

TENNESSEE ARCHERY ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS and STANDING RULES CONSTITUTION

As of January 1, 2022

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Tennessee Archery Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

This association shall be the governing body of organized archery in Tennessee; shall be the only such organization affiliated with National Field Archery Association; shall strive to promote archery, archery clubs, participation and competition and further the interest of the Tennessee Bow Hunter.

ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION AND BOARD

Section 1: The state board shall be composed of three elected officers from each of the grand divisions of the state.

Section 2: Nomination forms for TAA directors will be mailed to the membership in the month of January on every even year. You must be 18 years old to vote. The membership will have until the State Indoor shoot to return this form to the TAA secretary/treasurer or nominations may be made at the State Indoor Tournament. If for some reason there are not enough nominations for one division, TAA will nominate, and vote on, individuals to fill vacancies on Saturday of State Field.

Section 3: In the March- April issue of the ***Smoke Signal*** all names that have been nominated will appear on a ballot. In the event of 4 or more nominations for director in one division, each member should vote for 3. All signed and dated ballots must be received by the Secretary by 12 noon of the State Field Championship. Ballots may be mailed or hand delivered to the Secretary.

Section 4: The votes will be counted by the Secretary-Treasurer at the State Field tournament. Those elected to the next term will be announced on Saturday of the State Field, at Board of Directors meeting. The fall issue of the ***Smoke Signal*** will list the winners along with the count of votes.

Section 5: The state board shall elect from their number a State President and Vice-President. State officers will take office after the winners are announced on Saturday of the State International, at the Board of Directors meeting.

Section 6: The state board shall appoint an Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The Board will appoint a Secretary-Treasurer at the State Field immediately after the awards are given out.

Section 7: The fiscal year shall be January 1 to December 31.

Section 8: The state board shall appoint an editor for the newsletter, ***Smoke Signal***

Section 9: The NFAA Director will be elected for a two-year term. The NFAA Director nominations and voting will follow the guidelines set in Article III, Section 2, 3 and 4 for the TAA Director. The NFAA Director will take office at the time they are elected or appointed by the association.

ARTICLE IV: TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1: State President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer shall serve in there position for two years, or for a term as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: TAA Directors will take office at the time the election results are announced.

ARTICLE V: RULES AND REGULATIONS

The TAA shall be governed by the present and future rules and regulations of the National Field Archery Association.

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership will be accepted from any resident of Tennessee upon payment of the required dues with a properly completed application form and with payment of required NFAA dues. All dues will be paid through NFAA or the TAA Secretary-Treasure. Non-residents may be accepted in accordance with rules and regulations.

Section 2: Each participant must respect the rights of all other participants. If anyone becomes disorderly, that person or persons will be disqualified with their entry fee refunded.

ARTICLE VII: SERVICES

Section 1: The TAA will mail per year no less than two bulletins to be called *Smoke Signal* to all paid members. This bulletin to include information from individual clubs as supplied to the *Smoke Signal* editor in accordance with guidelines supplied by this person.

Section 2: TAA headquarters or the NFAA headquarters will supply to all TAA members in good standing with NFAA, an NFAA approved membership card.

ARTICLE VIII: MEMBERSHIP DUES

Section 1: Any TAA member that should receive the NFAA Medal of Merit will be considered by the TAA Board of Directors as a Lifetime Member of the TAA. It will take 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors to bestow this honor on a NFAA Medal of Merit recipient.

Section 2: Lifetime membership in TAA will be set at \$200.00 per individual. This membership should be paid through the TAA Secretary-Treasurer. This fee may be paid in 4 equal payments. Total fee must be paid in a 12-month period.

Section 3: Individual member dues will be set at \$10.00 annually, in addition to the NFAA dues or proof of USA Archery Dues. No pro-rated dues will be accepted. Additional family membership at the same mailing address will be accepted for \$5.00, plus NFAA dues. All over three members at the same address shall be free.

Section 4: Non-NFAA affiliated (TAA ONLY) membership will be set at \$ 10.00 per year. Said membership does not entitle the member to participate in NFAA-sanctioned events or participate in insurance program.

Section 5: All TAA membership, other than non-NFAA affiliated members, will be required to maintain NFAA or USA membership at the published rate of that association.

