

CONSTITUTION  
AND  
BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
MISSISSIPPI STATE ARCHERY ASSOCIATION  
Revised Edition

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## ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Mississippi State Archery Association, indicated in the abbreviation as M.S.A.A.

## ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

- A. To unite the archery clubs of Mississippi into one organized unit that will work more uniformly and effectively in conformance with the will of a majority of the membership.
- B. To provide the basic plan by which individual archers may join together to form local clubs to regulate the sport within Mississippi in order to hold membership in the State and National Organizations.
- C. To foster, expand, promote and perpetuate the practice of Field Archery and other archery games as the association may adopt and enforce uniform rules established by N.F.A.A. and M.S.A.A.
- D. To encourage the use of the bow in the hunting of all legal game birds and animals and to protect, improve and increase hunting with a bow and arrow.
- E. To conduct a continuous educational program designed to acquaint the public and the archer with the use of the bow as a recreation and a weapon suitable for hunting all legal game.
- F. To conduct tournaments to determine state championships in all archery games adopted by the association and to provide sanctioned tournaments held by league, club, and state levels.
- G. To cooperate with the federal agencies, state agencies, sportsmen and conservation organizations in the propagation and preservation of game and its natural habitat.
- H. To foster and perpetuate a spirit of good fellowship and sportsmanship among all archers.
- I. To evolve and conduct programs that will give recognition to archers for proficiency with the bow and arrow in all sanctioned competition.
- J. To regularly inform each member, in good standing, as to the major problems and issues affecting the sport of archery.



### ARTICLE III: AFFILIATION

Section 1. The M.S.A.A. shall be affiliated with the National Field Archery Association.

### ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of the Mississippi State Archery Association shall have two categories; A. Club and B. Individual.

- A. Club Membership: Club membership shall be granted to clubs that support and abide by the rules and principles of the M.S.A.A. upon payment of proper affiliation fees and dues as established by M.S.A.A. and N.F.A.A.
- B. Individual Membership: Individual membership shall be granted as follows:
  - (1) To Mississippi residents who are N.F.A.A. members in good standing upon payment of M.S.A.A. dues.
  - (2) To residents of adjacent N.F.A.A. affiliated states provided a reciprocal non-resident membership agreement, with the state involved, is in effect. Dues for non-resident members will be the same as local residents.

Section 2. The title categories for individual membership shall be as follows:

- A. Regular membership shall be granted to individuals who meet the qualifications outlined in Section 1 above.
- B. Honorary memberships, with exemptions from regular M.S.A.A. fees and dues, may be granted for exceptional merit and service at the recommendation and majority vote of Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE V: CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. In order to be granted membership in the M.S.A.A. a club must:

- A. Have a minimum of five N.F.A.A. members.
- B. Make application, in triplicate, to the state secretary with a payment of \$15.00 for N.F.A.A. and M.S.A.A. charter fee.
- C. Recognize that M.S.A.A. and N.F.A.A. membership and classification will be waived only at:
  - (1) Closed club shoots.
  - (2) Special events conducted for the sole purpose of membership promotion.
  - (3) Special events conducted in conjunction with Bowhunter Jamborees, Bowhunter Education Programs, etc.
  - (4) In a guest division not shooting for awards. (No award shall be presented.)

NOTE: Special events mentioned in sub paragraphs (2) and (3) above will be limited to one event per calendar year.

## ARTICLE VI: LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

### Section 1. Club.

- A. Failure to abide by the rules and regulations of the M.S.A.A. or any other action deemed detrimental to the success of M.S.A.A. and N.F.A.A.
- B. Failure to pay membership fees and dues within deadlines established by the M.S.A.A. Board of Directors.

### Section 2. Individual Membership.

Any category of individual membership may be expelled for court convictions of Felonies, membership in subversive organizations, violation of Federal and State game laws and may be expelled or suspended for misconduct, contumacious conduct, poor sportsmanship and failure to abide by the rules and regulations of the M.S.A.A.

