

2009 Annual State Directors Meeting agenda items.

Proposed changes to the NFAA Constitution and By-Laws to be considered by the NFAA State Directors at their meeting February 2009. These proposals must be submitted in writing by Sept 30 and distributed to the State Directors 90 days before the meeting. Each proposal is assigned to a committee of State Directors for review, then the committee will report to the full board with recommendations on each item. The committee has the authority to combine like items or to amend the items which are then voted on by the full board.

Additional items may be placed on the agenda by resolutions, signed by 15 board members present at the annual meeting. These are referred to as 15 Signature Items and are processed in the same manner as the previously published items.

These changes will affect all NFAA members, so please let your State Director know your opinion.

*Please note that some items have been condensed to save space.

Submitted by: Great Lakes Section GL-1

Rationale: The use of 15 signature items is hostile to the Constitution; Directors being asked to vote on these items are not prepared to vote: having no knowledge of the consensus of their state membership on such items.

Proposal: 5.9 - Remove the sentence "Additional items may be placed on the agenda by resolutions signed by 15 board members present at the annual meeting, and must be in proper form".

Submitted by: Washington WA-2

Rationale: The introduction of several 15 signature items at the directors meeting in 2008 has raised a concern that this practice prevents the directors from gathering input from their state. The 15 signature agenda items should be reserved for issues that have arisen in the 90 days prior to the meeting.

Proposal: 5.9 All submitted agenda items must be mailed to the directors by the Executive Secretary no later than 90 days prior to the annual meeting. Additional items **addressing issues that have arisen in the 90 days prior to the annual meeting** may be placed on the agenda by resolutions signed by 15 board members present at the annual meeting, and must be in proper form.

Submitted by: New England Section NE-2

Rationale: Some of the sectional tournaments have lost a fairly significant amount of money when we compare the travel expenses versus registrations collected, due to the Councilman's distance he or she has to travel. In those examples, a local director could run the tournament for the section.

Proposal: 5.1 The maximum reimbursement allowed for a council's expenses (mileage, flights, hotels, motels, meals, etc.), for a sectional tournament shall be 80% of the prior year's registrations for that tournament.

Submitted by: NFAA Council C-1

Rationale: To update the NFAA dues structure.

Proposal:

B. One-Time dues:

Individual dues for first time members joining directly through the NFAA shall be \$65.00 (\$25.00 to be forwarded to the member's State Association). Family dues shall be \$85.00 (\$45.00 to be forwarded to the member's State Association).

C. Competitive Membership dues:

Individual dues for the National Field Archery Association for competitive members shall be \$40.00 per year per person plus the applicable state association dues based on stated affiliation.

D. Non Competitive Membership dues:

Individual dues for the National Field Archery Association for non competitive members shall be \$40.00 per year per person with \$5.00 rebated to the state association of residence.

E. Bowhunter dues:

The yearly NFAA Bowhunter membership dues shall be \$40.00 with \$5.00 deposited in the Bowhunter Defense fund, \$5.00 returned to the State Association, and \$5.00 to the NFAA general fund for administration. The balance will be applied for magazine subscription and individual liability insurance.

Submitted by: Ohio OH-1

Rational: Many companies and private organizations throughout our great nation show their support for our military heroes by extending discounts to current military members and retired military veterans. The NFAA should lead the way in the archery community and do the same.

Proposed change: Revise/split paragraph D to read as follows:

D. Military and foreign dues:

1. Foreign dues:

Dues for the NFAA for foreign nationals belonging to the NFAA affiliated association shall be \$35.00 per year per person and shall include the NFAA’s official publication. Dues for two additional family members shall be \$5.00 per year per person. Additional family memberships shall be \$2.00 per person.

2. Military/Veteran Dues

Dues for the NFAA for U.S. military personnel (active duty, reserve, National Guard and retired veterans), regardless of location within or outside the jurisdiction of an affiliated body, shall be \$25.00 per year per person and shall include the NFAA’s official publication. Dues for two additional family members shall be \$3.00 per year per person. Total membership for a U.S. military family shall not exceed \$31.00 per year. There shall be no charge for additional family members in excess of two. Transient military personnel shall be serviced from NFAA Headquarters.

Submitted by: NFAA Council C-2

Rationale: Archery is a lifelong sport and all Americans are living longer. In order to provide services to older members, we must be pro-active and consider the national rate of inflation.

Proposed change:

Life Membership dues for Adult head of household shall be 20 times the Adult annual dues.

Life Membership dues for Senior head of household (over 65) shall be 6 times the Adult annual dues.

Submitted by: Southeast Section SE-5

Rationale: A description of the term “Inside Out” in scoring is needed to clarify the specific use of this scoring term. Two possible understandings are: (1) The arrow does not touch the applicable line, and (2) The arrow does not touch the area outside the line in that the line is manufactured as part of that scoring area.

