

1990 FIRST EDITION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE BOWMEN AS REVISED NOVEMBER 1990

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOWMEN CONSTITUTION

☆ Article I

Name

The name of this association shall be New Hampshire Bowmen, indicated in abbreviations as "NHB".

☆ Article II

Purpose

A. To promote the practice of all types of archery among the citizens of New Hampshire; to encourage safe use of bow and arrow hunting of all legal game, and cooperate with the National Field Archery Association in securing better hunting privileges and conditions for bowhunters; to cooperate with the conservation organizations in the propagations and conservation of game; to maintain a field course and conduct field tournaments and games in accordance with the rules of the National Field Archery Association.

B. NHB shall be operated as a Non-Profit Organization.

☆ Article III

Memberships

A. Individual Memberships

1. Honorary Life Memberships may be granted for exceptional merit and service upon recommendation of the Board of Control. The Board of Control must receive any names 90 days prior to the Fall Meeting. Any recommendation must be approved by the Board of Control at the Fall Meeting.
2. Life memberships may be granted to anyone 18 years or older.
3. Adult memberships are granted to anyone 18 years of age or older after application and payment of the State dues have been made.
4. Junior memberships are granted to anyone under 18 years of age in the same manner as Adult memberships.

B. Club Membership

1. Club memberships are granted to any club that supports the purpose of NHB and:
 - a.) their Board of Directors will be current members of NHB.
 - b.) send a delegate to the Board of Control meetings.
 - c.) must join NFAA.
 - d.) must have 5 current NFAA members in good standing.
 - e.) must submit a current copy of their Constitution and By-Laws.

C. Suspension of Club Membership

1. Suspension of any club may result if any of the steps in Article III Section B are not met or:
 - a.) upon presentation of written evidence submitted to the Board of Control of any club conducting activities detrimental to the sport of Archery.
 - b.) the accused club will have 30 days to prepare a defense or to correct the problem.
 - c.) at the end of the 30 day period the Board of Control will re-examine the case. If evidence is not valid or the problem is corrected, the matter will be dropped. If evidence was valid and the problem has not been corrected, the charge and the evidence will then be presented to the Board of Control in the form of a Motion for Suspension. The motion must be presented to the Board of Control within 60 days from the time the evidence was first presented.

D. Suspension of Individual Membership

1. Any member may have his NHB membership suspended with proof of evidence that he has taken actions detrimental to the sport of Archery.
2. The procedures for this action are as stated in Article III Section C, 1a, 1b, and 1c.

☆ Article IV

Officers and their Duties

A. Officers

The officers of NHB shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and NFAA Director.

B. Duties

1. President:

- a.) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Control and all committees.
- b.) All meetings shall be conducted subject to Roberts' Rules of Order.
- c.) Appoint all committees.
- d.) Prepare and submit a written report at the Fall Meeting indicating the activities and position of NHB.
- e.) Be empowered to call an Emergency Board Meeting.

2. Vice President:

- a.) The Vice President shall serve as a voting member on the Board of Control.
- b.) Perform the duties of the President if the President is unable to act.

3. Secretary:

- a.) The Secretary shall keep all records of the Association, serve all notices of meetings, conduct all correspondence and submit a written report at all Board of Control meetings.

4. Treasurer:

- a.) The Treasurer will submit a report at all Board of Control meetings consisting of:
- 1.) breakdown of all income.
 - 2.) breakdown of all expenditures.

5. NFAA Director:

- a.) The NFAA duties shall be those as outlined in the Policy of the NFAA.

C. Election of Officers

1. Nominations of all officers must be submitted to the Board of Control 30 days prior to the Fall Meeting!
2. At the Fall Meeting the General Membership shall vote for the offices.
3. The NFAA Director is appointed by the President.

D. Term of Office

1. The term of all officers shall be two years.
2. The immediate past President if he so wishes, shall remain as an official member on the Board of Control during the term or terms of the newly elected President.

E. Reports of Officers

At the end of the fiscal year the President, Secretary, Treasurer and all committees shall submit a written report of their year's activities to the Board of Control.

