMBERS & AREA REPRESENTATIVES**

### **PRESIDENT:**

- Shall set time and place of all meetings through out the State and send out a complete agenda for all the meetings.
- Shall appoint all committees.
- Shall appoint all Area Representatives for the 8 areas of the State:
- Area Representatives are re-appointed every year at the general membership meeting.
- If a Area Representative position becomes vacant:
- The President sends a letter to the area archery clubs requesting nominees in writing.
- The President places an advertisement in the NDBA newsletter requesting nominations in writing.
- The President shall then appoint an Area Representative.
- Shall appoint the NFAA Director.
- Shall appoint Tournament & Competition Director
- Shall appoint the Government & Conservation Director.
- Shall appoint the Education Director.
- Shall appoint the NDBA web site manager.
- Shall be a sitting member on the scholarship committee.
- Shall work directly with the Secretary/Treasurer on all expenditures and inventory control.

- May appoint the Eastern, Central, and Western Regional Assistant Editors.
- Shall work directly with editors on the content of the newsletter.
- Shall submit the "Presidents Comments" in every newsletter issue.
- Shall coordinate the following before and during the annual banquet.
- Order all big buck buckles.
- Contact all prudential big buck applicants and coordinate the respective awards.
- Shall work with the MC of the banquet and coordinate a complete agenda for the banquet.
- Shall work with the Area Representative and Banquet Committee on coordinating the banquet.
- Shall work with the Secretary/Treasurer on all awards for the contests during the banquet.
- Shall have the powers to perform the duties incident to his/her office.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT:**

- Shall act in the President's behalf if the President is absent or unable to perform the duties of his/her office because of any cause beyond his/her control.
- Shall be a sitting member on the scholarship committee.
- Shall be the liaison between the President and the Area Representatives.
- Shall have direct communication with all Area Representatives a minimum of 4 times per year. This is to assure all communications are open through out the State.
- Shall make himself/herself available for consultation to any and all members for the purpose of promoting the welfare of the association and have the power to perform the duties of his/her office.

#### **SECRETARY TREASURER:**

- Shall keep all records of the association, serve all members for the meetings, and conduct all correspondence.
- Shall be a sitting member on the scholarship committee.
- Shall handle disbursements and record keeping of all inventories.
- Inventory control:
- When an archery club or NDBA member requests inventory, that person or club shall be invoiced for the said inventory sent out.
- That club or person shall be totally responsible for all inventories on the invoice and responsible for all the money on the invoice.

- The Secretary/Treasurer shall, at his/her own discretion, keep inventory available for the needs of the membership.
- Shall receive and be the custodian of all the money of the association and shall be authorized to make disbursements there from.
- Shall keep accurate records of all income and disbursements and shall present a report at the annual meeting.
- Shall write an article in the newsletter pertaining to up-coming meetings, correspondence, record keeping, inventory control, etc.
- Shall in general have the power to perform the duties incident to the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

#### **NFAA DIRECTOR:**

- Shall be responsible for keeping all affiliated clubs advised of the current NFAA rules governing tournaments and soliciting input from the clubs.
- Shall be responsible for carrying out range inspections, help with the NFAA rules, and answer all questions pertaining to the NFAA.
- Shall write an article in the newsletter pertaining to any information concerning the NFAA.
- Must attend the NFAA Board of Directors Meeting or send an alternate.

#### **TOURNAMENT & COMPETITION DIRECTOR:**

- Shall be the chairperson of the tournament committee.
- Shall be responsible for the communication between the Board of Directors and the tournament committee.
- Shall write an article in the newsletter pertaining to tournament results, rule changes, and tournament schedules along with supplying said information to the web site manager.
- Shall keep the Board of Directors and all NDBA chartered clubs apprised of any tournament rule changes.

#### **GOVERNMENT & CONSERVATION:**

- Shall have year round responsibility in working with the Game & Fish Department and other government agencies and legislation for the association.



