

Minutes of the 2025 National Field Archery Association Board of Directors Meeting

NFAA Headquarters – Yankton, South Dakota

General Session – Monday September 22, 2025

Call to Order: General Assembly Meeting called to order by President Brian Sheffler at 8:02 AM.

Invocation: Prayer led by Vice President Doug Joyce.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Tim Withers, Sergeant of Arms.

Roll Call/Introductions:

Officers present: President Brian Sheffler, Vice President Doug Joyce

NFAA HQ Staff present: Bruce Cull, Executive Director; Erika Jones, Executive Secretary; Brittany Salonen-Geuther, Operations Director; Pam Tramp, Accounting Director; Morgan Wittmeier, Event & Membership Manager; Christie Colin, Event & Tradeshow Manager; Lalit Jain, Event & Scoring Coordinator; Joanne Martonik, Outreach Director (virtual)

Council present: Rocky Kline, Great Lakes; Chris Shortall, Mid-Atlantic; Shorty Faber, Midwest; Gary McCain, Southwest; William Hall, New England; Oliver Austin, Southeast; Mark Tanner, Southern (alternate)

Council virtual: Don Mendez, Northwest

Committee Chairmen present: NFAA Pro Chairman Lewis Holmes III

NFAA State Directors present: CA, CT, FL, HI, KS, LA, MI, MO, MT, NE, SD, TX, WI

NFAA State Directors (or alternate) virtual: AZ, GA, IL, IN, IA, ME, MD, MA, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, PUR, SC, UT, WV, WY

NFAA State Directors joined virtually at later time: WA (8:53 AM), NV (11:25 AM), VA (1:05 PM)

States not present: AK, AL, CO, DE, ID, KY, MN, MS, NH, RI, TN

Alternates: Warren Rush (IA), standing in for Ron Sykora; Marissa Scalzo (NJ), standing in for Chris Beling; Kyle Brenzel (NY), standing in for Jonathan Scott

Guests present: Dave Hryn, Jay Lindsey, Barbara Lindsey

Rules of Assembly and Meeting and Parliamentary Protocol: Distributed to the Directors and Council. Parliamentarian Bruce Cull is present for interpretation.

OLD BUSINESS

2023 Annual Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Michigan to accept the amended minutes. Seconded by Wisconsin. All in favor. 2023 amended minutes were approved.

Vice-President Election: 26 sealed ballots were opened and recorded. Candidates were Doug Joyce and Oliver Austin. The NFAA Vice-President is Doug Joyce.

NEW BUSINESS

President's Report and State of the NFAA: President Sheffler deferred to the Executive Director and NFAA Headquarters staff for the Headquarters report.

Bruce Cull discussed the following:

1. Approved by Easton Foundations for the Next Shot Initiative 3-year grant program, with an option to extend to 7 years based on progress. The grant provides funding for marketing, range development, equipment, personnel, and more. An Outreach Director was recently hired, with additional staff planned. Pilot states include California, South Dakota, and Nevada. The program's objective is to build partnerships across states and organizations to create a pipeline from entry-level programs to lifelong NFAA membership and competition. It will include a structured curriculum that promotes mentorship and naturalist training, with naturalists and others earning independent NFAA instructor certification. NFAA clubs and shops and/or state associations will connect with new archers at state agency facilities to promote NFAA programs at the grassroots level. NFAA will also expand its range network by inspecting and certifying ranges in state parks for integration into the NFAA network. Research is underway to identify barriers preventing youth from transitioning into long-term participation. Future plans include the launch of an NFAA youth program and building on the Explore Bowhunting program.
2. Several major events will take place in Yankton in 2026, including the USA Archery Field/3D Nationals and World Field/3D Team Trials in June, the NFAA Field Nationals alongside the IFAA World Field Championships in July, and the World Archery World Field and World 3D Championships in September–October. Volunteers are being sought for these events
3. Discussion was held on avoiding conflicts between major national events across archery organizations, with every effort made to prevent scheduling overlaps when creating event calendars.
4. Membership has grown significantly to nearly 15,000, supported by the return of the Archery Association of Europe (AAE) and new programming including increased scholarship opportunities.
5. Work continues toward restructuring the Constitution & Bylaws to ensure proper legal formatting, with legal counsel assisting and a draft to be shared with Directors for approval before implementation.

