

# MINNESOTA ARCHERS ALLIANCE (MAA)

## *Rules & Regulations*

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## ARTICLE 1: CODE OF ETHICS

- A. Each member of the MAA agrees to abide by this code of ethics and by the safety rules set forth by the NFAA and the USA Archery.
- B. Archers are responsible for their actions at any archery tournament or activity sponsored in whole or in part by the MAA. This responsibility applies especially to the results of any accidents involving their archery equipment, whether through negligence or malfunction.
- C. When a member pays their registration fee to a tournament, they automatically agree to abide by the rules of that tournament.
- D. Members will show respect to tournament officials and event staff. A member may question tournament officials and event staff civilly, but they must accept the official decision without argument or retaliatory remarks.
- E. The use of profane language or obscene gestures at any sanctioned archery activity, including outside Minnesota, is a violation of this Code of Ethics.
- F. Drinking any alcoholic beverage before or during sanctioned events or tournaments will cause said person to be asked to leave the range or archery activity. Failure to do so will constitute a violation of the Code of Ethics.
- G. MAA members will conduct themselves at all times in a manner that will bring respect and honor upon themselves, archery, and the MAA.
- H. All MAA members are required to report any and all violations of the Code of Ethics to the MAA board by contacting the MAA president ([president@themnaa.org](mailto:president@themnaa.org)).

A violation of any section of this Code of Ethics by an MAA member can result in a hearing before the executive board and possible expulsion from the MAA with forfeiture of all rights, privileges, remaining dues, and any monies owed. The MAA executive board reserves the right to refer any Code of Ethics violations to either or both of the national governing bodies.

## ARTICLE 2: MEMBERSHIP DUES

	Annual Dues
Individual membership	\$25.00
Each additional person in the household	\$10.00
Annual household maximum	\$50.00

Lifetime MAA dues are \$500 for an individual adult or \$600 for two adults in the same household. Youth are not eligible for lifetime membership.

MAA membership rules comply with the membership rules of NFAA and USA Archery. For further details, see the [MAA website](#).

## ARTICLE 3: TYPES OF TOURNAMENTS

The MAA sponsors the following annual tournaments;

- State USA Archery Indoor Championship held between January 1 and April 30.
- State USA Archery 25-Meter Championship held between January 1 and April 30.
- State NFAA Indoor Championship held between January 1 and April 30.
- State USA Archery Outdoor Championship – The Voyageur Cup, held between May 1 and September 30.
- State NFAA Field Championship held between May 1 and September 30.

## Additional Considerations

- A. All NFAA and USA Archery divisions are recognized within their respective tournament designations.
- B. The NFAA director will be the tournament chair at NFAA Tournaments. The USA Archery director will be the tournament chair at USA Archery tournaments. This chair is responsible for guiding the operation of the tournament and will make the final decision in any matter that is brought to his or her attention.
- C. All participants competing for awards in state tournaments must be members of the MAA. To be eligible to shoot for MAA/NFAA or USA Archery awards in MAA state tournaments the participant must demonstrate their NFAA or USA Archery affiliation through the state of Minnesota at or before the tournament registration. Guest archers may be allowed to participate in state tournaments but are not eligible for MAA, NFAA or USA Archery awards.
- D. Dates of MAA tournaments are set by the executive board by the end of the preceding calendar year. Tournament schedules are announced on the MAA website and through email to MAA members.
- E. The site and host club is selected by the executive board from bids presented to the secretary by the deadline announced after the tournament schedule is determined..
- F. The host location for each state tournament will receive fifty percent (50%) of the registration income. The host will supply all official targets. The MAA will supply awards.
- G. MAA is responsible for advertising the tournament, collecting all registrations, operating and officiating the tournament with proper personnel, and inspecting ranges. (Note: If the MAA and host agree, the host may elect to collect registrations, operate and officiate the tournament.) The MAA also provides all awards and promotional items such as t-shirts, caps, etc. and retains all profits from the sale of such items.
- H. Rules for conduct, scoring, and shooting procedures at the annual state tournaments are the MAA Code of Ethics and those rules adopted by the NFAA and/or USA Archery.

## ARTICLE 4: TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY

- For NFAA-affiliated events, the venue must have a current NFAA charter/inspection.
- Entrants must be in good standing and eligible to compete with their national organizations, subject to review by tournament officials
- Awards issued at a tournament are unofficial until the tournament report is published. Awards issued in error at a tournament are subject to recall
- Archers under the age of 16 must have a responsible adult (shooting or not shooting) who will accompany them on the range at state championships.
- All events are open to non-members, but non-members compete in a non-award guest category.

