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WVAA CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - "NAME"

The name shall be "WEST VIRGINIA ARCHERY ASSOCIATION" indicated in abbreviation as "WVAA".

ARTICLE II - "ASSOCIATION EMBLEM"

The emblem of this association shall be white silhouette of an Indian shooting a bow, backed by a green outline map of the state of West Virginia, encircled by the words "WEST VIRGINIA ARCHERY ASSOCIATION", and bordered by a green circle. The background of the emblem shall be white.

ARTICLE III - "ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER"

The official newsletter of the West Virginia Archery Association shall be known as "Field Notes". The association emblem and the words "Field Notes" shall be copied on the cover at the convenience of the member in charge of publication.

ARTICLE IV - "PURPOSE"

A The WVAA will support the principles of and abide by the rules, regulations procedures and policies adopted by the National Field Archery Association and make payment of proper fees and dues established by the NFAA. The WVAA shall be the governing association for NFAA activities within the state of West Virginia by annually affiliating with the NFAA.

B. To unite the clubs with the State Association into one organized unit that will work uniformly and effectively in providing for the development of the sport of archery in conformance with the will of the majority of the membership.

C. To provide a basic plan by which archers can organize into clubs and leagues, further, inform clubs how they can become affiliated with the WVAA and the NFAA

D. To foster , expand, promote and perpetuate the practice of field archery and any other games as the association may adopt, and enforce all rules, regulations, procedures, conditions and methods of playing such games.

E. To encourage the use of the bow in the hunting of all legal game birds and animals and to protect, improve and increase the sport of hunting with the bow.

F. To conduct a continuous educational program designed to acquaint the public and the archer in the use of the bow as a form of recreation and a weapon suitable for the hunting of legal game.

G. To conduct tournaments to determine State Champions in all archery games adopted by the WVAA and to provide sanctions for tournaments.

H. To develop programs dedicated to the conservation and preservation of game and it's natural habitat, and to cooperate with Federal and State Agencies and Sportsman and Conservation organizations also dedicated to this purpose.

I. To cooperate with other archery associations to foster and perpetuate the use of the bow in accordance with it's ancient and honorable traditions.

J. To foster and perpetuate a spirit of good fellowship and sportsmanship among all archers.

K. To evolve and conduct programs that will give recognition to archers for proficiency with the bow and arrow in all sanctioned competition and hunting accomplishments.

L. To regularly inform each member, in good standing, as to major problems and issues affecting the sport of archery and hunting with the bow and arrow and /or to the action proposed or taken in order that the membership may make its will known to their duty elected club representative.

ARTICLE V - "CONFLICT OF INTEREST"

All conflict of interest questions shall be decided by the Board of Directors Council. Appeals shall be decided by a majority vote of the Club Representatives.

ARTICLE VI - "MEMBERSHIPS"

A Club affiliation membership shall be granted to any club within the state of West Virginia that supports the principles of and abides by the rules, regulations, procedures and policies adopted by the NFAA and WVAA and upon proper payment of fees and dues.

1. In order to be granted membership in the WVAA the club must:

(a) Have a constitution and by-laws consistent with the NFAA and WVAA.

This document may be reviewed by the WVAA Club Representatives, and shall be filed with the WVAA secretary. Anytime there are alterations, revisions or amendments to a constitution and by-laws a copy of the updated document must also be filed with the WVAA secretary.

(b) Pay WVAA fees and dues.

(c) Agree to require membership in the NFAA and WVAA as essential for the issuances of Handicap cards.

(d) Agree to enforce all rules, regulations and policies of the NFAA and WVAA.

2. Loss of club membership:

(a) Failure to properly supervise classification.

(b) Failure to abide by or enforce rules, etc. of the NFAA and WVAA.

(c) Failure to properly supervise classification.

(d) Procedure to expel, suspend or reinstate clubs will be the same as for an individual.

3. Individual memberships shall be: Honorary; Adult; Junior; Master Senior and Bowhunter.

(a) **Honorary Membership** : May be granted, with exemption from regular fees and dues, for exceptional merit and service, upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors Council and submitted to the Club Representatives 60 days prior to any regular WVAA meeting. Such recommendations must be approved by a majority vote of the club representatives present at the meeting. Honorary membership shall be effective for a period of one year.

(b) **Adult Membership**: May be granted to any individual 18 years of age or older upon application and payment of regular dues.