Brittany Salonen-Geuther discussed the following:

1. Grow the Line is a mentorship program to work into the Next Shot Initiative. At the 2026 Vegas Shoot, registration discounts are available for "Mentors" and "Rookies" who sign up to be part of the program. By equipping Mentors with accurate information, the program aims to improve the experience for new participants and increase retention. Long-term goals include expanding the program to additional NFAA events to strengthen the archery community nationwide.
2. Working to implement a new Shooter of the Year program to increase participation at both national and sectional events.
3. National Series was added to Sectionals. All sectional results are combined for Indoor and Outdoor to award overall National Series champions in each division. While promotion remains a priority since many archers are still unaware of its inclusion, early feedback on the addition has been very positive.
4. Sectional travel scholarships were launched in 2024, which allowed all juniors who participated in Sectionals to apply for a \$500 travel scholarship to support attendance at a national tournament. The program was designed both to reward participation and to help juniors advance to higher-level competition. Fifteen \$500 travel scholarships were awarded to male and female junior archers in 2024.
5. Collegiate divisions were added to national and sectional events to provide more opportunities and support for collegiate participants. This initiative targets the retention of archers transitioning from high school, recognizing collegiate archery as a key growth area.
6. We are updating the event sanctioning process and will soon introduce the Nationally Endorsed Archery Tournament (NEAT) designation. Events will now apply for NEAT status instead of Pro Sanction status, which will include a pinned listing on the NFAA calendar and access to marketing opportunities to help grow and promote local tournaments.
7. We transitioned to a quarterly digital magazine in 2025 with an annual printed Yearbook for members to have as a special keepsake. Feedback on the new format has been very positive.
8. The Judge Certification Program launched in 2024 with Andy Neville recently hired as Judge Training Coordinator to create national judge training and continuing education to expand the NFAA judge database and standardize judging across all levels.
9. The nomenclature for shooting styles and divisions remains inconsistent on sectional scorecards compared to the Constitution & Bylaws, and NFAA HQ will review the IANSEO scoring system to address the discrepancies.

15-Signature Items: The NFAA President called for a vote to approve all 15-signature agenda items to be brought to the floor. Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by California. Motion received the minimum 15 votes to pass.

Ballot Considerations:

Total Weighted votes (non-Professional matters) = 45; Two-thirds majority = 30; Simple majority is 23

Total Weighted votes (Professional matters) = 46; Two-thirds majority = 31; Simple majority is 24

Total Non-Weighted votes (non-Professional matters) = 36; Two-thirds majority = 24; Simple majority is 19

Total Non-Weighted votes (Professional matters) = 37; Two-thirds majority = 25; Simple majority is 19

HQ-1. Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by Kansas. Passed.

Amendment: California moved to amend. Seconded by Hawaii. Amendment failed.

Change 120 days to 180 days.

Revision (underlined), Constitution, Article VI, Section C, Para 5, Item 5.2

Any Director, Councilman, Officer, the NFAA Bowhunting Administrative Chairman, or NFAA Pro Chairman may introduce an amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws if submitted in writing (via fax, email or postal mail) to the NFAA Headquarters no later than 120 days prior to the first scheduled day of the bi-annual meeting. Verification of receipt is responsibility of sender.

C-9. Kansas moved to adopt. Seconded by Massachusetts. Passed.

Discussion: The Pro Chairman will hold a voting seat on the Council and may vote at the Board of Directors meetings on agenda items pertaining to professional matters.

Revision (underlined and stricken), Constitution, Article VII, Section A

The NFAA Council shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Pro Chairman, ~~Immediate Past President, (see Article VII, Section k, Paragraph 4, for term of Immediate Past President on the NFAA Council)~~ and eight Councilmen. The NFAA Councilmen will be fully empowered to act for the Association on all administrative issues presented before them when the Board of Directors is not in session. The NFAA Councilmen shall be elected from each of the following sections of the United States: the Northwestern, Southwestern, New England, Mid-Atlantic, Mid-Western, Great Lakes, Southern and Southeastern.

Removal, Constitution, Article VII, Section K, Para 4

~~The Immediate Past President shall remain an official member of the NFAA Council during the first two years of the term of the President replacing him/her.~~

HQ-2. Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by California. Passed.

Revision (underlined), Constitution, Article IX, Section B, Para 1, Item 1.4

Upon receipt of the opinions of the two committee members, the RIC chairman is to summarize and prepare for distribution the RIC ruling. This ruling is to be to the Executive Secretary within five days after receipt of the last opinion of an RIC committee member. Copies of the ruling are also to be mailed to the RIC committee members and to all other NFAA Directors and Council, including the Director who submitted the original interpretation.