F. Removal of Officers

Any elected officer of NHB can be removed from office with a two thirds (2/3) majority vote. A 100% attendance of the Board of Control is required.

☆ Article V

Board of Control

A. Composition

The Board of Control shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, NFAA Director, Bowhunter Representative, Pro Chairman, the immediate past President and a delegate from each NHB member club.

B. Membership voting

1. A club association with a current NHB membership is allowed one vote. This vote shall be cast by the Club delegate. This delegate is a member of the Board of Control.
2. On any motion before the Board of Control, the Club delegate shall vote "yes" or "no" as directed by his affiliated club.

3. An alternate delegate may serve on the Board of Control as long as they
 - a.) are a current NHB member.
 - b.) present written authorization signed by the Club President and Delegate.

C. Meetings

The Board of Control shall meet a minimum of four times yearly, not including the Spring and Fall banquets.

D. Duties

The Board of Control shall be the fully constituted governing body of NHB all shall be responsible to the collective membership of NHB for the following functions:

1. Consider and vote upon all proposed changes to the NHB Constitution and By-Laws after corresponding with their own club.
2. Appoint members to fill all committee needs.
3. Establish annually all fees and dues required in NHB functions.

E. Effective Date of Actions

1. All action taken by the Board of Control will take effect within 60 days of the Fall Meeting, unless specified otherwise.
2. Updated Constitution and By-Laws will be available within 90 days of the Fall Meeting.

☆ Article VI

Committees

A. Public Relations

1. Chairman:

- a.) shall be appointed by the President.
- b.) shall coordinate all NHB promotional activities, selecting his own Committee.

2. Duties:

- a.) Develop promotional material, i.e. Flyers, Pamphlets, Patches, Pins, and other items that will promote NHB.
- b.) Work with media members in Radio, TV, and Newspapers.
- c.) Develop guidelines and programs for NHB and affiliated clubs to help improve membership and activities.

B. Bowhunting and Conservation

1. Hunting Activities:

- a.) Establish contact with the proper authorities.
- b.) To keep NHB members informed of Bowhunting Legislative Action taken.
- c.) Initiate and provide educational bowhunting programs directed to the general public in the interest of better understanding.
- d.) Provide a Bowhunter Safety Program.

C. Tournament Committee

1. Chairman:

- a.) shall be appointed by the President.
- b.) shall be responsible for selecting his Committee.

2. Duties:

- a.) shall be responsible for ordering targets.
- b.) to ensure pre-registration forms are available 90 days prior to the State Indoor and Outdoor Championships and mailed to the general membership.
- c.) shall receive and organize the Pre-Registration forms and assign targets.
- d.) flyers posted at local sport shops.
- e.) work with the PR Committee to advertise through radio, TV, and Newspapers.

D. Other Committees

The President shall appoint such other committees as needed.

E. Committee Make-Up

Any member of NHB may serve on more than one committee.

F. Committee Reports

The Chairman of all committees shall send in their reports in duplicate, sending one to the President and a copy to the Secretary when requested by the President.

☆ Article VII

Newsletters

A. Name

The official name for the NHB newsletter shall be "Scorecard".

B. Issues

The Scorecard will be mailed to members every other month.

☆ Article VIII

Fees and Dues

A. Club Association Dues

Club dues shall be determined at the Fall Meeting.

1. Effective date and payment of dues:

a.) date is determined by your NFAA Charter.

b.) if your payment of dues is not mailed by your expiration date you then have to rejoin as a new club.

B. Individual Dues

Individual dues shall be determined at the Fall Meeting.

1. Effective date and payment of dues:

a.) all NHB dues run from January 1 to December 31.

b.) NHB will bill the membership in the last newsletter.

c.) members of NHB who are also members of NFAA will send in their State dues to NFAA.

C. Life Membership Dues

1. Life Membership dues shall be eligible to those persons who are 18 years of age or older.

2. The Fee shall be \$100 (one hundred dollars).

D. Tournament Fees

Tournament fees will be set at the Fall Meeting.