1. All individual applications for membership to the WVAA shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors Council.

2. **Non - Resident members** of the WVAA who own NFAA member cards affiliated through another state, shall be entitled to all WVAA privileges including, upon proper payment of fees/dues, participation in the WVAA State Open, 810 Round, 900 Round and both 3D Jamborees. Participation in the WVAA Indoor and Closed shall be in the guest division only.

(c) **Junior Membership**: May be granted to any individual less than 18 years of age in the same manner as adult membership. Family children upon reaching age 18 must pay fees and dues the same as a head of house defined in the Finances, Fees and Dues section of the WVAA By - Laws.

(d) **Master Senior Membership**: May be granted, free of charge to any individual age 65 or older who makes application through their affiliated club

(e) **Bowhunter Membership**: May be granted to any individual in the same manner as prescribed in paragraph (b) above.

The Board of Directors Council may suspend or expel any class of individual membership for court convictions of felonies, violation of state and federal game laws, misconduct, contumacious conduct, poor sportsmanship and failure to abide by the rules and regulations of the WVAA and NFAA.

Action to expel or suspend any category of individual membership shall be initiated in writing and submitted to the WVAA President and Board of Directors Council. The members so charged must be accorded an opportunity to answer to the charges. In the event the member is not exonerated, they may appeal (to be heard at the next meeting of the Club Representatives) to the Club Representatives who shall make the final ruling through a majority vote of Club Representatives present at a meeting.

No category of individual membership may be reinstated except upon appeal and approval of the majority of the Club Representatives present at a meeting.

ARTICLE VII MEMBERSHIP VOTING

A club holding membership in the WVAA shall be entitled to a minimum of 1 vote and a maximum of 3 votes at WVAA meetings. Voting privileges will be governed by the following scale of membership: 1-25 members= 1 vote; 26-50 = 2 votes; 51- up = 3 votes. Only affiliated members will be counted for voting privileges. The vote shall be cast by the club's elected representative . He shall be a member of the Club Representatives and is to be elected in a manner prescribed by the constitution and by-laws of the club.

Matters that come before the WVAA for membership voting will be determined by the Club Representatives.

ARTICLE VIII WVAA MEETINGS

A minimum of two WVAA meetings shall be held each year. The first at the WVAA Open Tournament, and the second at the WVAA Closed Tournament.

ARTICLE IX Alterations, Amendments and Agenda Items

Proposed alterations, amendments and agenda items shall be submitted to the association secretary, in writing at least **60 days** prior to a scheduled WVAA meeting. Upon sufficient notification by the WVAA and discussion by the individual club memberships , these items may be voted upon at the next meeting.

Proposed items submitted during a current meeting will be discussed at this time, then tabled until the next scheduled meeting for voting action by the majority of the Club Representatives present.

Proposals may be submitted by the association's executive officers in the same manner as stated above.

ARTICLE X Board of Directors Council

- (1) The Board of Directors Council, hereafter known as the BODC, shall consist of the WVAA President, Vice-Presidents(Tournament and Bowhunting), Secretary / Treasurer, NFAA Board Member(Director) and three members of the WVAA referred to as councilmen. All shall serve without salary except the Secretary. See "Finance, Fees and dues" section in the WVAA By-Laws.
- (2) Five members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the BODC.

- (3) Members of the BODC must be members, in good standing, of the NFAA and WVAA.
- (4) All actions of the BODC may be decided by mail; however they shall meet in person if deemed necessary by the President. If action is taken by mail, the WVAA secretary will submit any items requiring decisions, to council members and deliberations shall be in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.
- (5) A BODC member may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the Club Representatives.
- (6) The BODC shall:
 - (a) Implement and administer programs, tournaments and policies, adopted by the Club Representatives, of the WVAA.
 - (b) Administer all properties held or acquired by the WVAA.
 - (c) Assure that all employees are bonded fully in the amount and manner adequate to the protection of the WVAA and NFAA.
 - (d) Review and take action within 5 days on a monthly financial statement, if required.
 - (e) Assure an audit of the WVAA at anytime deemed advisable as a result of a review of a monthly financial report, if required.