C-1. Kansas moved to adopt. Seconded by Missouri. Passed.

Removal, Constitution, Article XII, Section D

~~Dues for the NFAA for military personnel and foreign nationals belonging to the NFAA affiliated association, or military personnel on transient basis who are not located within the jurisdiction of an affiliated body, shall be \$50.00 per year per person and shall include the NFAA's official publication. Dues for one additional family membership shall be \$15.00 per year. Additional family memberships shall be \$10.00 per year per person. Transient military personnel shall be serviced from NFAA Headquarters.~~

IL-1. New Mexico moved to adopt. Seconded by Wisconsin. Failed

AZ-1. No motion to adopt. No action.

C-7. California moved to adopt. Seconded by New Mexico. Passed.

Revision (underlined and stricken), Bylaws, Article II, Section A, Para 8

~~Crossbows may be used as a separate style/division at National level Indoor events. They are optional at all other events and facilities at the discretion of respective responsible National, Sectional, State, Club, and Tournament officials.~~ Crossbow divisions are optional at the discretion of the Tournament Director at all tournament levels.

Removal, Bylaws, Article IV, Section H, Para 2

Styles of shooting to be recognized shall be:

~~Crossbow (Adult)~~

Removal, Bylaws, Article IV, Section H, Para 3

~~A Crossbow Division may be provided at National level NFAA and NFAA-owned Indoor events — Adult divisions only. Shooting Rules: (See Article II, Section L.)~~

C-4. California moved to adopt. Seconded by Louisiana. Passed.

Revision, Bylaws, Articles I-IV

Barebow shooting style to be renamed to *Barebow Compound* in all relevant mentions of *Barebow* in the NFAA Bylaws and Policies.

ND-1. Kansas moved to adopt. Seconded by Connecticut. Failed.

WI-3. No motion to adopt. No action.

IN-1. Kansas moved to adopt. Seconded by Wisconsin. Passed.

New Item, Bylaws, Article II, Section E, Para 10

Double vision blocker attached to the scope housing or sight will be allowed.

LA-5. No motion to adopt. No action.

LA-1. Arizona moved to adopt. Seconded by Florida. Withdrawn.

The motions to adopt and second were subsequently withdrawn after discussion.

LA-4. Item was removed/withdrawn by Author.

CA-3. California moved to adopt. Seconded by Hawaii. Failed

WI-1. No motion to adopt. No action.

WI-2. No motion to adopt. No action.

WI-5. Connecticut moved to adopt. Seconded by Wisconsin. Withdrawn.

The motions to adopt and second were subsequently withdrawn after discussion.

IN-2. No motion to adopt. No action.

OK-1. Oregon moved to adopt. Seconded by California. Tabled.

Amendment was discussed. Chair recommended to table item for amendment to be in proper form and revisit after break.

CA-1. California moved to adopt. Seconded by Hawaii. Tabled.

Amendments were discussed. Chair recommended to table item for amendments to be in proper form and revisit after break.

LA-2. Item was removed/withdrawn by Author.

LA-3. Item was removed/withdrawn by Author.

C-8. California moved to adopt. Seconded by Kansas. Passed.

Removal, Bylaws, Article III, Section B, Para 1, Item 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.~~

P-02. Connecticut moved to adopt. Seconded by Massachusetts. Passed.

Revision, Bylaws, Article III, Section D, Para 1, Item 1.1-1.1.1

~~1.1 Archers wishing to join the Professional Division must submit validated proof of minimum score proficiency as shot at an official NFAA Event requiring NFAA membership. The MQS shall be one of any of the following events: For indoor scores the allowed faces shall be the Blue Face 300 round, or Vegas style face NFAA 450 or 600 round. For outdoor scores, archers may use any one score from the following: 28 target Field or 28 target Hunter, or the NFAA 900 round, or NFAA Classic 600 round or the National Marked Yardage 3D. Only State, Sectional or National levels will be considered for an approved qualification score. Validated proof shall be an NFAA stamped score card or verified, posted, and official event results. The Archer must submit a score that may not be less than 96.5% of the winning score~~

~~1.1.1. All current pro's would not need to qualify unless their membership lapses for more than 60 days *unless medically excused (injury, illness, military deployment, etc.) A returning Pro may use past champion's provisional (Member of US National team, NFAA National event winner) to avoid the qualification score if they lapsed. Provisional claim cannot be more than 5 years past.~~

1.1 To qualify for membership in the Professional Division, an amateur archer must have finished in the top 10% of their division at an NFAA National Championship Tournament one time within the past three (3) years. The Pro Executive Committee (PEC) holds the authority to approve applicants who do not meet the top 10% standard, but who demonstrate the caliber and skill level expected of a Professional Division member.

