

2004 NFAA MEETING REPORT – Florida Director

1. Current 1 January NFAA membership total was 13,651. With an NFAA member count of 718, Florida was the second largest state and one of three states with two votes. (Florida, Wisconsin, and Washington) With 2,782 members, California has 5 votes. We need to increase 282 members to regain the three votes we had several years ago.
2. Our Southeast Councilman, Steve Malone, is Chairman of the Rules Interpretation Committee. The other two members are Mike LePera, Mid Atlantic Councilman, and Steve Coleman, Southern Councilman.
3. In 2005 the NFAA Directors' Meeting will be in February in Las Vegas. The World Archery Festival & Vegas Shoot will follow the Director's Meeting.
4. Your director was a Line Judge for 9 of 11 World Archery Festival shooting sessions and helped with set up and tear down. Several Florida archers competed in the tournament: Bill Pimm (crossbow), Diane Watson, Debra Sieloff, Fred Hough, and Myers Parrish come to mind, but I do not have a full list of competitors, so I may have left someone out. Dave Black, FAA member from Daytona Beach, manned a booth for Electronic Awards and presented superior shirts. Doug Engh, FAA member from Gator Bowmen, represented the National Alliance for Development of Archery (NADA) in a booth. Diane Watson, who now works for PSE, spent time working at the PSE truck.
5. There is presently no bid to host the 2005 National Outdoor Field.
6. The 2004 National Indoor will be held 13-14 March at Louisville, Kentucky. The 2005 National Indoor will be 19-20 March at Louisville, and the 2006 event will also be there on 25-26 March.
7. The following agenda items were approved and shall carry an effective date of 30 calendar days from notification in Archery, the official publication of the NFAA. Notification in "Archery" shall be the April/May issue.

MA-1 (amended) – Constitution – Page 11, III, A, 10 – Delete in its entirety from the words "with the approval of the sectional councilman etc." Add: "residency shall be established between the states & the NFAA member. Resident as being defined as from the state through which the Members NFAA card is drawn from. An NFAA member may join as many affiliated states, if accepted, as they wish. The member must notify NFAA Headquarters in writing when changing residence. NFAA members may compete for awards in only one Indoor, one Outdoor, one 3D Sectional and only one Indoor, one Outdoor and one 3D State tournament per calendar year. The member may shot as a guest any other time." Delete para 11 and renumber the remaining para.

SE-2 (MS) (amended) – Constitution – Page 18, VII, B – Change the last two paragraphs of Section B to read: SOUTHERN shall be comprised of the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas. SOUTHEASTERN shall be comprised of he states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. (Effective Feb 18, 2004)

SE-1 – Constitution – Page 23, XI – Rewrite the Editorial Board to add "A.8. The NFAA webmaster." – and add to D.2. "and with the webmaster to manage the NFAA website." – and delete from D.3. "or letters" and add "and website" after magazine and add after editor "or Executive Secretary via postal mail or e-mail." – and add to D.4. "and website" at end of sentence.

C-1 (Council)(amended) – By-Laws – Page 36, III, D, 11.2 – Change to read: “The Pro Chairman, NFAA Vice President, and the NFAA president shall determine the distribution of all outside prize money.”

C-2 (Council)(amended) – Constitution – Pages 24, 25 – and By-Laws – Page 80

24, XII, A – Change second sentence to read: “The fee shall be \$50.00 for each one thousand members to a maximum of \$100.” [Florida’s compliance affidavit increases \$20 based on current membership.]

24, XII, J – Change to read: “Club/Shop Charter Fee: The Annual fee for Club/Shop charter shall be \$25.” [FAA/NFAA Charter/Affiliation changes from \$25 to \$40 per year]

24, XII, K – “Course Approval Fee: The fee for each course approval shall be \$15.00 and shall be good for two years.” [Clubs with Indoor, 3-D, and Field ranges will be \$15.00 for each range now rather than \$15 for a combined inspection.]

80, XVIII, A4 – Change fee from \$20 to \$25.

80, XVIII, A5 – Change renewal fee from \$10 to \$25.

80, XVIII, B5 – Change second sentence to read: This fee covers either an outdoor range approval or an indoor range approval.