- Shall be chairperson of any State event held in his/her area.
- Shall hold a minimum of 2 regional meetings per year with area NDBA members and archery clubs. These meetings shall be held preferably 1 month prior to the summer Board of directors meeting and 1 month prior to the annual general membership meeting. This will assure that the Board of Directors is receiving the proper amount of input from its membership.
- Shall solicit funds for door prizes and raffle prizes for any State event.
- Shall attend all Board of Director's meetings.
- If meetings cannot be attended, than correspondence must be made to the President.
- Shall if at all possible attend local area archery club events & local sports shows.
- Set up the NDBA information booth.
- Have NDBA pamphlets and inventory for sale.
- Shall write an article in the newsletter on various events in his/her area, such as local club news, hunting stories from local archers, etc.

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## **NFAA / NDBA SHOOTING STYLES & EQUIPMENT RULES FOR 300, 900, FIELD, & 3D**

### **A. General**

1. A conventional Bow of any type may be used provided it subscribes to the accepted principle and meaning of the word "bow" as used in archery competition, i. e., an instrument consisting of a handle (grip) riser and two flexible limbs, each ending in a tip with a string nock. The bow is braced for use by a single bowstring attached directly between the two string nocks only. In operation it is held in one hand by the handle (grip) riser while the fingers of the other hand draw, hold back and release the string. In cases of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers or release aids.
2. Compound bows may be used, provided:
  - Basic design includes a handle riser (grip) and flexible limbs.
  - Total arrow propelling energy is developed from a flexing of the materials employed in limb construction.
  - Weight reduction factor is of no consequence.
  - Bows which develop any portion of arrow propelling energy from sources "other than the limbs" shall not be allowed, This is not to be construed to mean that compound

bows which employ other sources of arrow propelling energy, not specifically listed in this paragraph, will be allowed.

- The cables of the compound shall be considered as part of the string and all applicable string rules except color requirements shall apply.
- The maximum peak draw weight allowed in NFAA competition (300 & Field) shall be 80 lbs., with a maximum speed of 300 FPS with a variance of 3% (3D competition does not have a weight or speed limit)
- Any device that would allow the mass weight, or the draw weight of the bow to be relieved from either or bow arms, at full draw, shall be declared illegal.
- All overdraws shall be designed in such fashion as to prevent the arrow from falling off the shelf causing an unsafe condition.
- Maximum arrow shaft diameter allowed in NFAA competition will be 0.422 inches, with point diameter not to exceed 0.425 inches. The shaft diameter will include any wrap placed on the arrow and will include the size of the nock, and the nock insert.

## **B. Barebow**

1. Archers shooting Barebow style will use bow, arrows, strings and accessories free from any sights, marks or blemishes that may be used as a sighting aid.
2. An adjustable arrow plate may be used provided it does not extend more than 1/4" above the arrow.
3. The use of stabilizers shall be permitted. The rear stabilizer shall not touch any part of the body.
4. One consistent nocking point only is permitted and may be held by one or two nock locators, which shall be snap on type, shrink tubing, thread or dental floss, tied or served on the serving. Nocking point locators shall not extend more than one half inch (1/2") above or below the arrow nock when at full draw.
5. Only one adjustable draw check and level mounted on the bow, neither of which may extend above the arrow and a mechanical type arrow rest and cushion plunger are permitted.
6. Only gloves, tabs, or fingers shall be permitted, except in the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers.
7. All arrows shall be identical in length, weight, diameter and fletching, with allowance for wear and tear. Powder on the arrow points shall be permitted as a visual aid.
8. The ends or edges of laminated pieces appearing on the inside of the upper limb shall be considered a sighting mechanism.

9. No device of any type, including arrow rest, that may be used for sighting, may be used or attached to the archer's equipment.
10. The pylon (string clearance bar) will be allowed in this style if it is not located in the sight window.
11. Any part of the arrow rest extending more than 1/4 inch above the arrow is deemed illegal in the Barebow style.

**C. Freestyle:**

1. Any type of sight and its written memorandum may be used.
2. Any release aid may be used provided it is hand operated and supports the draw weight of the bow and is not attached to the bow other than the bowstring. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers or release aids.
3. The rear stabilizer shall not touch any part of the body.