Section 3. Action to expell or suspend any category of individual membership shall be initiated in writing and submitted to the M.S.A.A. President and the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Action to expell or suspend any category of membership shall be sustained upon approval by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors; otherwise, the action will be nullified, and the category of membership exonerated.

## ARTICLE VII: REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The automatic suspension of membership shall be lifted and the membership reinstated when the offending membership has furnished bona fide proof that the offending condition has been purged.

Section 2. Any agency authorized to initiate action for expulsion or suspension may initiate action for the reinstatement of any category of membership that is in suspension. This action must be submitted in writing to the M.S.A.A. President and furnish sufficient data to enable the Board of Directors to determine whether or not the offending conditions have been purged.

Section 3. Action to reinstate any category of membership shall be sustained upon approval by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VIII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Ex-Officio Board Member (immediate past president), N.F.A.A. Director and one elected representative per associated club.

- A. Term of office for elected representatives shall coincide for their term of office.



- B. Election of officers shall be as follows: The president shall appoint a nominating committee chairman who will call a meeting of the Board of Directors at the M.S.A.A. State Field Championship Shoot. They shall nominate a slate of officers by August 31. A maximum of (1) nominee per office per committee member. All nominees must be contacted and their consent be obtained before being offered for nomination. Election of officers from the nominees shall be by mail ballot to M.S.A.A. membership by October 31. Candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner.
- C. Election results will be certified at the annual M.S.A.A. meeting during the last weekend in September. New officers will begin their term at the conclusion of the annual meeting.

Section 2. The Board of Directors being the fully constituted governing body of the M.S.A.A. shall be responsible to the collective membership of the M.S.A.A. for the performance of the following functions.

- A. Meet at a time and place agreed upon by the Board of Directors.
- B. Consider and vote upon all proposed changes to the M.S.A.A. constitution and by-laws.
- C. Conduct deliberations in accordance with Roberts Rule of Order, whether in session or by mail.
- D. Authorize the treasurer to pay bills incurred as the result of routine operations and major expenditures approved by the Board of Directors.
- E. Establish regions as the need arises.
- F. Establish annually fees, dues, and other sources of revenue required to defray operating expenses; establish reserve funds required to defray operating expenses.
- G. Establish policy and procedures to be followed in dealing with other archery organizations and with all other agencies affecting the M.S.A.A.

#### ARTICLE IX: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and N.F.A.A. Director.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall within the limitations and policies set by the Board of Directors, be empowered to act upon such affairs that are incident to the normal day to day operation of M.S.A.A.

## ARTICLE X: ROSTER OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the M.S.A.A. shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer (Office combined) and N.F.A.A. Director.

Section 2. The term of office for the officers of the M.S.A.A. shall be as follows: The President and Vice President shall be one (1) year and they may succeed themselves for one term. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for two (2) years and may succeed himself indefinitely. The N.F.A.A. Director shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for a two (2) year term.

Section 3. The duties of the officers of the M.S.A.A. shall be as follows:

- A. The President shall act as the chairman of the Board of Directors and shall:
  - (1) Preside at the regular meetings of the Board of Directors and at special meetings of the Board of Directors as required.
  - (2) Conduct meetings in strict accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.
  - (3) Appoint necessary committees within the M.S.A.A. Board of Directors and M.S.A.A. membership to expedite the activities and objectives of the M.S.A.A.
- B. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President when the President is unable to act.
- C. The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall consist of:
  - (1) General administration of the fiscal affairs of the association.
  - (2) Preparing correspondence, publishing official notices and reports and maintaining records and files.
  - (3) Conducting the affairs of the association in accordance with the programs and policies established by the Board of Directors and the National Field Archery Association.
  - (4) Performing such other duties as may be directed by the Board of Directors.
  - (5) Preparing financial statements and other reports as required.
  - (6) Preparing bulletins indicating the results of all state championship tournaments.
- D. The National Field Archery Association Director will maintain liaison between the National Field Archery Association and the Mississippi State Archery Association members.
  - (1) He will attend National Board of Directors Meetings and represent the majority of M.S.A.A. members in all matters.
  - (2) He will process Charter Applications submitted by state clubs, inspect ranges (courses) as required and issue Course Rating Certificates.
  - (3) The N.F.A.A. Director is empowered to enforce all N.F.A.A. rules and regulations.