NJ-1 – Constitution (amended) – Page 17, VI, C, 5 – Add 5.14 Forty five (45) days prior to the Annual meeting the Executive Secretary will mail the proposed Council business agenda to the Directors and Council.

VA-5 (amended) – Constitution – Page 24, XII, C – Dues billing shall be handled by NFAA for states. NFAA shall return state dues monthly.

PRO-1 – By-Laws – Page 33-34, III, D – 2.1 The professional archer must conduct himself at all times in a manner that will bring respect and honor to himself, archery, and the NFAA. 4.1 Disciplinary action may be taken against any professional member upon proof of violation of the Code of Ethics. Disciplinary action will be determined by the Code of Ethics Committee and may result in a reprimand, probation, suspension, disqualification from a tournament in progress, or expulsion from the Professional Division. The following items are subject to immediate disqualification from a tournament and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

NE-1 – By-Laws – Page 73, IX, H – Change to read: “Adult and young adult members of NFAA may earn an Animal Perfect Pin by shooting a score of 20 or higher on all 14 targets of a 14 target unit for a total score of 280 or higher on a 14 target unit at a registered tournament.

SE-8 (FL) – By-Laws – Page 84-85, XVIII, B, 14 – Delete the wording “Bonus Points: Clubs having more...” from the lead Paragraph 14 on page 84 and add new 14.5

14.5 Group V: Clubs having ore than one 14 target field range meeting the requirements of paragraphs 12 and 13 will receive additional bonus points of:

14.5.1 Two 14 target units – 10 points.

14.5.2 Three 14 target units – 15 points.

14.5.3 Four 14 target units – 15 points.

14.5.4 Six 14 target units – 40 points.

VA-1 – Constitution – Page 12, III, B, 2 – Delete paragraph 2.4 (Deletes requirement to provide a complete state association mailing list to NFAA annually.)

HQ-1 – Constitution – Page 12, III, B, 2 – Change 2.7 to read: “Recognize NFAA approved membership cards, and do not issue any association membership card(s) that can be used as substitutes for the NFAA membership card.”

PA-4 – Constitution – Page 19, VII, E – Change to read: Meetings: The NFAA Council shall meet in person whenever possible and deemed necessary, at the call of the President. When the agenda is prepared for the meeting, a councilman must send a copy of the agenda to his/her respective section state directors for guidance when voting is necessary at the meeting.

MA-3 – Constitution – Page 20, VII, J, 3 – After the words “minimum of three weeks prior to the annual sectional meeting”, add “at which time the nominations for councilman will be closed.”

SW-1 – Policy – Page 92 – Insert in policy section: 2004 Selection of the World Archery Team

1. The team should be picked and each member notified no later than Dec 1 of the year before the tournament.
2. National Champions from the previous National Field Tournament shall have the first option to qualify for the team. The one with the highest score whether he be a senior or an adult. The committee shall have the option to use the woman or man in the specific style. If none of the four champions can attend, then the options should go to the second place then the third place champions from the previous year. Then the selection should go to the winners in the Sectional Field championships or lacking a candidate, then a member from the individual States Field Champions. If no champion is able to attend, then it will be at the committee’s discretion to fill the position.
3. This team is made up of one person from each style. One team member shall be of the opposite sex.
4. A predetermined set amount will be paid to each team member to help with expenses.
5. Each national field registration flyer will make note that a World Team will be picked from the National Field Champions.
6. The committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, and the Executive Secretary. The World team shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for final approval.
7. The Team shall be supplied with team uniforms and team shirts to be worn during the opening ceremonies, while competing, and all gatherings at the world tournament.

Y-1 – Constitution – Page 12, III, A, new 14 Students enrolled in National Archery in the School Program may register with NFAA as NASP/NFAA members at no charge. This membership expires upon the student’s 18th birthday. This membership allows the students to compete in Sectional and National Tournaments in the NASP Division at a cost of \$5.00 each. If NASP/NFAA members choose to shoot in both NASP competition and regular NFAA competition, the NASP fee will be waived and regular registration fees will apply. – Policy – Page 92 – Insert after “Official Youth Programs” Schools may charter their National Archery in the School Programs with NFAA for a fee of \$15. This charter will provide the school with the DAYS Program and three copies of each issue of Archery Magazine.