**D. Freestyle Limited:**

1. Any type of sight and its written memorandum may be used.
2. Release aids shall be limited to gloves, tabs and fingers. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers.
3. The rear stabilizer shall not touch any part of the body.

**E. Competitive Bowhunter:**

1. This type of shooting is for those with heavy tackle equipment used during hunting activities. Junior Bowhunters shall not be recognized.
2. No device of any type (including arrow rest), that may be used for sighting, may be used or attached to the archer's equipment.
3. There shall be no device, mechanical or otherwise, in the sight window except the arrow rest and/or cushion plungers.
4. Any part of the arrow rest extending more than 1/4 inch above the arrow shaft is deemed illegal in the Competitive Bowhunter style.
5. An arrow plate extending more than 1/4 inch above the arrow is deemed illegal in the Competitive Bowhunter style.
6. No clickers, drawchecks, or levels will be allowed. No laminations, marks, or blemishes may appear in the sight window.

7. A string of suitable material with a center serving and end servings of the same or different color than the string may be used. One consistent nocking point only is permitted. Nocking point locators shall not extend more than one half inch (1/2") above or below the arrow nock when at full draw. Any marks, ties or string attachment to the string (except brush buttons and silencers properly located) shall invalidate its use in this division.
8. One anchor point only is permitted.
9. An archer must draw and anchor the bowstring with the index finger touching the nock throughout the draw and release of the arrow. When the index finger is placed above the nock the middle finger is placed below the nock, the third finger, if used, must touch the middle finger; or the index finger must touch the bottom of the nock with the middle finger touching the index finger, and the third finger, if used, touching the middle finger. Finger position may not be changed during competition.
10. Releases other than gloves, tabs, or fingers shall be deemed illegal. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers.
11. All arrows shall be identical in length, weight, diameter and fletching with allowances for wear and tear. Powder on the arrow point shall be permitted as a visual aid.
12. The Field Captain, or his counterpart, shall be the final authority regarding equipment and style eligibility, and may reclassify at his discretion.
13. Brush buttons, string silencers, no less than 12 inches above or below the nocking point, and bow quiver installed on the opposite side of the sight window, are legal. One straight stabilizer, coupling device included if used, which cannot exceed 12 inches at any time, as measured from the back of the bow may be used in the Competitive Bowhunter style. No forked stabilizer or any counterbalance will be legal.
14. An archer will not be permitted to change the draw weight of the bow during a round.
15. The pylon (string clearance bar) will be allowed in this shooting style if it is not located in the sight window.
16. No written memoranda shall be allowed.
17. All official NFAA rounds shall be considered official rounds for the Bowhunter style of shooting, and further, all classification shall be based upon the Field and Hunter rounds.
18. During a round no adjustments may be made to the bow and its related equipment unless an equipment failure is recognized.
19. Camouflage bows will be allowed.

**F. Freestyle Bowhunter:**

1. A maximum of (5) five fixed reference points: Points of attachment shall not be considered reference points. A line running vertically from its top attachment in the pin guard to its bottom attachment in the pin guard would be legal. Sighting reference points, string peep (with or without a lens) and/or kisser button may not be moved during a round. Scopes, clickers and draw checks are not allowed. A round or oval housing around the points of reference is not considered a scope as long as no lens is used. No additional pin guard may be used. A sight pin consisting of a housing with a hole through it, that does not contain a fixed reference point within the hole, is not allowed.
2. Release aids will be permitted. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers or release aids.
3. A pinguard mounted on the sight, and a level mounted anywhere will be legal in this style of shooting, provided that there are no additional marks or blemishes on either of these items that could be used for sighting.
4. A string of suitable material with a center serving and end servings of the same or different color than the string may be used. One consistent nocking point only is permitted. Nocking point locators shall not extend more than 1/2 inch above or below the arrow nock when at full draw. Brush buttons and string silencers properly attached will be legal.
5. One anchor point only is permitted.
6. All arrows shall be identical in size, length, weight and fletching with allowances for wear and tear.
7. Brush buttons, string silencers, positioned no closer than midway between the nocking point and where the string touches the wheel/cam, and bow quiver installed on the opposite side of the sight window, with no part of the quiver or attachments visible in the sight window are legal. One straight stabilizer, coupling device included if used, which cannot exceed 12 inches at any time, as measured from the back of the bow, V-bar, counterbalance and string dampeners may be used.
8. An archer will not be permitted to change the draw weight of the bow during a round.
9. During a round no adjustments may be made to the bow and its related equipment unless equipment failure is recognized.