ARTICLE XI

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

- (1) The Club Representatives shall consist of one representative, elected or appointed, from each chartered and affiliated WVAA club. He/she shall be certified and fully empowered to act for the club on all issues that come before the WVAA Club Representatives shall be members in good standing of the WVAA
 - (a) A quorum of Club Representatives shall be the Representatives present at WVAA meetings or responding to a mail vote.
 - (b) Each club shall name an alternate representative to represent them at WVAA meetings. This person shall also be a member of the WVAA.
 - (c) If the Representative or alternate is unable to attend a meeting, a WVAA club member, in good standing, may be appointed by written authorization of a club officer, President, Vice President or Secretary.
 - (d) Any person that represents a club that is not duly authorized will be subject to the approval of the President of the WVAA or Chairman of the meeting/function.
- (2) The Club Representative being the fully constituted governing body of the WVAA shall be responsible to the collective membership of the WVAA for the following functions:
 - (a) Conduct deliberations in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.
 - (b) Elect a slate of officers in accordance with provisions of this Constitution.
 - (c) Consider and vote upon all proposed changes to the WVAA Constitution and By-Laws.

(d) May confirm by majority vote, all persons appointed by the BODC.

(e) Shall fill any vacancy in any elected office of the WVAA with the next officer in line, which shall be for the unexpired term of the office, with the exception of the secretary, which the WVAA President will take immediate action to appoint someone in order that the affairs of the association will continue to function properly. Secretary appointment is subject to 2/3 vote approval of the Club Representatives present at that meeting. The person receiving secretary appointment must also be a WVAA member in good standing.

(f) Shall establish annual fees, dues and other sources of revenue required to defray operating expenses of the WVAA.

(g) Shall be responsible to inform the membership of their club of all upcoming activities and results of all meetings of the WVAA.

(h) Shall name the site and date of WVAA tournaments after taking into consideration all bids.

ARTICLE XII OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

(1) Officers of the WVAA shall be: President, Vice-President(Tournament & Bowhunting), Secretary/Treasurer(office combined), NFAA Director and Alternate. These officers shall be NFAA/ WVAA members, in good standing, and they shall have the following duties:

(2) **President:** Shall preside at all WVAA meetings and shall:

(a) Conduct meetings in strict accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

(b) Appoint all standing committees.

(c) Initiate and develop activities of the BODC and Club Representatives.

(d) Prepare and submit an annual report to the Club Representatives at the WVAA annual meeting. This is usually the WVAA Closed meeting.

(e) Recognize only the Club Representative or their alternate at WVAA meetings, unless he/she feels recognition of another requesting the floor would be of benefit to the association.

(f) Be responsible for coordinating public relations for the association, which includes, developing all publicity or seeing that such is developed.

(g) Act as an ex-officio member of all committees.

(h) Initiate action on all complaints that come before the WVAA either by individuals or clubs that are affiliated with the WVAA

(3) **Vice-President (Tournament)**

(a) Shall be second in command and shall perform the duties of the President if the President is unable to act.

(b) Shall be responsible for developing and conducting all WVAA tournaments, except the Bowhunter Jamborees.

(4) Vice-President (Bowhunting)

(a) Shall perform the duties of the President if the President and Tournament Vice-President are unable to act.

(b) Shall be responsible for developing and conducting the WVAA Bowhunter Jamborees.

(c) Shall Co-ordinate all bowhunting activities for the WVAA including the distribution of the WVAA Big Game Patch and co-ordination of the WVAA Bowhunting Awards Program.

(d) Shall see that the WVAA is represented at conservation meetings held within the state, i.e., by the Department of Natural Resources and the West Virginia Wildlife Federation, etc.

(e) Shall be knowledgeable of legislation and how it could affect bowhunters.

(5) Secretary/Treasurer and Classification Officer

(a) Shall conduct the affairs of the WVAA in accordance with the policies established by the Club Representatives.

(b) Shall operate the administrative offices and supervise the affairs of the WVAA.

(c) Shall collect dues and fees for both the NFAA and WVAA and forward promptly to the NFAA all monies collected for them and deposit all other monies to the credit of the WVAA.

(e) Shall record minutes of all WVAA meetings and forward the results to Club Representatives and Board members, not in attendance.

(f) Shall distribute the WVAA newsletter "Field Notes" to each WVAA member upon each publication.

(g) Shall prepare and distribute an annual financial report to all Club Representatives and Board Members, preferably two weeks before the WVAA annual meeting. (Closed meeting).

(h) Shall obtain the approval of the BODC on any expenditure unusual to the normal operating expenses of the WVAA.