ARTICLE IX: DIVISIONS

Section 1: The Chickasaw Division (equivalent to TN Western Grand Division) will be that part of the state west of a north-south line drawn between the following counties: Henry and Stewart, Henry and Benton, Carroll and Benton, Decatur and Perry, Hardin and Wayne.

Section 2: The Chickamauga Division (equivalent to TN Middle Grand Division) will be the section of the state between the line noted in Section 1 and a north-south line drawn between the following counties: Clay and Pickett, Clay and Overton, Jackson and Overton, Jackson and Putnam, Smith and Putnam, Dekalb and Putnam, White and Cumberland and Bledsoe, Cumberland and Rhea, Rhea and Roane, Meigs and McMinn, McMinn and Bradley, McMinn and Polk, Monroe and Polk.

Section 3: The Cherokee Division (equivalent to TN Eastern Grand Division) will be that section of the state east of the line noted in Section 2.

ARTICLE X: CHARTER RENEWAL

Section 1: All TAA chartered clubs will have a Constitution and By Laws before chartering with the NFAA and TAA. This Constitution and By Laws will be within the guidelines of TAA and NFAA. Each year each club will send a revised copy to the NFAA Director along with the club charter if any changes have been made to the Constitution or Policy section during the year.

Section 2: TAA/NFAA renewal for continued NFAA affiliation will be \$65.00 (\$35.00 to the state; \$ 30.00 to NFAA).

Section 3: The fee for a new charter will be \$75.00 (\$45.00 to the state; \$30.00 to NFAA).

Section 4: Renewal forms must be in to the TAA or the NFAA headquarters by December 31 of each year. Effective September 1, 1986, a late fee of \$5.00 per month will be assessed.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: This Constitution and By Laws may be amended only after proposed amendments have been submitted up to six weeks prior to the Convention meeting.

Section 2: This Constitution and By Laws may be amended at the Convention meeting by majority vote of the Board of Directors present provided there is a quorum.

Section 3: The TAA Constitution and By Laws will be open for changes at the Convention meeting.

Section 4: The effective date for constitution changes shall be January 1 of the year following the change.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: QUORUM

Section 1: All meetings or ballots of the state board shall require five of the nine members to establish a quorum.

Section 2: In all mail conducted voting, those votes returned and postmarked within 14 days of the mailing of the ballots will constitute a quorum of the voting membership.

ARTICLE II: STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: No more than two division officers may be elected from any one club except in cases of current multiple club membership, unless nominated by the state association Board of Directors.

Section 2: The state board shall meet two times each year: At the State Field Championship and on the first Saturday of December each year.

Section 3: The second meeting shall be a Convention (Annual Meeting) and may be held in the central part of the state.

Section 4: Each club shall be allowed one delegate. Either the President or his representative at the Convention (Annual Meeting) shall be authorized to propose agenda items for the Board of Directors.

Section 5: Any person elected to the Board of Directors must perform his/her duties of attending the scheduled meetings, and contributing articles for the *Smoke Signal* and answering any correspondence promptly to the satisfaction of the remaining board members or the person will be immediately notified and given 30 days to answer before the board takes action to replace him/her. This does not include sickness, death or circumstances beyond control.

ARTICLE III: FINANCES AND DUTIES

Section 1: The State President and Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare a budget for the year of operation for the approval of the Board and after approval, will be authorized to make such expenditures within the limits of the budget.

Section 2: The State Secretary-Treasurer shall arrange to have the books audited at the request of majority of Board of Directors, be responsible for maintaining all TAA membership records, all classification files, and all financial records and for issuing all awards, be responsible for actual printing of all publications.

Section 3: TAA is responsible for expenses incurred by the Secretary-Treasurer, to and from the State Field (mid year meeting , which will be held every even year) ,and State Convention (Board of Directors Meeting). These expenses shall include mileage (per IRS standard rate), and meal.

Section 4: The TAA President will be responsible for all field archery affairs in Tennessee. With the division officers, he/she will be responsible for all business concerning state clubs and individuals. He/she and the Executive Secretary may work out any arrangements for correspondence. He/she will be responsible with the host club for staging all state-sanctioned tournaments. With the Executive Secretary, he/she will be responsible for the major tournament scheduling. He/she will assist in the contents of the *Smoke Signal*.

Section 5: The division officers are responsible for maintaining contact between the clubs in their area and the TAA President. They will be requested to vote on all matters concerning new or changes in TAA policies.