#### **G. Freestyle Limited Bowhunter:**

1. Same as Freestyle Bowhunter except for these restrictions:
  - Release aids shall be limited to gloves, tabs and fingers. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers.

- An archer must draw and anchor the bowstring with the index finger touching the nock throughout the draw and release of the arrow. When the index finger is placed above the nock the middle finger is placed below the nock, the third finger, if used, must touch the middle finger; or the index finger must touch the bottom of the nock with the middle finger touching the index finger, and the third finger, if used, touching the middle finger. Finger position may not be changed during competition. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers.

#### **H. Traditional:**

1. This style of shooting is for those who wish to compete with the Recurve or Longbow.
2. No device of any kind, including arrow rest, that can be used for sighting will be used or attached to the archer's equipment.
3. There shall be no device, mechanical or otherwise, in the sight window except the arrow rest, arrow plate or plunger button.
4. No part of the rest or arrow plate may extend more than 1/4 inch above the arrow.
5. No clickers, drawchecks or levels will be allowed. No laminations, marks or blemishes on the face of the bow  
or in the sight window will be legal.
6. The string may be of any color but must have a single color center serving. One single nocking point is permitted. One or two nock locators may be used. Brush buttons and string silencers, properly placed, may be used. Any other marks or string attachments will be illegal.
7. One anchor point only is permitted.
8. The archer shall touch the arrow when nocked and drawing the arrow with the index finger against the nock. Finger position may not be changed during competition. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers.
9. Gloves, tabs or fingers shall be the only legal releases. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers.
10. All arrows shall be identical in length, weight, diameter and fletching with allowances for wear and tear.
11. No stabilizer or counter balance may be used.
12. No written memorandum will be allowed.
13. Bow slings are permissible.
14. During a round no adjustments may be made to the bow and/or its related equipment unless equipment failure is recognized.

15. For all tournaments below the Sectional level, all traditional archers may shoot at Youth distances.

### **I. Freestyle Limited Recurve**

1. Any type of sight and its written memorandum may be used providing the sighting mechanism has no magnification. Levels, string peep sights and electronic devices are not allowed.
2. Release aids shall be limited to gloves, tabs and fingers. In the case of physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers.
3. This style is limited to use of recurve bow or longbow.

### **J. Longbow**

1. Same as Traditional except the as follows:
2. No stabilizers allowed.
3. A one, two or three piece straight ended bow of any material. When the bow is braced, the string must not touch the limbs between the notches on the limb.
4. The belly must be free of any marks or blemishes that can be used as sighting aids.
5. The bow may contain a window and an arrow shelf. No mechanical rests may be used.
6. Only one nocking point is allowed on the string which may be marked by one or two nocking point locators.
7. Nocks may be of any material and weight of pile.
8. One consistent anchor point must be used.
9. Participation in this style requires wooden arrows.

### **K. NASP Division**

1. This division is for students enrolled in the National Archery in the Schools Program.
2. All archers in this division will compete using NASP equipment.
  - 2.1 All bows to be Genesis Compounds
  - 2.2 All arrows to be full length, aluminum.
  - 2.3 No Sights allowed (no special marks on riser or string).
  - 2.4 No Release aids.
3. The NASP Standard Indoor round consists of five ends of three arrows shot at two distances. Ten meters and fifteen meters, at the 80cm multi color target face, scoring 10, 9, 8, etc. Total possible score 300.

## Divisions of Competition

### A. Adult:

Is provided for male and female archers.

### B. Junior:

1. Is provided for male and female archers in age groups of NFAA Young Adult (15 thru 17 years of age), NFAA Youth (age 12 thru 14), NFAA Cub (under 12 years of age).