- (4) Approved expenses related to attending National Directors Meetings will be reimbursed.
- (5) In the absence of the National Director the duties and responsibilities of that position will be assumed by the M.S.A.A. President.

#### ARTICLE XI: COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President of the M.S.A.A. shall appoint committees to perform tasks as required to further M.S.A.A. objectives.

Section 2. All committees shall make reports at periodic M.S.A.A. Board of Directors meetings.

#### ARTICLE XII: AWARDS

The current system of issuing awards shall be continued until changed by the M.S.A.A. Board of Directors and shall be in accordance with N.F.A.A. where applicable.

#### ARTICLE XIII: RANGE APPROVAL

Range approval and inspection will be administered by the M.S.A.A. according to system and standards established by the N.F.A.A.

#### ARTICLE XIV: FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the M.S.A.A. shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE XV: AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered, amended or revised by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting providing two weeks written notice is given to M.S.A.A. membership. Revisions will not be made on any other occasion.

#### ARTICLE XVI: BY-LAWS

The M.S.A.A. shall adopt as its by-laws the following:

Section 1. Playing rules and regulations of the game of Field Archery as established by N.F.A.A. and any other games employing the use of bow and arrow as adopted by the M.S.A.A.

Section 2. Specific detailed rules and regulations pertinent to the operation of M.S.A.A. such as fees and dues, annual championship tournament, annual convention and other regulations necessary.

#### ARTICLE XVII: ADOPTION

Adoption shall be determined by the M.S.A.A. Board of Directors.



## BY-LAWS TO M.S.A.A. CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I: FEES AND DUES

#### Section 1. Club Fees

- A. Original Charter Fee
  - (1) M.S.A.A. \$ 5.00
  - (2) N.F.A.A. \$10.00
- B. Annual Renewal Charter Fee
  - (1) M.S.A.A. \$5.00
  - (2) N.F.A.A. \$5.00
- C. Range Approval
  - (1) N.F.A.A. \$10.00 (No fee will be charged if range is inspected and approved within the four month period following the effective date of the club charter)
  - (2) Range approval will expire 2 years from the date of issue.
  - (3) N.F.A.A. Director will be reimbursed 15 cents per mile for cost of travel involved in inspecting the club range.

#### Section 2. Membership Dues

- A. M.S.A.A. and N.F.A.A. are combined
  - (1) Individual \$21.00
  - (2) Family (two) \$26.00
  - (3) Each additional family member after two \$2.50 (\$28.50 maximum)
  - (4) Individual junior membership \$14.00
- B. A family is defined as head of household, spouse, and all dependents under 18 years of age.
- C. Membership dues, both state and national, may be remitted to the state secretary or directly to N.F.A.A. Headquarters.

#### Section 3. Tournament Entry Fees

M.S.A.A. Championship Tournaments - See Annex D

#### Section 4. General Rules on Fees

- A. M.S.A.A. fees and dues may be adjusted according to change in N.F.A.A. dues.
- B. The M.S.A.A. Board of Directors may recommend and submit to the membership changes in M.S.A.A. membership dues.
- C. Dues become effective on the anniversary date of the original membership.
- D. Dues may be paid directly to the N.F.A.A.  
Applications for membership must include: NAME, SEX, SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, MAILING ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND AFFILIATE CLUB.

## ARTICLE II: COMPETITOR CATEGORIES

Section 1. Style: Refers to the type of shooting equipment used by the archer, i.e., freestyle, freestyle limited, barebow, competitive bowhunter, bowhunter freestyle or bowhunter freestyle limited. These shall be in accordance with N.F.A.A. rules.