(i) Shall issue to each club affiliating with the WVAA, this charter, to be dated from January 1 to December 31 regardless of affiliation date. This charter shall have the WVAA emblem and shall be signed by the WVAA executive officers.

U) Shall Distribute copies of the WVAA Constitution and By-Laws to all affiliated club secretaries for distribution to each WVAA head of house.

(k) Shall be responsible for having supplements to the Constitution & By-Laws printed and distributed every second year and completely revising and redistributing the entire document every fourth year if necessary.

(l) Shall assume any additional duties as deemed necessary by the WVAA and NFAA.

(6) NFAA State Director

(a) Shall be certified and fully empowered to act for the WVAA on all issues presented before the NFAA Board of Directors.

- (b) Shall be the liaison for the WVAA to the NFAA.
- (c) Shall be responsible to present all NFAA proposals, policies and national meeting results to the Club Representatives and BODC.
- (d) Shall administer all range approvals for the WVAA to the NFAA.
- (e) Shall keep records of all current WVAA clubs.

(7) Alternate NFAA State Director

- (a) Shall perform the duties of the State Director if this delegate is unable to carry out his/her duties.

ARTICLE XIII ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

(1) Elections shall be held for WVAA President, Vice-President(Tournament & Bowhunting), NFAA State Director, Alternate State Director and 3 Board of Directors Councilmen.

(a) Nominations must be submitted to the association secretary by **June 1st** of each election year, in order for the secretary to have enough time to inform each club of the upcoming elections and the nominees running for office, so they will have time to decide who they want to vote for and to inform their Club Representative on how they want them to vote.

(b) If there are no nominations by the deadline of June 1st, then the BODC will conduct nominations for the election which will be held at the WVAA annual meeting.(State Closed). If no nominations other than the slate are given, a motion must be forthcoming then to accept the slate by acclamation.

(c) Officers shall take office January 1st following the election and leave office December 31st at the end of their terms.

(d) No records of elections shall be destroyed for a period of two years. They may be inspected at any time by a Club Representative from any WVAA club or BODC member.

(e) Absentee ballots are acceptable from any Club Representative for an election, providing they are received prior to the election.

(f) A majority vote of the Club Representatives present at an election meeting will elect officers.

(g) Elections for President, Secretary/Treasurer(combined), NFAA State Director, Alternate State Director and 3 BODC councilmen shall be held **on "ODD Number Years"**.

(h) Elections for Vice-President(Tournament & Bowhunting), shall be held on **"EVEN Numbered Years"**.

(2) The terms of office for all WVAA officers, Directors and BODC shall be **for two years**.

ARTICLE XIV
FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the WVAA shall begin on January 1§\ concurrent with the NFAA fiscal year. Individual membership shall run according to the NFAA membership expiration date.

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WEST VIRGINIA ARCHERY ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE I
COMMITTEES**

1. The WVAA President may appoint committees to serve as they are needed.
2. The WVAA Vice-Presidents, (Tournament & Bowhunting), may appoint committees to assist in planning or developing activities as they are needed.

**ARTICLE II
FINANCES, FEES AND DUES**

A. MEMBERSHIP

1. All monies shall be submitted to the WVAA secretary/treasurer. When paying by check, make payable to the WVAA or NFAA, for whichever situation is applicable.
2. According to the NFAA By-Laws, Article XVIII, Section A, Para. 2, Page 78, a club must have a minimum of (5) NFAA head of house members and be approved by the WVAA and it's Director to become affiliated with the NFAA.
3. **Master Senior Membership:** All memberships for members age 65 and older are free. See the WVAA Constitution, Article VI, Section 3, Para.(d), page 5.
4. Family children, (all memberships) , 18 years of age or older must pay the same as an adult or head of house (individual) membership.
5. **Club Affiliation Fees:** \$40 + 5 HOH (\$25 NFAA + \$15 WVAA)
 - a. Late fees: \$5.00 after January 1st.
6. **Individual, Family and Non-Resident membership:**
 - a. NFAA/WVAA membership dues will be accepted by the NFAA at anytime during the year and run for one year from the date dues are paid. **Make checks payable to NFAA.**
7. **NFAA/WVAA MEMBERSHIP (Tournament and Bowhunting):**
 - a. Individual: \$50 HOH; (\$35 NFAA + \$15 WVAA).
 - b. 2nd & 3rd Family members: (Under 18 yrs. Old), \$10 ea. (\$5 NFAA + \$5 WVAA)
 - c. 4th or more: Free.