## **ARTICLE 5: AWARDS AND FLIGHT SYSTEM CLASSIFICATION**

The MAA flight system is as follows:

- A. Places will be awarded in a flight as follows:
  - a. Three (3) or fewer archers                      First Place
  - b. Four (4) to Six (6) archers                      First & Second Place
  - c. Seven (7) or more archers                      First, Second & Third Place
- B. Archers shall be arranged in flights according to total score and "X" count shot in the first round.
- C. The NFAA flight chart will be used to determine the number of flights for each age division and equipment class. When two or more tied scores appear at the flight break after tie breaking methods are applied, the archers tied will be placed at the bottom of the upper flight, without disturbing the remaining flights as originally established.
- D. The MAA will use the current NFAA flight chart as published on the NFAA web site as of each tournament date as the official flight chart for all NFAA rounds.
- E. This flight system is optional at the club level; however, it is more uniform if used by all clubs for local tournaments. Some clubs may elect to split flights evenly because of smaller participation.
- F. At all MAA tournaments, first, second, and third places will be awarded in youth divisions regardless of the number of participants.

## **ARTICLE 6: STATE CHAMPIONS**

- A. The champion archers at each state tournament are those members of MAA and the NFAA or USA Archery, who have the highest total score for their division.
- B. Champion archers are declared in all recognized divisions of the MAA.
- C. Definitions and regulations shall be in compliance with the NFAA handbook or USA Archery regulations for all classes.

## **ARTICLE 7: SHOOTER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

- A. Top Archer Awards are awarded to archers in the following categories:
  - a. Male/Female Recurve
  - b. Male/Female Compound
- B. The winner of the Shooter of the Year in each category shall be the archer with the highest total of “performance points” as determined by the Performance Method described at [archerytoolkit.net](http://archerytoolkit.net).
- C. The Shooter of the Year winner in each division will receive a minimum of \$300. Second place will receive a minimum of \$150 and third place will receive a minimum of \$75.
- D. There are no specific age requirements. Competitors must shoot the adult distances and rounds to earn points toward the competition.
- E. MAA membership is required to be eligible for the Shooter of the Year competition.
- F. In order to award a second place prize, there must be at least four competitors who record scores in a particular division during the year. A minimum of seven archers will be required in order to award a third place prize.
- G. There is no minimum number of events required to be eligible for the competition. Archers will use their four best events for their final performance points total. If an archer shoots fewer than four events, their total will be based on the performance points they earned at the events in which they participated.

## **ARTICLE 8: STATE RECORDS**

The MAA tracks state records for the following archery rounds:

- 18 meters (60 arrows)
- 25 meters (60 arrows)
- NFAA Indoor (one-day and two-day)
- Vegas 300 and 330
- NFAA Field, Hunter, and Animal rounds (amateur and professional)

- USA Archery ranking round (72 arrows at various distances according to age)

In order to qualify for a state record, an archer must be a member of the MAA at the time of the event and shoot the score at an MAA event in the state of Minnesota.

Individual state records will be recorded according to the actual age of the archer in the case where an archer is shooting up as a youth or shooting down as a senior/master as long as the shooting distance is consistent between the two divisions. For example, a cadet-aged archer shooting up in the junior division would have their record recorded in the cadet division.

## **ARTICLE 9: COMMITTEES**

- A. The president may appoint a committee for any needed purpose not part of the duties of the board of directors.
- B. Members of the MAA may serve on more than one committee.
- C. Rules Interpretation Committee (RIC):
  - a. The president may appoint a committee of four to serve as a Rules Interpretation Committee. The suggested committee will include the MAA president, the NFAA Minnesota director, the MAA secretary, and either the tournament chairman or another individual appointed by the president. When an USA Archery state level event is being held, the MAA/USA Archery representative will be a member of the RIC.
  - b. This committee interprets all rules questioned by the general membership. Decisions of the committee shall be binding on the state until ruled otherwise by the National RIC.
  - c. Decisions of the committee will rely heavily on the advice of the NFAA director in matters relating to NFAA rules and the USA Archery representative for USA Archery rules. The MAA will follow the guidelines of the national organizations related to creating RICs.
  - d. RIC decisions are encouraged to be made quickly but with due consideration.
  - e. Tournament protest fee is \$50 per protest paid in cash within 30 minutes of the dispute. The protest fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld and forfeited if the protest is denied.