Placing a definition of the term in the rule book should eliminate miss-understandings when we score Inside Out.

Proposed change:

Inside Out – A scoring term describing an arrow that does not touch the outer ring (separating line) of the applicable scoring area.

Submitted by: Arizona AZ-1

Rationale: The NFAA adopted an across the board speed and maximum poundage limitations. Speed is not a major issue with NFAA standard indoor and outdoor rounds. The poundage of the bow has more impact. This item is to limit the bow weight to 60 pounds, as used by NAA, at all rounds except 3-D rounds.

Proposed change:

3. The maximum peak draw weight allowed in NFAA competition except 3-D rounds shall be 60 pounds. On 3-D rounds, the maximum peak draw weight allowed will be 80 pounds and the maximum speed will be 280 feet per second with a variance of 3%. Poundage and speed are subject to checking at any time with the on-site equipment.

Submitted by: Great Lakes Section, Southeast Section and Pennsylvania GL-2, SE-2, SE-3, SE-4

Rationale: Establish a maximum arrow diameter for NFAA competition.

Proposed change to limit arrow size:

Great Lakes .422
Southeast 23 or 26 or 27
Pennsylvania 9.3mm

Submitted by: New Mexico NM-1

Rationale: At last years meeting, the Directors made it legal to have a counterbalance, V-bars and string dampers in the other 2 Bowhunter sub-styles. In the Barebow style it is also legal and since the Bowhunters have to compete against the BB shooters in Vegas, it would only make sense to allow them to have the same advantages.

Proposed Change: Allow V bar stabilizers in the non-sighted Bowhunter Division.

One straight stabilizer, coupling device included if used, which cannot exceed 12inches at any time, as measured from the back of the bow, V-bar, counterbalance and string dampeners may be used in the Competitive Bowhunter style.

Submitted by: California CA-1

Rationale: Inappropriate age requirements for Senior and Master Senior divisions

Proposed Change: Change Senior Division to age 60 and Master Senior to 70.

Submitted by: NFAA Council C-3

Rationale: To allow for more preparation time for the tournament and give our members information earlier.

Proposed Change

Bids to host the National Outdoor Championship tournament must be submitted to the NFAA Council by September 1, at least 2 years in advance.

Submitted by: New Jersey and New York NY-1, NJ-1

Rationale: At Sectional tournaments a large number of the archers are either Senior Life members or NFAA officials who register for the event at no cost. The loss of income to the host clubs has resulted in fewer clubs submitting bids for the Sectional Championships. Many state organizations base the host club payback on the total registered headcount rather than on fees collected for their State Championships. This amendment will provide incentives for more clubs to host the Sectionals.

Proposed change:

5.2 Host club may keep up to 50% of registration fees based on the total number of registered archers.

5.3 The NFAA will reimburse hosts of Indoor & Outdoor Sectional Tournaments the pre-registration portion of fees not collected from competitors that are NFAA Senior Life Members and are exempt from said fees.

Submitted by: California CA-2

Rationale: To allow Master Senior division the Bowhunter Freestyle style

Proposed change: Add Bowhunter Freestyle to the Master Senior age division.

Submitted by: Southeast Section SE-6

Rationale: In order to facilitate breaking of ties at major tournaments without extending the shoot-off event to multiple ends, limit shoot-offs to sudden death target by target with inside out scoring.

Proposed change:

Shoot offs shall be "sudden death", target by target until the tie is broken. Shoot off scoring shall be inside out for all scoring rings.

Submitted by: Southeast Section SE-7

Rationale:

The unit rule listed in our rule book may be too stringent (or limiting) for some states who would prefer to award farther, but not where the second or third place is uncontested. The following alternate unit rule is suggested.

Proposed change: Para 1.2 An alternative unit rule is defined as follows: One award for one or two archers. Two awards for three or four archers. Three awards for five or more archers in a class.

Submitted by: Southeast Section SE-9

Rationale: Unless an individual is the only one registered in a style/division, it is inappropriate to give an award to an individual who is in last place in their shooting category.

Proposed change: Awards at Sectional and National Tournaments shall be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in all divisions and styles except where the 2nd or 3rd place individual is in last place in the division or style.

Submitted by: Southeast Section SE-11

Rationale: The Southeast Directors feel that arrow size will no longer be an issue if the “X” ring scoring is changed to only list an “X” for an inside out arrow.

Proposed change: All X-ring scoring shall be inside-out.

Submitted by: Colorado CO-1

Rationale: The Indoor Vegas round was adopted as an official NFAA round but is not listed as an official round for indoor sanctioned leagues. Clubs and affiliated lanes should be allowed to have a sanctioned league using the Vegas round in preparation for the Vegas tournament.