1.1.1. Current Professional members are exempt from qualification unless their membership lapses for more than 60 days, except in cases of special exemption (injury, illness, military deployment, etc.). A returning Pro may also claim a provisional exemption if they are a current or former National Team member or an NFAA National Champion. Provisional claims must be within the past five years.

FL-1. Item was removed/withdrawn by Author.

P-1. Pro Chair moved to adopt. Seconded by Wisconsin. Passed.

Removal, Bylaws, Article III, Section D, Para 4, Item 4.4

~~Should a Professional archer wish to resign during the calendar year, he/she may do so in writing to NFAA Headquarters. When a Professional archer wishes to return to a non-professional division, he/she may do so with no delay provided he/she has not earned in excess of \$300 at NFAA sanctioned shoots within the past 12 months.~~

New Item, Bylaws, Article III, Section D, Para 1, Item 1.6

A Professional archer may return to amateur status during a calendar year only by submitting written notice to NFAA Headquarters and if they have not earned more than \$300 in prize money at NFAA sanctioned events within the past twelve (12) months. If an archer competes as a Professional in one year, then competes as an amateur in the immediately following year and wishes to return to Professional status within that same calendar year, reinstatement must be approved by a majority vote of the Pro Executive Committee (PEC).

C-5. Wisconsin moved to adopt. Seconded by Pro Chair. Passed.

Revision, Bylaws, Article III, Section D, Para 13

National Indoor Championship Prize Fund	\$25.00
National Field Championship Prize Fund	\$27.50
Sectional Indoor Championship Prize Fund	\$10.00
Sectional Field Championship Prize Fund	\$10.00
Pro Point Prize Fund	\$20.00
Tournament Guarantee Fund	\$2.50
NFAA Administration Cost	\$5.00
General Expense Fund	\$20.00
Professional Scholarship Fund	\$5.00
Total	\$125.00

National Indoor Championship Prize Fund	\$27.50
National Field Championship Prize Fund	\$27.50
National Target Championship Prize Fund	\$10.00
Sectional Indoor Championship Prize Fund	\$10.00
Sectional Field Championship Prize Fund	\$10.00
Shooter of the Year Prize Fund	\$20.00
NFAA Administration Cost	\$10.00
General Expense Fund	\$5.00
Professional Scholarship Fund	\$5.00
Total	\$125.00

AZ-3. No motion to adopt. No action.

C-6. Connecticut moved to adopt. Seconded by Florida. Passed.

Revision (underlined and stricken), Bylaws, Article IV, Section K, Para 4

Ties for 1st in the Championship Flight at any National Tournament National Tournaments, with the exception of the Marked 3D National Championships, will be broken by a shoot off. All other ties will receive duplicate awards. Ties for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the professional division will be broken by a shoot off.

New Item, Bylaws, Article VI, Section K, Para 7, Item 7.11.1

For the Marked 3D National Championships, all ties in the amateur division shall be broken using the following criteria in order, (1) highest number of bonus rings, (2) highest number of 22s, (3) highest number of 21s, (4) the highest score during regular competition on a pre-designated target selected by the Tournament Director prior to the start of competition. If the tie persists after all tie-breaking measures have been applied, dual winners shall be declared. No shoot-offs will be conducted for any placement in the amateur divisions.

Ballot Considerations: Nevada joined the virtual meeting at 11:25 AM.

Total Weighted votes (non-Professional matters) = 46; Two-thirds majority = 31; Simple majority is 24

Total Weighted votes (Professional matters) = 47; Two-thirds majority = 32; Simple majority is 24

Total Non-Weighted votes (non-Professional matters) = 37; Two-thirds majority = 25; Simple majority is 19

Total Non-Weighted votes (Professional matters) = 38; Two-thirds majority = 26; Simple majority is 20

MI-1. Michigan moved to adopt. Seconded by Florida. Failed.

C-3. Kansas moved to adopt. No second. No action.

CA-2. California moved to adopt. Seconded by Hawaii. Failed.

WI-4. Wisconsin moved to adopt. Seconded by Massachusetts. Passed as amended.