Section 6: The TAA President and Executive Secretary shall be reimbursed for long distance telephone calls and mailing expenses incurred during their term of office.

ARTICLE IV: NFAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTATIVE

Section 1: NFAA Board of Directors Representative (NFAA Director) will be responsible for enforcement of all NFAA rules and requirements within the state organization and all chartered clubs.

Section 2: Expenses incurred by the NFAA Director to attend the national and sectional meetings of the NFAA will be paid by the state association. Telephone bills submitted by the NFAA Director on the approval of the TAA Board will be paid by the state association.

Section 3: When conditions prevent the NFAA Director from fulfilling his/her duties the specified term of office, the TAA President will assume this duty as well as the presidency until a new NFAA Director can be elected.

ARTICLE V: TOURNAMENTS

Section 1: Bids for the State Championship will be submitted in writing to the State President prior to the December Board of Directors meeting. All state tournaments will be bid on at the State Convention. A club must be chartered and have an approved range before submitting bids for state tournaments.

Section 2: The annual State Field Championship tournament will be shot 14 Field, 14 Hunter, and 14 animal targets.

Section 3: All State Tournament locations will rotate from division to division if there is a bid.

Section 4: The host sites for the TAA/NFAA State Tournaments shall be paid 50% of entry fees that participate at that site. The host club will remit to the TAA Treasurer 100% of the participant shooting fees collected. At all TAA State Championship shoots except the 3D tournament, the cost of any awards, including any trophies, patches, medals, pins and/or any other item selected by the TAA to be given as an award, in addition to scorecards and other related expenses, shall be paid for by the TAA. TAA shall have sole responsibility to determine what is offered as awards. Compensation for the host of the state 3D tournament shall remain at 50% for the host site and 50% for the TAA. The host club will provide concessions and will retain 100% of the proceeds from concessions. The compensation arrangement for the host site of any 3-D target tournament shall remain at 60% for the host and 40% for the TAA.

Section 5: Host club indoor range fees, building, rent, etc, will not be considered as an expense by the TAA. Restroom facilities shall be provided at the State Indoor Championship, with the host club responsible for the cost.

Section 6: All NFAA Shooting Classes and Styles will be allowed and the NFAA Flight System shall be observed.

Section 7: All NFAA /TAA-sanctioned shoots, indoor and outdoor, will observe the following NFAA shooting divisions and styles:

ADULT, (18 and older), Male and Female
Freestyle, Freestyle Limited, Barebow, Bowhunter Freestyle,
Freestyle Limited Recurve, Traditional, Crossbow (Adult only)

YOUNG ADULT (15 thru 17), YOUTH (12 thru 14), CUB (under 12) and **PEEWEE (under 8), Male and Female
Freestyle, Barebow, Bowhunter Freestyle, Freestyle Limited Recurve **Pee Wee (Optional at State and Club level)

SENIOR (50 and older) Male and Female
Freestyle, Freestyle Limited, Barebow, Bowhunter Freestyle,
Freestyle Limited Recurve, Traditional

SILVER SENIOR (60 and older) Male and Female
Freestyle, Freestyle Limited, Barebow, Bowhunter Freestyle,
Freestyle Limited Recurve, Traditional

MASTER SENIOR (70 and older) Male and Female
Freestyle, Freestyle Limited, Barebow, Bowhunter Freestyle,
Freestyle Limited Recurve, Traditional

***PRO, (18 and older), Male and Female**
Freestyle

***SENIOR PRO, (50 and older) Male and Female**
Freestyle

Section 8: In any tournament using NFAA rounds and conducted by a Tennessee NFAA-chartered club, three judges will be appointed by the officers of the host club and must be announced before the tournament begins. Whenever possible, this panel of judges will include representatives of visiting clubs who have members as contestants. Judges may be, but need not be, officers of any club. These judges will be responsible for all decisions concerning NFAA rules and regulations. Tournament judges, by unanimous vote, may disqualify any contestant if there is sufficient reason to believe that previously recorded scores were shot with intention of gaining a handicap advantage. Before any disqualification is announced, tournament judges are required to offer to the contestant in question an opportunity for rebuttal. Past that point, opinion of the judges is final.

Section 9: At any club hosting a state championship tournament, the tournament director will have the option of setting a time limit. At all State Indoor a four minute per end time limit will be honored.

Section 10: Protest Policy. The tournament director will determine the protest validity. A fee of \$50.00 will be assessed. Other rules concerning the protest will be in accordance with the NFAA Constitution and By Laws.