Proposed change: Add Vegas 450 Round to approved games for indoor leagues and offer corresponding score achievement patches.

Submitted by: Mid Atlantic Section MA-1

Rationale: Archery clubs and shops must maintain affiliation with NFAA to remain eligible to host sanctioned tournaments and have coverage with NFAA endorsed insurance. If their state association is unable to provide approval for charter within the timetable set in the constitution, the clubs may loose their charter and their insurance coverage. This item would allow the NFAA headquarters to assist the clubs with charter applications and maintain the state approval requirement now in place.

Proposed change: New 6. If a state association is unable to process the charter application within thirty days of receipt, NFAA headquarters is authorized to accept the application and issue the charter. The state association will be contacted for approval and if the application is denied by the state, NFAA will immediately revoke the charter and notify the endorsed insurance carrier of the situation.

Submitted by: Southeast Section SE-1

Rationale: In 2008 the NFAA President called an emergency meeting after the adjournment of the regular session of the Annual Meeting. In order to do business at an emergency meeting, there must be a method for the decision of that meeting to be implemented...

Proposed change: The By-laws may be amended or revised by a two-thirds weighted vote of the Board of Directors as voted at the annual meeting, by mail ballot, or by the Board of Directors at an emergency meeting called by the NFAA President. At an emergency meeting called by the NFAA President, the weighted two-thirds vote must be two-thirds of the full NFAA Board of Directors.

Submitted by: NFAA Council C-4

Rationale: To allow the NFAA Directors to do business in a more timely manner.

Proposed change: The By-laws may be amended or revised by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, as voted at a physical or electronic meeting or by mail ballot.

Submitted by: New York and CI Committee NY-2

Rationale: Since the NFAA has agreed to the Universal Basic Archery Instructor and Universal Intermediate Instructor courses accepted by both the NFAA and USA Archery, some of the statements in the Policy Section regarding instructor certification and requirements require updates to be consistent with the courses as currently structured. The specified certification duration is three years for Basic Instructors and four years for Intermediate Instructors. Also, the certification terms of many Advanced Certified Instructors (ACI) and Master Coaches are soon due to expire and the means of re-certification for Advanced Certified Instructors and Master Coaches needs to be clearly specified.

Proposed change:

The certification of all NFAA Advanced Certified Instructors and Master Coaches received after February 1994 will expire 10 years from the date of issuance. Those instructors and Master Coaches certified prior to February 1994 shall retain their certification for as long as they remain NFAA members.

All Basic Instructors Certified by the Universal Basic Instructor course must re-certify every three years by attending another Universal Basic Instructor course. Basic Instructors who take an active interest in the sport of archery are encouraged to upgrade to Intermediate level.

All Intermediate Instructors Certified by the Universal Intermediate Instructor course must re-certify every four years by attending another Universal Intermediate Instructor course, or by applying to the CI Committee for re-certification and paying a \$10.00 re-certification fee, providing that they have been active instructors during the last year of their certification.

Advanced Certified Instructors (ACI) may re-certify by auditing a Shooters School or an ACI course presented by a current NFAA Master Coach at the reduced fee of \$50.00 (\$10.00 to the NFAA for record keeping), by passing a proctored ACI course exam and paying a \$10.00 re-certification fee, or by applying to the CI Committee for re-certification and paying a \$10.00 re-certification fee, providing that they have been active instructors during their certification period. Re-certification will not be unreasonably withheld. A proctor for the ACI exam may be a NFAA member designated by a NFAA Councilman or Director and approved by the NFAA CI Committee.

Master Coaches may re-certify by auditing a NFAA Master Coach School at the reduced fee of \$50.00 (\$10.00 to the NFAA for record keeping), or by applying to the CI Committee for re-certification and paying a \$10.00 re-certification fee, providing that they have been active coaches during their certification period. Re-certification will not be unreasonably withheld.

Submitted by: New York NY-3

Rationale: The NFAA and USA Archery jointly accept the Universal Basic Instructor and Universal Intermediate Instructor courses administered by the National Alliance for the Development of Archery (NADA) as the certification courses for Basic and Intermediate level archery. Page 84 & 85 of the Policy Section regarding “2003: The Certified Instructor Program” should be updated to reflect this change.

Proposed change:

Requirements for the Universal Basic Instructor course: This is a one-day course (8 to 12 hours, depending on the number of students). The minimum age for certification is 15 years old; however, any instructor under 18 years of age must be directly supervised by a certified instructor at least 18 years old who is present during the presentation of any youth archery program. Performance may be monitored, and each new instructor will have a one year probationary period. Cost of the course is \$20.00 for the course materials and certification plus the instructor’s fee which may depend on the number of students. The primary purpose of this course is to prepare Basic Instructors to teach youth and beginning archers. This class may be taught by an NFAA Intermediate Instructor, Advanced Instructor, Master Coach or equivalent level USA Archery/NAA instructor.