Amendment (stricken): Massachusetts moved to amend. Seconded by New Mexico. Amendment passed.

~~Add the RIC Rulings Master List to the Bylaws then~~ create a RIC section in the online NFAA Resource Center. This new section would contain the complete text of each Protest and Ruling. The Master List, which only lists the protest subject, could be used as an index.

C-2. Kansas moved to adopt. Seconded by Texas. Passed.

New Item, Policy, Section 2025

For the purposes of governance, representation, and administration, U.S. territories shall be assigned to the NFAA Section that is geographically closest to their location. This ensures a consistent organizational structure and provides appropriate support for current and future territorial affiliations.

C-10. Massachusetts moved to adopt. Seconded by California. Passed.

New Item, Policy, Section 2025

Membership cancellations and refunds can be processed for all membership types if requested in writing within 30 days of purchase, provided that the member has not competed at an NFAA sectional or national event within the 30-day period. This refund policy applies only to membership renewals that were processed in error due to auto-renewal. No refunds will be given after 30 days from the date of purchase. Cancellation requests must be made in writing to NFAA Headquarters.

C-11. Texas moved to adopt. Seconded by Connecticut. Passed.

New Item, Policy, Section 2025

The NFAA President shall have the authority to establish a Competition Committee to assist in the development or adjustment of new or existing NFAA rounds in response to the evolving needs of archers and the organization. The committee's initial task will be to develop trial Field, Hunter, or Animal rounds. These proposed trial rounds shall be submitted to the NFAA Council for review and ratification. Upon Council approval, the trial rounds may be used as competition formats at Sectional Tournaments until they are formally adopted as official NFAA rounds.

Ballot Considerations: Virginia joined the virtual meeting at 1:05 PM.

Total Weighted votes (non-Professional matters) = 47; Two-thirds majority = 32; Simple majority is 24

Total Weighted votes (Professional matters) = 48; Two-thirds majority = 32; Simple majority is 25

Total Non-Weighted votes (non-Professional matters) = 38; Two-thirds majority = 26; Simple majority is 20

Total Non-Weighted votes (Professional matters) = 39; Two-thirds majority = 26; Simple majority is 20

CA-1. The President brought item back to the floor. Passed as amended.

Amendment: California moved to amend. Seconded by Florida. Amendment passed.

Para 1-13 rewritten as noted under the Revision.

Revision (underlined and stricken), Bylaws, Article II, Section J, Para 1-13

1. A one, two, or three piece straight ended bow constructed of wood or any non-metallic material with limbs which are not to be adjusted during competition ~~laminated wood with nonadjustable limbs.~~ When the bow is braced, the string must not touch the limbs between the notches on the limb. ~~The belly and the back of the bow may have carbon or fiberglass on them.~~
2. No laminations, marks or blemishes on the belly of the bow or in the sight window will be legal. ~~The belly of the bow must be free of any marks or blemishes that can be used as sighting aids.~~

3. The bow may contain a window, an arrow shelf with strike plate. The strike plate may not exceed more than one inch above the shelf. The bow may contain a window and an arrow shelf. No mechanical or elevated rests may be used.
4. Bow quivers are allowed: (a) all arrows must be same size and weight as competition arrows, (b) no part of quiver or arrow it is holding shall be visible in sight window. Only one nocking point is allowed on the string which may be marked by one or two nocking point locators.
5. The archer shall touch the arrow when nocked and drawing the arrow with the index finger against the nock. In case of physical disability of arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers. No clickers, draw-checks, sights, stabilizers, counterweights or levels will be allowed.
6. Finger position cannot change during a competition. The string may be of any color but must have a single-color center serving. One single nocking point permitted. One or two nock locators may be used. Any marks or string attachments other than brush buttons and string silencers will be illegal.
7. One anchor point only is permitted. The archer shall touch the arrow when nocked and drawing the arrow with the index finger against the nock.
8. All arrows shall be identical in length, weight, diameter and fletching with allowance for wear and tear. Finger position may not be changed during competition.
9. No written memorandum will be allowed. Bow slings are permissible. Gloves, tabs or fingers shall be the only legal releases. Bow slings are permissible. In the case of physical disability of the arm or hand, a chew strap and/or mouth tab may be used in place of fingers.
10. Participation in this style may shoot any type of arrow. All arrows shall be identical in length, weight, diameter, and fletching with allowance for wear and tear.
11. For all tournaments below the Sectional level, longbow archers may shoot at Youth stakes distances at the discretion of each state or club. During competition, no adjustments may be made to the bow and/or its related equipment unless equipment failure is recognized.
12. Adult Male and Adult Female only. For all tournaments below the Sectional level, all Longbow archers may shoot at Youth distances at the discretion of each State or Club.
13. Adult Male and Adult Female only.