B. TOURNAMENTS

1. Tournament Pre-Registration and Late Fees:

- a. All tournaments (except Bowhunter shoots) will be pre-registered shoots. Pre-registration deadline will be the **Saturday one week before the tournament.**
- b. Late fees apply at the tournament.
- c. Make checks payable to the WVAA.

2. All WVAA Tournament Entry Fees:

- a. \$20 (HOH); \$10 (2nd family member); \$5 (3rd family member); 4 or more free.
- b. \$35 Family
- c. Family additional styles: \$12 (HOH); \$8 (2nd family member); \$4 (3rd member.).
- d. \$12 (HOH) (Individual) each extra style shot at the Indoor.

3. Late Fees: \$5.00 per person, all pre-registered tournaments.

- a. No late fees to guest division shooters.

4. Team Event Fees:

- a. Club Teams: \$10.00 per team.
- b. Husband & wife team: \$8.00 per team.

5. Tournament Bid Fees: \$30.00 per event.

6. Registration Disbursements :

- a. All tournaments: 50% to host club.

C. OFFICER EXPENSES

1. In recognition of services to be rendered for the WVAA, the President, Vice-Presidents, (Tournament & Bowhunting), Secretary/Treasurer, (3) BODC and NFAA Director shall be exempt from WVAA tournament fees and membership dues in the WVAA/NFAA while they are in office. (02) .

2. The WVAA officers, NFAA Board member and (3) BODC shall receive 35 cents per mile travel when attending to business for the WVAA.

3. The NFAA Board member shall receive 35 cents per mile when attending NFAA Sectional and National meetings. The same privileges will be accorded the Alternate Board member if he/she has to be called upon to fill in for the regular delegate.

4. The (3) BODC shall receive 35 cents per mile plus meals when attending WVAA meetings.

5. Expenditure Allowances

a. Allowances for the WVAA President, Tournament Vice-President and Secretary shall not exceed \$450 per year.

b. Allowances for the Bowhunter Vice-President and NFAA Director shall not exceed \$300 per year.

c. No WVAA officer shall exceed their allowance without prior approval of the WVAA Secretary/Treasurer .

6. **WVAA Secretary Salary:** The WVAA Secretary shall receive a salary of 50 cents for each current member enrolled in the WVAA plus 50 cents for each WVAA member issued an NFAA Classification card.

D. GENERAL

1. **Office Expenses:** Expenses for office supplies, postage, stamps, phone calls etc; shall be used as necessary in the execution of the office of WVAA Secretary/Treasurer.

2. **Expenses** for meeting room reservations and refreshments, for the WVAA meetings will be incurred by the WVAA.

3. **Individual "No Club Membership:** The WVAA encourages all individuals to affiliate through a club in the WVAA. However any person wishing to affiliate directly with the WVAA or NFAA instead of through a club in their area of residence, may do so upon payment of current dues.

4. **Awards:** The WVAA shall be responsible for supplying awards for all programs and activities of the Association.

ARTICLE III STYLES, CLASS AND DIVISIONS

A. STYLES:

1. The WVAA will follow the Regulations governing each style in the NFAA Constitution and By- Laws.

B. CLASS:

1. The WVAA recognizes the flight system outlined in the NFAA Constitution and By-Laws

C. DIVISIONS:

1. The WVAA recognizes all Divisions outline in the NFAA Constitution and By-Laws

ARTICLE V BIDS

A. Bids to host WVAA tournaments must be submitted, in writing and signed by the club executive officers, along with the proper fees, to the WVAA secretary no later than **July 15th each year.**

1. Bids shall contain the specific shoots the club wishes to bid on and the dates they intend to hold them, following the guidelines for times of the year set down by this association in Article VI of these By-Laws. The WVAA Club Representatives shall then:

2. Award bids for all WVAA annual tournaments by a majority vote of the representatives present at the WVAA Annual meeting.

3. Bids shall be awarded separately for the Indoor, 810 & 900 American Rounds and Bowhunter Jamborees, and together for the Open and Closed tournaments.

B. No club may bid on WVAA annual tournaments unless they are an affiliated club, in good standing, with the NFAA and WVAA and can supply practice areas, bathrooms, concessions and camping space where applicable.

C. Requirements

1. The **WVAA Open and Closed** shall be held on a WVAA affiliated club range that has a minimum of 14 targets and a course approval rating of 2 star or better.