E. Changing of Dues and Fees

1. Any changes of dues and fees must be submitted to the Board of Control in writing at the Spring Meeting.

2. Any proposed changes of dues and fees will be voted on at the Fall Meeting.

☆ Article IX

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of NHB will begin immediately after the Fall Meeting.

☆ Article X

Alterations and Amendments to the Constitution

A. Any alterations or amendments to the Constitution must be submitted in writing to the Board of Control at the Spring Meeting.

B. Any proposed changes shall be voted on at the Fall Meeting.

By-Laws

☆ Article I

General Rules for Archery Tournaments

NHB will follow the guidelines set by NFAA.

☆ Article II

Shooting Styles and Equipment Rules

NHB will follow the guidelines set by NFAA.

☆ Article III

Divisions of Competition

NHB will follow the guidelines set by NFAA in the Adult and Junior Divisions.

☆ Article IV

Tournaments

A. State Tournaments

1. Requirements:

- a.) You must be a member of NHB two weeks prior to the State Championship.
- b.) You must be a resident of NH unless affiliated with NHB through NFAA.

2. Rules and Regulations:

- a.) The State Tournament will be shot at 60 (sixty) feet.
- b.) All archers will shoot 12 (twelve) ends, 6 (six) at the top target and 6 (six) at the bottom target.
- c.) Each end will consist of 5 (five) arrows.
- d.) Arrows must cut completely through any line to be scored at the higher value.
- e.) All archers must count X's.
- f.) Disputed arrows will be scored by the line judges for a final decision.
- g.) Arrows should not be touched until after being scored.
- h.) Any arrows or targets being touched before they are properly scored will result in the arrow being scored in the ring of lower value.
- i.) The Tournament Chairman has the authority to replace any targets that cannot be properly scored.
- j.) You will have 5 (five) minutes per end. Arrows released on the red light do not count.
- k.) Archers will switch for bottom target to the top and top to bottom after the sixth end.
- l.) If excessive arrows are shot only the 5 (five) of lower value will be scored.
- m.) A one point penalty is assessed for every arrow shot over 5 (five).

- n.) Witnessed bounce outs or pass throughs from the scoring area may be re-shot.
 - o.) Robin Hoods are scored for the same value as the arrow penetrated.
 - p.) For equipment failure, the archer may have up to 45 (forty-five) minutes to repair or replace the equipment. After the equipment has been repaired the archer is allowed 5 (five) practice arrows. Then, in the presence of a tournament official, the archer will be allowed to shoot the missed targets.
 - q.) A target per target shoot-off will be held to break all ties.
 - r.) Protests must be submitted in writing within one hour to the Tournament Chairman. All protests will include a \$25 (twenty-five dollars) fee that is only refundable if the protest is upheld.
 - s.) Anyone with an arrow nocked on their bow when a person is forward of the shooting line will be automatically disqualified.
 - t.) If an archer leaves the arrows in the target after scoring and returns to the shooting line, he cannot retrieve them if the next end has already started. An arrow will be scored for this end.
 - u.) Scorecards will be verified by the archer and scorekeeper. After verification the scorecard will be signed by the archer and one scorekeeper. Once submitted an archer cannot retrieve his scorecard. An archer who has submitted an incorrect scorecard will be immediately disqualified.
 - v.) Anyone shooting the Biathlon must declare before the tournament their main style of shooting.
 - w.) The requirement for the Biathlon will be one style in the release category and one style in the fingers category.
3. Flighting:
NHB will use the NFAA under 200 System.
4. Weekly 50' Tournaments:
These tournaments shall use the same rules and regulations as in the State Tournament.
5. Weekly Awards:
The awards are the sole responsibility of the individual clubs.
6. Tournament Officials:
- a.) Tournament officials will consist of 3 (three) NHB members and an alternate to be chosen before each tournament.
 - b.) The duties of these officials will be to uphold the rules and regulations and to act as line judges.

☆ Article VI

Amendment and Alterations

Refer to the NHB Constitution Article X Sections "A" and "B".