Section 2. Division: Refers to the separation of competitive archers by category, i.e., adult, junior or professional, as established by N.S.A.A.

Section 3. Age and sex: Refers to the division of competitive archers according to age and sex, i.e., adult, young adult, youth or cub and male or female.

### Section 4. Class and Flight

- A. The classification system for grouping competitors by skill level will not be employed during the state championship tournaments.
- B. The handicapping system will not be employed during the state championship tournaments, although tournament officials are responsible for recording tournament scores on handicap cards. Recorded scores will be based on 28 targets (field, hunter or a combination of the two).
- C. Each category of competitors (as determined by style, sex and age, numbering more than seven) will be divided into flights. The organization of flights will be in accordance with Annex A (Flight and Awards Chart).
- D. The aggregate match score will be the basis for organizing competitors into flights.

## ARTICLE III: ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

Section 1. All M.S.A.A. annual championship tournament dates shall be determined by the board of directors at the first meeting of the fiscal year. All clubs to be notified of dates.

Section 2. The M.S.A.A. annual championship tournaments shall be:

- A.. Indoor Tournament
- B. Target Tournament
- C. Field Tournament
- D. Necedah Tournament - See Annex B (Necedah Rules)

Section 3. Mississippi residents must be current M.S.A.A. and N.F.A.A. members to compete in all championship tournaments  
Out of state residents must be members of the N.F.A.A.



#### ARTICLE IV: AWARDS

Section 1. Awards will be presented to competitors in each division as defined by N.F.A.A. Rules (By style, age and sex).

Section 2. Awards will be presented to all age groups except cubs in accordance with Annex A (Flight and Awards Chart). All competing cubs will receive awards regardless of scores or relative standing.

Section 3. Out of state N.F.A.A. members will be allowed to compete, in M.S.A.A. Championship Matches, in a guest division with appropriate awards presented for each style.

#### ARTICLE V: STATE CHAMPIONS

State Champions will be recognized in each competitor division. The individual who accrues the most points, in each division, during the calendar year will be declared the champion in that division. Points will be awarded for all State Championship Matches and all Invitational Matches, sponsored by a sanctioned club, except the Necedah and 3 D events.

Points will be earned in each division as follows:

State Championships: First place - 5 points  
Second place - 4 points  
Third place - 3 points

MS Invitational Matches: First place - 3 points  
Second place - 2 points  
Third place - 1 point

Individuals who participate in less than 50% of the scheduled matches will not be considered for awards.

Appropriate awards will be presented to identify all adult champions. Champions in young adult, youth and cub age groups will be selected and will have the option of purchasing the awards.

#### ARTICLE VI: TOURNAMENT PROCEEDS

Proceeds derived from entry fees paid at state championship matches will be divided between the host club and the M.S.A.A. after tournament expenses have been deducted. Deductable expenses are limited to the cost of targets, printing, mailing, awards and other expenses that represent no residual assets to the club. The host club will present an accounting statement and remittance to the M.S.A.A. secretary at the close of the match. See ANNEC C (Work Sheet for Funds Accounting).

ANNEX A (Flight and Awards Chart) to M.S.A.A. By-Laws

No. of Shooters	CHAMP. FLIGHT		FLIGHT # 2		FLIGHT # 3		FLIGHT # 4		FLIGHT # 5	
	Shooters	Awards	Shooters	Awards	Shooters	Awards	Shooters	Awards	Shooters	Awards
1	1	1								
2	2	1								
3	3	1								
4	4	2								
5	5	2								
6	6	3								
7	7	3								
8	7	3	1	1						
9	7	3	2	1						
10	7	3	3	1						
11	7	3	4	2						
12	7	3	5	2						
13	7	3	6	2						
14	7	3	6	2	1	1				
15	7	3	6	2	2	1				
16	7	3	6	2	3	1				
17	7	3	6	2	4	2				
18	7	3	6	2	5	2				
19	7	3	6	2	6	2				
20	7	3	6	2	6	2	1	1		
21	7	3	6	2	6	2	2	1		
22	7	3	6	2	6	2	3	1		
23	7	3	6	2	6	2	4	2		
24	7	3	6	2	6	2	5	2		
25	7	3	6	2	6	2	6	2		
26	7	3	6	2	6	2	6	2	1	1
27	7	3	6	2	6	2	6	2	2	1
28	7	3	6	2	6	2	6	2	3	1