2. The site of the **WVAA Indoor** shall have a minimum of 20 target butts, each one capable of handling 4 official NFAA indoor targets, a minimum 20" shooting lane width.

3. The site of the **810 & 900 American Round** tournaments shall have a minimum of 18 target butts/mats of 48" diameter set on tripods/stands for the adult archers.

D. Clubs unable to host a tournament shall forfeit the bid for that particular event unless:

1. A substitute club can be found. If a club is found, 1/3 of the bid fee shall be forfeit to defray the cost of notifying all clubs of the change.

2. In the opinion of a majority vote of the Club Representatives present at a meeting, the host club is not at fault for cancelling, then the bid money shall be returned in full.

ARTICLE VI TOURNAMENTS AND TEAMS

A. The WVAA sponsors 9 annual tournaments each year. The Vegas, Indoor, Open 600, Spring Bowhunter Jamboree, Open, 810 & 900 American Rounds, Closed and State 3D Championship.

1. Indoor - A 2 day event to be shot on Saturday and Sunday if needed. The round shall be the NFAA indoor round and will be shot in 4 flight times on Saturday, 9:00, 12:30, 4:00 and 7:00, and Sunday at 9:00am if needed. **All Tournaments shall follow:**

NFAA Constitution and By-Laws

2. Open and Closed: A one day event to be held Saturday or Sunday.

3. The rounds to be shot shall be **the NFAA Field and Hunter Rounds. Start Time 9 am** **All Tournaments shall follow:**

NFAA Constitution and By-Laws

4. 810 & 900 American Round: A one day event to be held on Saturday or Sunday The round to be shot will be the American Round as described in the NFAA By- Laws. Start time 10am **All Tournaments shall follow:**

NFAA Constitution and By-Laws

5. **Bowhunter Jamboree and 3-D State Championship:** See Bowhunter Section X.

B. Team Events: The WVAA shall conduct 4 person team (club) and Husband and Wife team events at the Open and Closed tournaments. The following rules shall apply:

1. 4 Person Team Event

- a. The WVAA shall recognize team champions in FS, FSL, BB, BHFS, BHFSL, BH, and Traditional styles.
- b. Four archers constitute a team, men and/or women through young adult. Youth and cub will not be eligible.
- c. All members of a team must be members of the same club. Archers belonging to more than one club must shoot on their "home team" first (the club through which they are affiliated with the NFAA), if that club has a team of the archers style entered. If their home team does not have a team entered, then the archer, after verifying proof of membership in whatever manner is acceptable to the tournament committee, may compete with another team.
- d. In forming teams, clubs may mix style, however styles may move up but not down. Order of listing shall be, FS, BHFS, FSL, FITA, BHFSL, BB, BH and Traditional.
- e. Fees must be paid and teams entered before the tournament begins.
- f. Champions shall be determined by the total team aggregate of the scores.

2. Husband and Wife Team Event

- a. The WVAA shall recognize 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in this event.
- b. Styles and classes will not be recognized.
- c. Total aggregate score will determine winners.
- d. Fees must be paid and teams entered before the tournament begins.

ARTICLE VII GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. No archer may Compete in WVAA annual tournaments unless they are members , in good standing, with the WVAA/NFAA

3. For all WVAA tournaments, **All Tournaments shall follow:**
NFAA Constitution and By-Laws

B. Archers may **not** shoot the same style twice in a tournament unless it is advertised as a multiple registration tournament.