Y-2 – By-Laws – Page 31, II, New J NASP Division

1. This division is for students enrolled in the National Archery in the Schools Program.
2. All archers in this division will compete using NASP equipment.
 - 2.1 All bows to be Genesis Compounds
 - 2.2 All arrows to be full length, aluminum
 - 2.3 No Sights allowed (no special marks on riser or string)
 - 2.4 No Release aids
3. The NASP Standard Indoor round consists of five ends of three arrows shot at two distances. Ten meters and fifteen meters, at the 80 cm multi-color target face, scoring 10, 9, 8, etc. Total possible score 300.

CI-1 – Policy – Page 87 Add the following to the Certified Instructor Program: NAA Level 1 and 2 Instructors may become NFAA Certified Instructors at comparable levels upon request and verification by NFAA Headquarters. NFAA Certification fee of \$10 will apply. The fee for NASP Educators will be waived. (Effective immediately)

CA-1 – Constitution – Page 10, III, A, 2 – New item 2.4: A life membership shall be granted to anyone who has been a member for fifty years.

SE-11 (FL) – By-Laws – Page 27, I, C, 3 – Add the following sentence to the end of paragraph 3: “Where Group 4 Animal faces with bonus spots are specified, four Group 4 Animal faces will be used, and the target butt shall be so constructed as to encompass the targets in a 2 by 2 configuration.

MA-6 (amended) – By-Laws – Page 42, IV, H, 3 – New 3.2 “20 cm Targets. Each archer must choose and declare one column of four target faces on his or her side of the shooting stake. An archer must not shoot at a column that has already been shot by another archer.

MI-5 – By-Laws – Page 54, VI, I, 5 – New 5.11 “The target group, which generally consists of four archers, will select a score caller, two score keepers, and a target captain. The target captain shall be the judge of disputed arrows on his/her target. When captain’s arrows are in question, the majority of the group shall decide the status of the target captain’s arrows. When the tournament director has appointed a line judge and an appeal is made to the line judge, the line judge’s call will be final.

UT-1 (amended) – By-Laws – Pages 59-66, Q – Revamp of 3-D Rules – NFAA 3-D Rules and Regulations: For Marked and Unmarked Tournaments National & Sectional – State Optional.

1. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1.1 NFAA National Marked 3-D will consist of 70 3-D targets or as determined by the NFAA. National Unmarked 3-D will consist of a minimum of 60 3-D targets. Sectional & State marked and unmarked rounds will consist of a minimum of 30 3-D targets in two or more courses.

1.2 Tournaments may be two or three-day events as required by tournament host. Each day there will be shooting assignments posted with times and ranges for competition for the day.

2. CONDUCT

2.1 Un-sportsmanlike conduct on the ranges or tournament grounds will not be tolerated. Tournament officials will report any incident of this type. The officials who observe this behavior will file a written report for review of this conduct to the tournament committee immediately or following the completion of the day’s events. First offense will result in disqualification, forfeiture of tournament fees and possible suspension for a year.

2.2 Verbal abuse or slander directed toward a Tournament Official while conducting their duties will result in immediate disqualification of the shooter from the tournament, along with a report filed with the tournament committee for further disciplinary action.

3. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS

3.1 No alcoholic beverages or controlled substance may be carried on or consumed on the tournament ranges. No controlled substances (drugs) are allowed at any NFAA national or Sectional tournaments under penalty of disqualification and membership sanction.

3.2 No shooter will be allowed to compete while under the influence of alcohol or any other controlled substance. The penalty is immediate disqualification and sanction of membership. Also local laws apply as to conduct with possible arrest.

4. LITTERING

Littering the grounds of any tournament will not be permitted. Host will provide trash receptacles. Anyone reported littering to Tournament Director or to Range Officials, will be dealt with. Penalty for this could be possible disqualification or other judgment by the committee. Please keep our ranges clean.

5. SPECTATORS AND GUESTS (PRESS)

5.1 No spectators are allowed on the tournament ranges during competition, unless allowed by the Tournament Directors. (The condition of the ranges, weather conditions or safety factors may not permit this.) Every effort will be made to accommodate the media.