OK-1. The President brought item back to the floor. Failed.

Amendment 1: Texas moved to amend. Seconded by Louisiana. Amendment failed.
Include Item 10 to permit shooting style for Adult Male and Adult Female only.

Amendment 2: North Dakota moved to amend. Seconded by California. Amendment passed.
Update Item 7 – Straight stabilizer, coupling device included if used, which cannot exceed ~~15 inches~~ 18 inches at any time, as measured from the back of the bow, V-bar, counterbalance and string dampeners may be used.

Amendment 3: Florida moved to amend. Seconded by Nebraska. Amendment failed.
Update Item 1 to permit magnifying lenses.

Amendment 4: Massachusetts moved to amend. Seconded by North Dakota. Amendment passed.
Update Item 1 – Any sight and scope may be used as long as the scope itself does not contain any magnifying lens in front of or behind the pin/s. Scopes with magnifying lenses, clickers and draw checks are not allowed. 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.

Amendment 5: California moved to amend. Seconded by Oklahoma. Amendment passed.
Remove Item 9 – ~~During a round no adjustments may be made to the bow and its related equipment unless equipment failure is recognized.~~

OK-1. North Dakota moved to initiate a roll call vote. Seconded by Arizona. Failed.

Ballot Considerations: Ohio left the meeting at 2:05 PM – updated vote count is:

Total Weighted votes (non-Professional matters) = 45; Two-thirds majority = 30; Simple majority is 23

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OK-1. North Carolina (prevailing side) moved to bring back to the floor as previously amended three times. Seconded by North Dakota. Passed as amended.

Amendment 1: North Dakota moved to amend. Seconded by California. Amendment passed.

Update Item 7 – Straight stabilizer, coupling device included if used, which cannot exceed ~~15 inches~~ 18 inches at any time, as measured from the back of the bow, V-bar, counterbalance and string dampeners may be used.

Amendment 2: California moved to amend. Seconded by Oklahoma. Amendment passed.

Remove Item 9 – ~~During a round no adjustments may be made to the bow and its related equipment unless equipment failure is recognized.~~

Amendment 3: Florida moved to amend. Seconded by Maine. Amendment passed.

Remove previous Amendment 4 – Any sight and scope may be used as long as the scope itself does not contain any ~~magnifying~~ lens in front of or behind the pin/s. Scopes with ~~magnifying~~ lenses, clickers and draw checks are not allowed. 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.

New Item, Bylaws, Article II, Section K

1. Any sight and scope may be used as long as the scope itself does not contain any lens in front of or behind the pin/s. Scopes with lenses, clickers and draw checks are not allowed. 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.
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. Straight stabilizer, coupling device included if used, which cannot exceed 18 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.

RIC 2023-1. Texas moved to uphold. Seconded by California. Upheld.

The Southern NFAA councilman was asked by a Texas Field Archery Association member for a RIC ruling on the legality of using a thumb tab or a thumb ring in the Barebow Class. The southern councilman ruled that, in his opinion, the tab was legal, but the thumb ring was not legal for the Barebow Class.

NFAA By Laws, page 30, Article II, Section B, Paragraph 6, states only gloves, tabs, or fingers shall be permitted, except in the case of a physical disability of the arms or hands, a chew strap may be used in place of fingers.

The RIC Committee reviewed the decision by the NFAA Southern Councilman, the applicable NFAA Equipment Rules as stated in the 2021 NFAA Constitution & By-Laws (Effective November 1, 2021) and prior RIC Rulings:

The RIC Committee agrees with the decision of the NFAA southern councilman.

Respectfully submitted,
Hubert Sims - RIC Chairman
Tom Daley - Southwest Councilman

Lee Gregory - Southern Councilman

RIC 2023-2. Kansas moved to overturn. Seconded by California. Overturned.

RIC 2023-3. North Carolina moved to uphold. Seconded by Louisiana. Upheld.

The NFAA Executive Secretary received a call from a gentleman from New York who ask if his setup would be legal in the Traditional or Barebow shooting style based on his rest. The rest in question is an Avalon Axis arrow rest, that is mounted to a traditional bow.