C. The dates for WVAA annual tournaments will not conflict with National and Sectional tournaments.

- D.** The WVAA will be in charge of all procedures and registrations at all annual tournaments. Shoots are on regardless of the weather.
- F.** Archers unable to attend a tournament they have pre-registered for, may receive a refund if requested within 15 days after the tournament. There will be no refunds to archers who have started shooting when the tournament begins.
- G.** All participants must shoot his/her class score to be eligible for an award at all WVAA annual tournaments, excluding bowhunter shoots. In case of inclement weather, this rule may be waved at the discretion of the tournament committee.
- H.** No alcoholic beverages will be permitted on a range, (outdoor or indoor), during competition.
- a. A written and signed complaint, if upheld by the tournament committee, will result in immediate disqualification from a tournament. Complaints shall be signed by two participants and filed with the tournament director as soon as possible on the day of the infraction.
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- I.** Host clubs shall provide scorecards and targets along with the requirements outlined in Article V on bids.
- J.** All protests will be submitted in writing no later than one hour after shooting for the day at the Open and Closed, or the end of a flight for the Indoor or when changing yardages at the 810 or 900 American round. The tournament committee, which consists of the BODC members present, will act on said protest as soon as possible, but no later than one hour after shooting is done for the day. A \$10.00 protest fee will accompany the protest. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld, but forfeited to the WVAA if rejected. All decisions by the tournament will be final.
- K.** At all WVAA annual tournaments, archers may not shoot the same style/class twice unless it is advertised as a multiple registration event.
1. Archers may shoot more than one style at the Indoor if space is available after accommodating archers who have not shot. Archers shooting more than one style must register both ways before their first scoring arrow is shot or the second registration will not be allowed.
2. The Open, Closed, 810 and 900 rounds shall be single registration only.
3. The Bowhunter Jamboree and State 3D Championship shall be single registration per day.

L. Manufacturers, factory reps or dealers wishing to promote their products at WVAA annual tournaments or 3D shoots shall apply for authorization through the President of the WVAA. This includes monetary promotion, display booths, etc.

O. The members of the Board of Directors Council must be members, in good standing, of the NFAA/WVAA in order to hold office in the WVAA.

a. Club Representatives and their alternates must be members, in good standing, of the WVAA.

P. All archers must be members of the NFAA in order to compete in All WVAA tournaments.

ARTICLE VIII PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

A. The WVAA shall recognize the professional member by the creation of a Pro Division at all WVAA annual tournaments, except the Bowhunter shoots.

The WVAA shall recognize the Sectional and National Pro and the NFAA rules governing this division will be in effect except for the following WVAA rules.

1. Pro members shall shoot the tournaments as advertised . No special rounds will be made available for this division in particular.

2. Pros shall support WVAA tournaments by the payment of the advertised entry fees plus a pro purse of \$15.00. The pro purse fees shall be returned in prize money 100%. Monetary donation solicited for this division shall be considered part of the pro purse and shall be distributed accordingly.

3. In addition to prize money, an award shall be presented to the winner in this division.

4. Pros shall compete in the Pro division even if only one member registers for a tournament.

5. Scorecards signed and turned in as correct shall stand. Any discrepancies found after this has been done shall not be considered.

6. All Pro shooters shall be bound by WVAA rules while competing in WVAA tournaments. Decisions made by the tournament committee shall be final.

ARTICLE IX AWARDS

A. The WVAA shall supply the awards for all programs and activities of the association, including the annual tournaments and bowhunting activities. In addition the WVAA shall:

1. Provide a (Mr., Mrs., Miss,([Mr. & Mrs.]), Archery award based on dedication to archery work done in the past year to benefit the sport. This award will be presented when and if the WVAA BODC feel that it is appropriate and in order.

- a. Any individual, club, league or association, in writing to the state secretary, stating why the nominee should receive this honor, may make nomination for this award.
 - b. The BODC of the WVAA shall judge all nominations and a majority vote will be the basis for acceptance or rejection. Only WVAA members will be considered for this award.
2. Present a plaque to its immediate past executive officers in recognition of services rendered in fulfilling the duties of office for the terms they served.
 3. Use the "Unit Rule" as described in the NFAA By-Laws to determine how many awards will be distributed in each class/flight at tournaments.
 - a. The Unit Rule is: One award for 1 - 3 archers; Two awards for 3 - 6 archers; Three awards for 7 or more archers in a class/flight.
 4. Present an award to the archer that accumulates the highest aggregate score for the Indoor, Open, 810 & 900 Round and Closed tournaments of the WVAA.
 5. Present an NFAA State Champion patch, in addition to the regular award, to all champions at the WVAA Closed Tournament.
 6. Present all Youth, Cub and Peewee archers an award for their participation in the WVAA annual tournaments.
 7. Present a first place award to the archer who shoots the highest scratch score in the NFAA guest division at any WVAA annual tournament.
 8. Present an award to the championship team, in the team event, at the Open and Closed tournament, in FS, FSL, BHFS, BHFSL, BB, BH and Traditional.
 9. Present 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards in the Husband & Wife team events at the WVAA Open and Closed tournaments.