5.2 Cameras are not allowed on unmarked tournament ranges until the last day of the competition. Marked ranges may have cameras at the discretion of the Tournament Director. The use of a flash camera during competition is prohibited. (Tournament

Director may make special exceptions for the working press with official press credentials.)

6. GUEST COMPETITORS

At the NFAA National tournaments, with a joint agreement between the host organization and the NFAA Council, and at the Sectional tournaments, with a joint agreement between the host organization and the Section Directors, guests will be allowed to compete in the tournaments, however, they must pay the same entry fee as the NFAA members and they will not be eligible for any NFAA awards. These classes (GUEST CLASSES) will be the sole responsibility of the host clubs or organizations for their awards.

7. AWARDS

7.1 At National tournaments, the Non-Pro classes will compete for Belt Buckles and Medals only.

7.2 At Sectional tournaments, the Non-Pro classes will compete for Plaques, patches and medals.

7.3 At both National and Sectional tournaments, the Pros will compete in the Money Class in their division. Cash awards and a Plaque and patch for first place only.

8. GENERAL SHOOTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

8.1 Prior to the start of each tournament, the archer is required to check in at the registration desk. You should double-check your target assignments and your shooting classification. All archers are responsible for checking to be sure there are no errors in their registration. This will be the only time you can make changes in your classification, and/or shooting time. After the tournament begins, it will not be possible to make changes. Remember it is the shooter's responsibility to get his or her target assignments, range assignment and scorecards. Scorecards may never leave the archery tournament. Scorecards must be double signed by shooter and "scorers" in that group. This signature is a guarantee that the score is accurate and true. If scorecards are turned in not tallied or not properly signed, they will be disqualified and/or the lowest score used for official score. All scorecards must be turned in no later than one hour after the completion of that round.

8.2 Prior to the start of competition, all shooters may be expected to attend a "pre-competition meeting". These meetings are for information and special announcements from the Tournament Committee. These meetings will begin 45 minutes prior to the start of competition, or as announced by the Tournament Committee.

8.3 The NFAA has adopted the 280 ft per second rule with a 3% margin of error as measured by the official on-site chronographs. Each competitor understands and agrees that they may be required to shoot the designated tournament on-site chronographs. Any arrow shot through the chronograph after a tournament round (which exceeds 288 ft per sec) will result in immediate disqualification of that round score with no exceptions. (Three-arrow average.)

8.4 The NFAA maximum draw weight of a bow shall not exceed 80 pounds.

8.5 All targets will be 3-D animals to be placed vertical to the horizon and archers are to return the target to the original position after scoring and removing their arrows. No target may be placed from the shooter at an angle greater than that which would create a glance off.

8.6 The NFAA National Marked 3-D maximum distance will be 101 yds provided targets of adequate size are used. Sectional and State marked 3-D shall have a maximum distance of 60 yds. National, Sectional and State unmarked 3-D shall have a maximum distance of 50 yds.

8.7 Participants will be assigned in minimum groups of 3 shooters per target and shooters are required to be at their assigned target 5 minutes prior to start times.

8.8 Each shooter will shoot their arrows from the appropriate stake for the division and class registered in.

9. PROTESTS

9.1 All NFAA tournaments will have a "Tournament Ruling Committee" made up of the Tournament Directors, State Directors and NFAA officials present. This committee will be made up of 5 members present.