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ANNEX B (Necedah Rules) to M.S.A.A. By-Laws

1. The word "Necedah" in the language of some american indian tribes means "Prepare for the hunt". In keeping with the true spirit and meaning of the word, the rules for this match will allow competitors to use the same equipment that is used in hunting and prohibit equipment that is designed primarily for target shooting.

2. The Necedah will be shot on 40 targets. Targets may be 3 D, paper animals or a combination thereof. All paper targets will have dimensions corresponding to the range. Targets will be at unknown distances from 10 to 50 yards for all age groups except cubs. Cubs will shoot from ranges between 10 and 25 yards.

3. This event is open to all archers regardless of their equipment, however, all competitors will be classified bowhunter, bowhunter freestyle or bowhunter freestyle limited for the purpose of making awards. Shooting equipment for each style will be in accordance with N.F.A.A. rules with the following exceptions:

- a. Any sight may be used.
- b. Any stabilizer may be used.
- c. There is no limitation on anchor point or nocking point.
- d. There is no limitation on finger position.
- e. Adult and young adult men must use points weighing 125 grains or more. All others must use points weighing 100 grains or more.
- f. Binoculars may be used but no range finders with a lens or system of lenses will be allowed.

4. A maximum of 3 arrows will be shot on each target.

Scoring on animal targets will be as follows:

	1st Arrow	2nd Arrow	3rd Arrow
Kill	20	16	12
Wound	18	14	10

5. All N.F.A.A. rules for archery games will be observed with the exception of departures mentioned above.



ANNEX C (Work Sheet for Funds Accounting)

1. Club Expenses:

Targets \_\_\_\_\_

Printing \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing \_\_\_\_\_

Awards \_\_\_\_\_  
(out of state)

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Total of above expenses \_\_\_\_\_

3. Entry fees collected \_\_\_\_\_

4. Cost of state awards:

\_\_\_\_\_ Medals @ \_\_\_\_\_ ea. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Total club expenses (items 2 plus 4) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Profit to be divided (item 3 minus 5) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Amount paid to M.S.A.A.

Reimbursement for state awards \_\_\_\_\_

One half of profit (item 6) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Total to M.S.A.A. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Profit to M.S.A.A. (item 8 minus 4) \_\_\_\_\_

10. Profit to club (one half of item 6) \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Deductable club expenses are limited to expenditures necessary for the conduct of the match that results in no residual assets to the club.

Section 3. Tournament Entry Fees

# TOURNAMENT FEES

Fee (Dollars)

ADULT

YOUNG ADULT

YOUTH OR CUB

PARENT/1 DEP.

PARENT/2 DEP.

PARENT/3 OR MORE DEP.

HUSBAND & WIFE

HUSB/WIFE/1 DEP.

HUSB/WIFE/2 DEP.

HUSB/WIFE/3 + DEP.

	30	25	20		35	38	41	43	45
ADULT	X								
YOUNG ADULT		X							
YOUTH OR CUB			X						
PARENT/1 DEP.					X				
PARENT/2 DEP.						X			
PARENT/3 OR MORE DEP.							X		
HUSBAND & WIFE						X			
HUSB/WIFE/1 DEP.							X		
HUSB/WIFE/2 DEP.								X	
HUSB/WIFE/3 + DEP.									X

B. DEFINITIONS:

(1)

FAMILY = HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD, SPOUSE AND DEPENDENTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

(2)

PARENT = MOTHER, FATHER OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

(3)

DEPENDENTS = SONS, DAUGHTERS AND LEGAL DEPENDENTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