1.1 No archer may compete with or against archers of another junior division in any official National or Sectional championship tournament.

1.2 Archers may elect to compete in any higher division, junior or adult, with written parental consent. An NFAA form in triplicate shall be provided for parental or guardian signature. One copy must be filed with NFAA Headquarters and one copy with the state association Secretary. Once this option has been exercised the archer may not revert back.

1.3 The NFAA Cub, Youth and Young Adult archers are eligible for 20 pins and other awards in the same manner as an adult division.

1.4 Archer's date of birth must appear on his/her official membership card. Any Junior archer who has a birthday during a tournament will be allowed to complete that tournament in the age group that he/she started in.

1.5 Recognized shooting styles for Junior Division archers shall be only the following styles:

#### **NFAA Young Adult, Youth, Cub:**

Freestyle

Freestyle Limited

Bowhunter Freestyle

Barebow

Freestyle Limited Recurve

### 2) Cub:

2.1 This classification is established for archers under 12 years of age.

2.2 Cub shooting positions shall be marked with black stakes.

2.3 The Cub's handicap must be established entirely on the Cub course and is not applicable to or from any other course.

2.4 Cub official target units are shown in Appendix 3.

2.5 The cub archers shall receive distinctive 50 point progressive merit patches. They shall be awarded on official 28 target rounds for one consecutive score of one 50 point increment between 50 and

550. Applications for cub merit patches shall be made to the state association secretary. Patches are furnished free of charge by the NFAA.

2.6 Cub members of the NFAA are eligible for patches for a perfect 20 score on their distances shot-10, 15, 18, 20, 25 and 30 yards. Patches would have designated distances on face. Application for patch should be submitted within 30 days by the eligible archer for the award, accompanied by the proper fee, to the State Secretary or Chairman.

2.7 All Cubs shall shoot at 10 yards on all Indoor Rounds where adults shoot at 20 yards.

### **3. Youth:**

3.1 The Youth classification is established for archers ages 12 thru 14.

3.2 The handicap must be established entirely on the youth (50 yard maximum) course and is not applicable to or from any other course.

3.3 Any and all official NFAA units or rounds shall not contain shots over 50 yards. Group 1 animal faces shall be shot from the closest walk-up animal stake only.

3.4 Youth official target units are shown in Appendix 4. The youth archers shall receive distinctive 50 point progressive merit patches. They shall be awarded on official 28 target rounds for one consecutive score of one 50-point increment between 50 and 550. Applications for youth merit patches shall be made to the state association secretary. Patches are furnished free of charge by the NFAA.

3.5 The shooting positions for youth archers shall be marked blue.

### **4. Young Adult:**

4.1 The young adult classification is provided for archers 15 thru 17 years of age and for those younger that have waived into this division.

4.2 The young adult must establish his handicap entirely on the 80 yard (adult length) course and it is not applicable to or from any other course.

### **C. Senior:**

A Senior Division for archers ages 50 and older, a Silver Senior Division for archers age 60 and older, and a Master Senior Division for archers age 70 and older shall be provided at National and Sectional (Indoor and Outdoor) tournaments. Any archer may compete in only one Division; however, those age 50 and older may compete as either an Adult or Senior, and those age 60 and older may compete as either an Adult, Senior or Silver Senior, and those age 70 and older may compete as either an Adult, Senior, Silver Senior, or Master Senior.

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## **MALE & FEMALE COMPETITIVE ARCHERS OF THE YEAR**

The Competitive Archers of the Year Awards were created in 1995 to recognize the individuals who show the utmost dedication to the sport of Competitive Archery. To determine the Male & Female “Competitive Archers of the Year” we use a point system that would allow every Archer a chance to win, even if they did not place 1<sup>st</sup> in their Division. It is set up so that if you attend a State Tournament, compete and turn in a score, you will receive 1 point. Depending on how you place in your respective Division, you would then receive points 1 through 10. This would create a maximum of 11 points possible for each State Event, if there were 10 or more Archers competing in your Division. This would make a possible total score of 55 points (Indoor 300, Indoor 3D, Field Round, 900 Round, Outdoor 3D).

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