- 9.2 Any grievance or protest must be filed in writing with the Tournament Director within one (1) hour from the completion of that competitive round. This protest must include the names of all parties and witnesses involved with the said grievance. It is the responsibility of the person or persons filing the grievance to have this information written down and signed by all parties involved. There is a \$50.00 cash protest fee. All participants must be available to be interviewed by the Tournament Committee at the time of filing. If the committee rules in favor of the protest, or if the protest is withdrawn, the fee will be returned.
- 9.3 All decisions of the Tournament Committee will be final, but a full report of grievance and decision will be submitted to the RIC committee for review. Any agreement acted upon must be signed off on that day, or before the conclusion of the tournament if at all possible, by the parties involved.
10. SCORING
- 10.1 The National marked 3-D will conform to the Western Trail (Redding) format of 2 arrows, scoring 11-10-8 ea. Or as determined by the NFAA. Marked & Unmarked Sectional and State 3-D will shoot a 1-arrow format, scoring 12-10-8-5. National unmarked 3-D shall use the 1 arrow format scoring 12-10-8-5.
- 10.2 Scorecards will be picked up at registration, or a designated area, prior to each round of competition. This is usually forty-five (45) minutes before starting time at pre-tournament meeting announcements. Each shooter will receive two (2) score cards for each round. All information on each scorecard must be filled out and correct.
- 10.3 Each group will designate two (2) members of their group to call scores and two (2) members to record the scores. (If the group has only three (3) shooters, only one (1) will call arrows.) Archers will draw for the shooting order in their respective groups and rotate the shooting order.
- 10.4 All arrows must remain in the target and should not be touched until all arrows are scored. The arrow shaft must touch any portion of the scoring ring regardless of deformity of scoring rings or angle of the arrow in the target to be scored the higher value. The status of any questionable arrows must be determined before removing arrows from the target. If both designated score callers agree in the call, the score called is final. If there is disagreement in the designated callers, a third caller from the group other than the archer whose arrow is in question will make the final call. If a questionable arrow exists in groups of three, the designated caller will make his call. If the archer whose arrow is questionable does not agree, he may have the third party make the final call. In all cases the third call is final.
- 10.5 Score callers will judge and score each arrow and call out the results to the scorekeepers. This will be recorded on the respective shooter's scorecard. Running scores can be checked during the progression of the round to eliminate errors.
- 10.6 Both completed scorecards must be totaled and signed as correct by the score keepers and the shooter and turned in at the assigned area. Each shooting group must turn in their scorecards together (except when a shooter is permitted to make-up targets due to equipment failure or other approved leave or emergency.) Any individual or group that does not turn in their cards before leaving the range (taking cards with them) will receive a score of "X" for that day's score. "X" will be used instead of the number (0) on all cards, symbolizing "NO SCORE".
- 10.7 Arrows passing through the face, but still in the target, will be pushed back and scored.
- 10.8 Any arrows deflected by a foreign object or miss fired will be scored where it lies.
- 10.9 Any arrow embedded in the knock of another arrow (generally known as a "Robin Hood") will be scored the same as the arrow it struck and skewered, even if it falls to the ground and not in said target.
- 10.10 Arrows in corresponding areas of the target will be scored with point values as shown in the diagram below.
- 12 – Highest Score
 - 10 – 2nd Scoring Ring
 - 8 – 3rd Scoring Ring
 - 5 – Outside Scoring Area (ANTLERS AND HORNS, NO SCORE)