NFAA By - Laws, Page 31, Article II (NFAA Shooting Styles and Equipment, Rules) Section F.

Paragraph - 2 states: No device of any kind, including arrow rest, that can be used for sighting will be used or attached to archers equipment.

Paragraph - 3 states: There shall be no device mechanical or otherwise, in the sight window except the arrow rest, arrow plate, or plunger button.

Paragraph - 4 states: No part of the arrow rest may extend more than 1/4 inch above the arrow in the sight window.

The Rules Interpretation Committee received pictures showing all angles of the Avalon Axis arrow rest on a traditional bow. After the committee reviewed the pictures it was determined that all nuts and bolts were behind the riser and there was nothing in the sight window that could be used for sighting. The movable launcher is height-adjustable, thus holding the arrow in the optimal position, so that no part of the arrow rest may extend more than 1/4 inch above the arrow in the sight window.

The decision of the RIC Committee is that the Avalon Axis arrow rest is legal in the NFAA Traditional Shooting style.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hubert Sims - RIC Chairman
Tom Daley - Southwest Councilman
Lee Gregory - Southern Councilman

RIC 2023-4. Texas moved to uphold. Seconded by Florida. Upheld.

The NFAA Southern Councilman sent the RIC Committee a picture of a bow with a bow stand that was attached to Freestyle Bowhunter bow. The question was would this be acceptable in the Freestyle Bowhunter style of shooting.

The Go-Stix TM Carbon Bow Stand is made by Hoyt Archery. The V-shaped stand is attached to the bottom and back off the riser. It is designed to easily prop the bow upright without adding excessive weight or bulk. Unlike other bow stands, the Go-Stix can remain attached to the bow while shooting without affecting the shot. (See photo attached.)



NFAA By Laws, Page 31, Article II (NFAA Shooting Styles and Equipment Rules) Section F, Paragraph - 7 states:

Brush buttons, string silencer, positioned no closer than midway between the nocking point and where the string touches the wheel/cam and bow quiver installed on the opposite 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 the time, measured from the back of the bow, V - bar, counterbalance and string dampeners may be used.

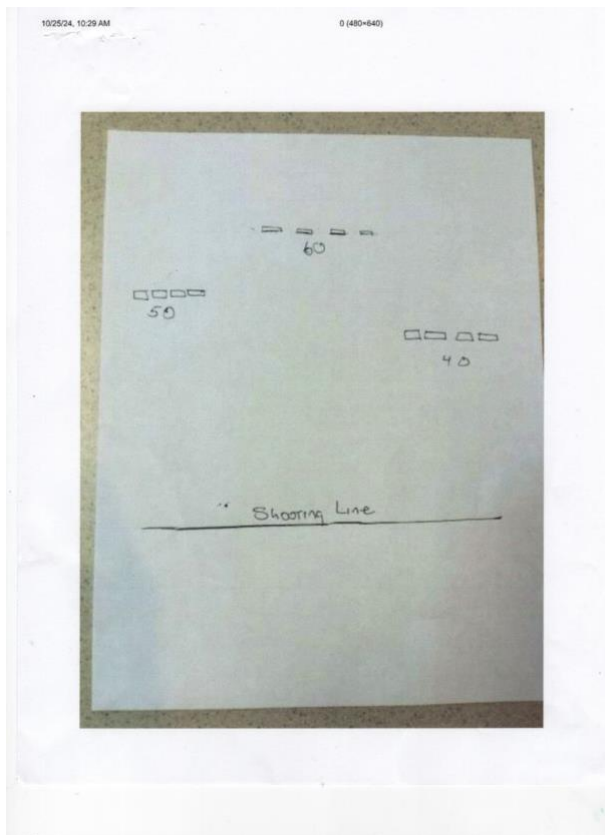
After reviewing the picture, the Rules Interpretation Committee's decision is that the Go-Stix TM Carbon bow stand is legal in NFAA Freestyle Bowhunter, as long as is attached to the bow as shown in the picture without weights attached.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hubert Sims - RIC Chairman
Tom Daley - Southwest Councilman
Lee Gregory - Southern Councilman

RIC 2024-1. Kansas moved to uphold. Seconded by Arizona. Upheld.

An archer from an archery club in California asked if they could host a State 900 Round in this fashion: One group at 50 yards, one group at 60 yards, and one group at 40 yards. Then rotate until all arrows are shot.

Attached is the range layout for the club. They do not have room to shoot all the butts in one line.