ARTICLE X WVAA BOWHUNTER

- A.** The WVAA shall recognize the WVAA Bowhunter each year by implementing special awards for hunting skill, in the field, and by organizing and conducting 3D jamborees and a 3d State Shoot for their benefit and archers in general.
- B.** Any archer that affiliates with the NFAA through the WVAA or any archer that joins the WVAA only, is a WVAA Bowhunter under the rules of the WVAA and is entitled to all of the privileges of the WVAA Bowhunter
 - 1. 3D Jamboree & 3D State Championships**
 - a. Each shall be a one day tournament
 - 2. Rules**
 - a. The shoots shall be shot on a minimum of (28) 3D animals on an unmarked range.

- b. The host club must be a WVAA club with an approved, (NFAA / WVAA BODC), 3D range with concessions, bathroom facilities and camping space available if applicable.
- c. Ranges may not be shot or walked before the shoot starts.
- d. Registration shall be casual from 9:00am to 1:00p m. Groups shall be determined by the shoot committee.
- e. Archers will shoot only one arrow per 3D animal.
- f. Scoring will be determined by the shoot committee.
- g. Arrows must touch the line of the highest scoring area in order to score the higher value.
- h. All NFAA styles shall be recognized .
- i. Archers will shoot in groups of 3 or 4. No less or no more.
- j. Yardages may not be discussed while on the range and shooters must rotate at shooting first on each target.
- k. Rangefinders, rangefinding sights, spotting scopes or any other device that is used to figure yardage, in the opinion of the tournament committee, will not be allowed at any time.
- l. When shooting, archers shall touch the marker/stake on each target.
- m. Awards will be distributed using the flight system and the NFAA unit rule.
- n. In case of ties, archers will shoot-off The shoot committee will determine the shoot-off
- o. Entry fees will be determined by the WVAA.

C. Bowhunting Awards

a. Bowhunting awards are available free to each WVAA member each year. Applications must be turned in to the Bowhunting Vice-President within 90 days of harvest. Applications may be obtained from the BH Vice-President.

1. Rules

a. Eligibility for bowhunting awards requires all applicants to be WVAA members and have harvested game in WV or the member's resident state, but not both states. Game preserves do not count. The decision of the BODC will be final.

b. **Bowhunter of the Year:** Given to the bowhunter who has compiled the highest total bowhunter points for the year.

c. **Big Buck Award:** Given to the hunter who harvests a deer with the highest scoring rack as scored by an official Pope and Young measurer or an official measurer of the WV Dept of Natural Resources. The check-in tag, a picture,(if possible), the name and phone number of both the scorer and one witness must accompany this application. The scorer must also sign the big game application. The WVAA BH Director will keep these records on file for a period of at least two years.

d. A "Big Game Patch" will be awarded to each WVAA bowhunter who harvests a bear, deer, turkey, bobcat or boar each year. Limit of one patch per species each year.

e. A " Club Big Game Award" shall be given to the WVAA club that harvests the most big game each year. Each club secretary will be responsible for keeping accurate records.

f. All game applications may be obtained from the WVAA secretary or respective club secretaries and must be filed with the BH Vice-President within 90 days of the harvest of game in order to be eligible for an award.

BOWHUNTER POINT LIST

Doe Deer 50	Black Bear 75	Bobcat 75	Spring Turkey 80
Button Buck 50	Boar 75	Fox 50	Fall Turkey 70

Antlered Buck 60 P & Y size: 10 Bonus pts B & C size: 20 Bonus pts.

SMALL GAME

1. All small animals / birds / fish listed below shall be limited to 3 of each species each year, except for "game" animals / birds / fish which limits shall be governed by the game laws of the areas where they are harvested. It is understood that bowhunters shall take all species of game within the hunting rules of fair chase.

Hare (snowshoe)	8	Ruffed Grouse	10	Turtles (Snapping)	6
Rabbit (cottontail)	6	Quail (bobwhite)	10	Poisonous Snake	6
Squirrel (albino)	10	Geese (Canadian)	10	Bull Frog	3
Squirrel (black)	8	Duck (all)	10	Gar	6
Squirrel (Fox)	5	Mourning Dove	8	Carp (all)	3
Squirrel (Grey)	4	Woodcock	5	Opossum	3
Groundhog	6	Crow	5	Common Snipe	4
Raccoon	6	Gallinules	4	European Starling	2
Skunk	4				

2. The WVAA will award a jacket to the WVAA bowhunter who accumulates 750 bowhunter points. There is no time limit. The BH Vice-President shall keep records.