Section 11: All archers holding a current professional card shall compete in the professional division. 70% of the Pro entry fee goes into the funds as a guaranteed purse regardless of the number of shooters.

Section 12: No chartered TAA club may hold any kind of shoot on a State Championship weekend.

Section 13: No alcohol or intoxicants will be allowed on the range at any time at any NFAA or TAA sanctioned shoot.

Section 14: All clubs will send the NFAA Director a quarterly list of nonmembers of the NFAA in each club for the purpose of writing each nonmember and informing them, they are not covered by insurance.

Section 15: All Outdoor State Tournaments will use the following system for tie breaking. Tiebreakers to be determined by target 1, 2, and 3 of Field Round.

Section 16: All Indoor State Tournaments will use inside out X's for breaking ties.

STANDING RULES

1. Club tournament schedules will be presented at the annual Board of Directors Meeting in December.
2. The Board of Directors may appoint an assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer. Expenses will be divided equally between the Secretary-Treasurer and the assistant.
3. All State tournaments will be pro-sanctioned and multiple entry as per NFAA rules.
4. Participant Shooting Cost of STATE INDOOR and STATE FIELD tournaments shall be:

Adult or Young Adult	25.00
Youth/Cub	20.00
Family (3, adults or other)	50.00 (plus \$5.00 each shooter over 3)
Pro	75.00 (\$40.00 Pro, \$35.00 State)
All other TAA STATE SHOOTS	25.00 (ADULTS)
5. Clubs wanting to advertise tournaments using fliers in the ***Smoke Signal*** will help pay the mailing expense. A fee of \$20.00 will be assessed to the club for such ads.
6. TAA will host a Bow Hunter Jamboree rotating from division to division (if there is a bid) on a date determined by the state association Board of Directors.
7. NFAA shall bill dues to individuals and clubs at the time due.
8. Funds collected through the Non-Competitive Bow Hunter membership will be used to promote bow hunting.
9. TAA will furnish all TAA Board of Directors the NFAA Constitution and By-Laws rule book.
10. At State Indoor and State Field Tournaments, winners of Championship flight will receive a NFAA certificate, Championship patch, and (Gold) pin or medallion. Second and third place winners will receive a TAA certificate and pin or medallion.
11. The TAA has added a TAA State 3-D Invitational tournament to its schedule. This will be a marked yardage tournament. TAA membership is not required (anyone can shoot). A flier will be sent out for this tournament.
12. The TAA will conduct a Shooter of the Year Championship. All current TAA members are eligible. Points will be accumulated based on place finish, attendance and co-sign new TAA/NFAA members. Point shoots will be set at the annual directors meeting.
13. TAA Indoor Tournament Rules:
 - A. An audible sound starts shooting. One whistle stops shooting & the clock. Two or more whistles STOP IMMEDIATELY.
 - B. You, the archery are responsible for your equipment to comply with NFAA rules. It is also your responsibility to confirm you are shooting in the correct style & division.
 - C. All archers will straddle the shooting line. When finished shooting, please step behind the line. Extend courtesy to adjacent archers. If someone in your area is still shooting please remain on the line until they are finished.
 - D. If you shoot a single spot the first round you must shoot a single spot the second round. The same applies to the five spot.
 - E. When using the Indoor five spot target: An archery may shoot any of the 5 spot targets in any order & shoot as many arrows into any spot as the archer desires, not to exceed the prescribed number of arrows per end.

- F. You will be allowed two practice ends prior to shooting for score.
- G. Arrows must be shot in a 4 minute time limit. If an arrow is shot after the time limit the highest scoring arrow will not count. If you shoot more than 5 arrows, the arrow or arrows of lower lower value will be scored. Additional, a penalty of one point will be assessed for each arrow shot over the prescribed 5 arrows
- H. There will be a foul line ten (10) feet in front of the shooting line. If an arrow is dropped within the ten (10) foot foul line, while the archer is in the act of shooting, he or she may shoot another arrow. If an arrow passes beyond the line it will be considered a shot arrow.
- I. Witnessed bounce-outs and pass-through will be re-shot after the last end.
- J. In the event of equipment failure, please raise your bow to signal an official. You will have 15 minutes to repair or replace equipment. One practice end will be allowed. The archery will be allowed to shoot any arrows he or she did not shoot during the 15 minute repair time, after the last end. You will be granted only one equipment failure per day.
- K. Each group of archers on a target butt will appoint a Target Captain & two score keepers. Do not touch any arrow or target face in or on the target butt until all arrows are scored. All arrows must touch the scoring line to count for the higher value. The Target Captain shall rule on all questions. on the subject to appeal to the Line Judge. Judgments made by a Line Judge will be final.
- L. Archers shall score X's & numeric values of each arrow in each scoring box on the scorecard before touching or removing any arrow from the target. Example:

ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	X'S	SCORE
X	X	X	X	X	5	25
X	X	X	5	4	3	24
X	5	4	4	4	1	22
X	X	X	X	5	4	25

- M. No score cards will be accepted later than one (1) hour after your shooting line finish. Score cards must have all totals correct and in the proper place. One score keeper and the archer both must sign the score card. An archer who has signed and submitted a score card as correct which has incorrect total (s) shall be disqualified.
- N. EACH ARCHER MUST SIGN AND TURN IN HIS/HER OWN SCORE CARD. PLEASE TURN IN BOTH SCORE CARDS. ONE SCORE CARD WILL SERVE AS YOUR RECEIPT.
- O. Ties will be determined by the most inside out X's.
- P. All protest must be in writing and turned in to the Tournament Chairman within one hour after the finish of the shooting line where the protest happened. The protest must be accompanied with \$50.00
- Q. No alcoholic beverages may be carried or consumed during shooting hours at the Tournament. Anyone caught breaking this rule will be immediately disqualified and not allowed to complete the tournament.
- R. The tournament director will conduct a two lines per end format employing the 4 minute rule per line.

TAA BOW HUNTER JAMBOREE

(THIS TOURNAMENT SHALL BE OPEN TO ALL ARCHERS)

1. **TARGETS:** The Bow Hunter Jamboree shall be a 2-day event. The number of targets to be shot shall be determined by the site host club. A participant may shoot all targets in one day or half one day and the remaining the next day.
2. **SHOOTING POSITIONS:**
 - A. This may be a marked or unmarked distance range.
 - B. There shall be color-coded stakes at each target for each division. One arrow will be shot from the stake.
 - C. An archer may take a position in any direction from the stake: however, he/she must touch the stake at all times while shooting.
 - D. The distances will be determined to classes and style.
 - E. There shall be no restriction of target size at any distance.
 - F. Targets shall never be placed in a position that would endanger the safety of other archers.

- G. The targets will be visible from the stake: however, the kill area must be clear. The host club should consider all body and bow weights when setting up the range.
- H. There shall be a minimum of three individuals per group, two scorers and one caller.

3. SCORING:

- A. ASA scoring will be used
- B. An arrow must touch the line to score the higher value.
- C. Witnessed shot arrows not visible in target face may be pushed back and scored.
- D. Arrows believed to have passed through the target may be re shot with a marked arrow, which will not be scored if the doubtful arrows are found in target.
- E. Archers may use magnification, at the shooting point, to check arrows shot at the target. After leaving the shooting stake you may not return to shoot any arrow.
- F. Witnessed bounce-outs believed to have hit in the scoring area may be re shot.
- G. If multiple entries are employed by an individual (shooting more than one round) the first entry score shall be recorded for the state award.

4. EQUIPMENT:

- A. Equipment rules will be the same ASA

5. DIVISIONS, STYLES, AND CLASSES:

- A. ASA classes will be used

6. AWARDS

- A. First, second, third, place winners of each class will be awarded a suitable award.**

7. SPECIAL AWARDS:

It is recommended that a large number of novelty type events be set up to keep the shooters involved all weekend. The type of events which should be used is:

- A. A wand shoot.
- B. A running deer shoot.
- C. Aerial shoots.
- D. A silhouette shoot.
- E. A poker hand shoot.
- F. Bow tuning seminars.
- G. Bow Hunter safety seminars.
- H. A seminar explaining the Art Young Awards program.

8. SCHEDULING OF TOURNAMENTS:

- A. The Bow Hunter Jamboree will be scheduled by the state association Board of Directors.
- B. The fee to shoot in the Jamboree will be:

Adult or Young Adult	\$25.00
Youth and Cub	\$20.00
Peewee	Free
- C. TAA will provide the awards as per Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution.
- D. Advertising will be paid for by the TAA.