Requirements for the Universal Intermediate Instructor Course: This is a two day course (minimum 16 hours). The requirements for certification are: membership in NFAA or USA Archery, minimum 18 years of age with previous certification as a Basic Instructor or equivalent experience in archery. Six months active participation in the sport of archery is considered experience equivalent to Basic Instructor certification. Performance may be monitored, and each new instructor will have a one year probationary period. Cost of the course is \$25.00 for the course materials and certification plus the instructor’s fee which may depend on the number of students. The primary purpose of this course is to prepare Intermediate Instructors to teach beginning and intermediate archers and to teach a Universal Basic Instructor course. This class may be taught by an NFAA Advanced Instructor, Master Coach or equivalent level USA Archery/NAA instructor.

Submitted by: NFAA Council C-5

Rationale: The NFAA Council agreed that items important enough to be included in our “Rule Book” should not be kept separate as “Policy”, but should be included in the Constitution or By Laws as rules required to be followed.

The “Policy” section of our rule book as currently published is a general desire list voted by a reduced majority of our Directors and thus does not require compliance.

This agenda item lists the entire contents of our “General Policy” with recommended movement initially prepared by the Councilman tasked with developing this agenda item. Hopefully, the Committee evaluating this item will amend as needed to make the movements acceptable to our Directors.

Proposed changes:

BDC-8-1980 Clarification, -- **Move to Constitution Article IX, Paragraph B. (page 21) next to last sentence of initial paragraph.**

1984 Definition: -- **Move to Constitution Article III, Paragraph A, 3.4 (page 10)**

1988: Suggestions for Laying out a Permanent Bowhunter 3-D Range: -- **Delete (course approval requirements are already in By-Laws page 82)**

1991: Outdoor National tournament -- **Move to By-Laws Article IV, Paragraph A, 3.1 (page 40)**

2006: Outdoor National Tournament -- **Move to By-Laws Article IV, Paragraph A, 3.2 (page 40) – after “Monday through Friday” add “or Wednesday through Sunday”**

2006: Effective 2008: -- **Move to By-Laws Article IV, Paragraph A, 3.3 (page 40)**

1994: Certified Instructor and Master Coach Clinics

2003: The Certified Instructor Program

2004: Amendment -- **Move all to By-Laws new Article IX and renumber remaining Articles (page 70) with appropriate paragraphing.**

1996: The NFAA Novelty Field Round -- **Delete**

1996: Combination 3-D Animal and Field or Hunter Round -- **Delete**

1996: Pee Wee Classification -- **Move to By-Laws Article III, Paragraph B, 5. (page 34)**

2001: The Official NFAA Youth Instruction Programs -- **Move to the above listed new Article IX (page 70) with appropriate paragraphing.**

1999: 3-D National Tournaments -- **Move to Constitution Article IX, Paragraph C, 8. (page 22)**

1999: 3-D Targets -- **Move to By-Laws Article IV, Paragraph A, 6.1 (page 40)**

1999: Additions or Amendments to the Policy Section -- **Delete**

2000: The NFAA will provide liability coverage **Move to Constitution Article V, new Paragraph D and re-number other paragraphs as necessary. (page 15)**

2000: The NFAA recognizes the rights of other organizations -- **Delete**

2004: Selection of World Team -- **Move to By-Laws Article IV, new Paragraph H. and re-number subsequent paragraphs as necessary. (page 44)**

2001: When changes are made to the NFAA Constitution and By-Laws -- **Move to Constitution Article V, Paragraph 3.7.1 (page 14)**

2003: A National Youth Tournament -- **Delete**

2005: Uniform Line Judging and Shooting Rules -- **Move to By-Laws Article III, Paragraph D, new Paragraph 7 and re-number subsequent paragraphs as necessary. (page 36)**

2006: Accounting for National Tournaments -- **Move to By-Laws Article IV, Paragraph A, 13. (page 41)**

2006: At National -- **Move to By-Laws Article IV, Paragraph A, 14 (page 41)**

2006: It should be -- **Delete**

Submitted by: Southeast Section SE-8

Rationale It is inappropriate for one person to be able to make the other three (or one) miserable on an individual personal whim. If half, or a majority, of the group doesn't want spectators... that is fine – but there are some individuals who will individually ask a spectator to leave simply to agitate their competition.

Proposed change: At National and Sectional Outdoor Tournaments, spectators may be allowed with a shooting group at the pleasure and permission of a majority of the competitors in the group.

Submitted by: Great Lakes Section GL-3

Rationale: To have all outdoor rounds listed on the range captain's guide.

Proposed change: Add the guidelines for the 900 and Lake of the Woods Rounds.