“X” – NO SCORE

Diagram – Retained as previously published

- 10.11 All tied scores will be broken by the number of 12 Rings except in the case of a first place tie. When this occurs, a sudden death shoot-off will take place. All shooters tied for 1st place will shoot one (1) arrow. The arrow which is determined to be the closest to the 12 ring will be declared the winner. If two shooters tie by being the same distance to the 12 ring, they will shoot until the tie is broken. This will be true for all classes. If competitors are not present, ties will be broken by Rule of First Points dropped. (If possible use same ranges when comparing cards to break ties.)
 - 10.12 A witnessed bounce out will be reshot. If an arrow is shot at a target and is suspected by the archer or the group as a pass-through then proceed by letting the next archer in order shoot. Archers not standing at the stake should always observe where the arrow strikes the target for this reason. When all shooters of a group have completed shooting, one (1) “scorer” may proceed to the target to see if there was a pass-through or if the arrow is embedded in the target. If it is embedded in the target, he will request the group to come to the target, and observe pushing back the arrow to score. If the arrow has passed-through, then the “scorer” has to return to the group so the archer can shoot another arrow at the target to score. As soon as possible, tell range officials which target you had a pass-through on so it can be replaced or repaired.
 - 10.13 After shooting the last arrow, the group shall stand together away from the shooting stake if shooting in close quarters. This will let others know you are through. When it is safe, all shooters are to proceed to the target to score all arrows before any arrows are pulled from the target. If any shooter pulls arrows from a target before the score callers and the scorekeepers can officially record them to the cards by sight, that shooter automatically receives an “X” for said target.
 - 10.14 In consideration of time, no shooter will glass the target while standing at the shooting stake after shooting their arrow. Shooters may glass the target prior to shooting, but still be reminded of the time factor restrictions. After assuming their position at the stake, 2 minutes are allowed to shoot one (1) arrow. The shooter will receive a verbal warning from the group for the first offense. Second warning will be a five (5) point penalty from target score, but no less than an “X”.
 - 10.15 An arrow inadvertently dropped while transferring the arrow from the quiver to the bow in preparation of a shot or an arrow that falls off the arrow rest or accidentally releases from the string in preparation of making a shot may be recovered if within reach of the archer from the appropriate shooting stake.
11. EQUIPMENT FAILURE
- An equipment failure declared by the archer and verified by the group may leave the range to declare an equipment failure to a tournament official. Upon reporting to an official an archer will have 45 min. To make necessary repairs or replacement and re-sight the repaired equipment. The archer will then rejoin with the original group and continue shooting the remaining targets. All targets missed will be shot under make up rules with a scorekeeper and witness. Any equipment failure that results in an arrow being released toward a target will be scored as it lies, a missed target may not be re-shot. Each archer is limited to one equipment failure per tournament. If a second equipment failure occurs, the archer will remain with the group to act as scorer or scorekeeper.
12. BINOCULARS and RANGE FINDERS
- 12.1 Binoculars and spotting scopes will be allowed. They may be checked at random by tournament officials or individuals in your shooting group. You may ask to check theirs as well.
 - 12.2 If an official deems any marks inappropriate, the glasses will be confiscated and presented to the Tournament Director and committee for examination. In addition, any binoculars and or spotting scopes that have been pro-marked by the factory and are being used by the shooter as a range finding device, will be confiscated and will be presented for review to the tournament committee. Penalty for this if found guilty will be disqualification.

- 12.3 On unmarked ranges, no range finders are allowed. On marked 3-D ranges, range finders would be allowed if announced and advertised as to be used. This would be left as an option to the Tournament Officials.
- 12.4 An archer may not hold any equipment in line with the target for use as a range finder, and after an archer has set his/her sight may not let down and re-set the sight. A verbal warning may be given from the group for a first offense. A second offense may be assessed a penalty of 5 points by the group. Each subsequent offense may be assessed a 5 point penalty.

13. PROCEDURE FOR FINDING LOST ARROWS

As a safety consideration, and to insure a timely competition, no archer will go behind a target to look for a lost arrow unless you can see it at time of scoring. Always keep at least two (2) archers in front of target to insure that no other group will shoot said target while you are retrieving the arrow. If you cannot visibly see the arrow, make a note to return with a range official after the completion of the round.

14. Equipment for 3-D by existing NFAA equipment rules and NFAA Divisions.

14.1 National Unmarked, Sectional and State Marked and Unmarked Youth and Cub maximum distances.

YOUTH

Marked maximum – 45 yds

Unmarked maximum – 40 yds

Stakes = Blue

CUB

Marked & Unmarked maximum – 25 yds

Stakes = Black

14.2 Adult Traditional archers shoot Blue Stakes

SE-4 (FL) – By-Laws – Page 61, VI, Q – New 8.9 “No shooter will write down distance-to-target information or notes on an unmarked 3-D range, or will refer to written memoranda concerning distance-to-target while shooting an unmarked course.

WI-8 (amended) – By-Laws – Page 54, VI, I, 5.3 – No archer may touch the target face before all arrows are scored.

UT-2 (amended) – Constitution – Page 12, III, B, 2.6 – Must offer one Indoor State Championship and one Outdoor State Field Championship tournament per year using official NFAA rules, rounds and targets. These tournaments must require NFAA membership. In the event a state does not have a field range available to host an outdoor field championship, an alternate official NFAA outdoor round may be used.

MA-4 – By-Laws – Page 30, II, F, 1 – Add after the words “Points of attachment shall not be considered reference points.” – “A line running vertically from its top attachment in the pin guard to its bottom attachment in the pin guard would be legal.” – The rest of the paragraph to remain the same.

Signed
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