Page 57, Article VI, Section G, Paragraph 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 of the NFAA Constitution & By-Laws states the number of arrows and distance that they will be shot from for Adults / Young Adults, Youth and Cubs. There is no mention of how to lay out a 900 Round.

The RIC Committee agrees that this range would be legal and safe to shoot a 900 Round Tournament.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hubert Sims - RIC Chairman
Lee Gregory - Southern Councilman
Gary McCain - Southwest Councilman

C-12. Louisiana moved to adopt. Seconded by Connecticut. Failed as amended.

Amendment: Connecticut moved to amend. Seconded by Kansas. Amendment passed.

At the discretion of the Tournament Director, target faces may be adjusted by class as deemed necessary to accommodate the circumstances of the event.

FL-2. Florida moved to adopt. Seconded by Massachusetts. Passed as amended.

Amendment (underlined): Florida moved to amend. Seconded by Massachusetts. Amendment passed.

The 6-ring target face will be used by: (a) all professional divisions, (b) all Cub, Youth, Young Adult, Adult, and Senior Freestyle divisions, (c) all Cub, Youth, Young Adult, Adult, and Senior Bowhunter Freestyle divisions, and (d) all Cub, Youth, Young Adult, Adult, and Senior Modern Bowhunter Freestyle divisions.

Revision (underlined and stricken), Bylaws, Article VI, Section J, Para 1

The NFAA Archery Classic 92 cm Target Face shall be used. At the discretion of tournament management, the center version of the Face may be used utilizing only the 6 through 10 rings. ~~Archers who want to shoot the full 92 cm Target Face must state their desire during registration and will be accommodated by moving them to a target butt with a full face. Target size will be determined by division and style (no exceptions).~~ The 6-10 ring target face will be used by: (a) all Professional divisions, (b) all Cub, Youth, Young Adult, Adult, and Senior Freestyle divisions, (c) all Cub, Youth, Young Adult, Adult, and Senior Bowhunter Freestyle divisions, and (d) all Cub, Youth, Young Adult, Adult, and Senior Modern Bowhunter Freestyle divisions. All other archers will use the full 1-10 ring target face.

P-3. Pro Chair moved to adopt. Seconded by Connecticut. Passed as amended.

Amendment (underlined and stricken): Connecticut moved to amend. Seconded by North Carolina. Amendment passed.

The Professional Division shall have the following designation for Senior Professional levels: A Senior Division for archers ages 50 to 59 and a Silver Senior Division for archers age 60 and older ~~to 69~~ shall be provided at National and Sectional (Indoor and Outdoor) tournaments.

Revision (underlined and stricken), Bylaws, Article III, Section D, Para 1, Item 1.5

The Professional Division shall have the following designation for Senior Professional levels: A Senior Division for archers ages 50 to 59 and a Silver Senior Division for archers age 60 and older ~~to 69, 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 to 59 may compete as either an Adult or Senior, and those age 60 and older ~~to 69~~ 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.~~ All Professional Divisions (Adult, Senior, Silver Senior, ~~Master Senior~~) shall be recognized and Professional Division Champions at all NFAA Indoor and Outdoor National Tournaments shall be awarded Silver Bowls. The Professional Silver Senior ~~and Master Senior~~ Divisions shall not be prevented from seeking and receiving contingency support or guaranteed prize funds.

Remove all other mention of Master Senior Professional division in the Constitution and/or Bylaws.

Financial Reports and 2026 NFAA Budget were reviewed by the Directors. Michigan moved to adopt the proposed budget. Seconded by Kansas. Budget was approved.

President asked for anything for the good of the NFAA.

Discussion was held on adaptive age division allocation with suggestions made for consolidating divisions. Outreach efforts will be guided by a new committee of multiple Directors, with goals to track retention by age group and survey new members.

The President will appoint Directors to new special committees, including the following: Certified Instructor, Outreach, and Competition Committees.

The group noted the importance of reviewing the Constitution's purpose and mission during restructuring.

Questions arose about opening virtual meetings to all members, but concerns were raised about misinformation; Directors retain the option to make virtual meetings public.

The State Association Toolkit, including membership tutorials, is available under the Resources section on the website.

It was noted that information from the meeting may be shared once it concludes, with all decisions taking effect January 1.

Meeting Adjournment: Michigan motioned to adjourn the General Assembly Meeting. Seconded by Florida. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Erika Jones
NFAA Executive Secretary