

**NFAA ANNUAL MEETING REPORT**  
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The NFAA Annual Meeting was held in Las Vegas, Nevada from February 14 - 16, 2010.

Forty-six (46) states were represented at the meeting. States not in attendance were: Arkansas, Delaware, South Carolina, Vermont and the Archery Association of Europe (AAE).

Total NFAA membership as of 12/31/09 was 11,597, a decrease of 205 from 11,802 members as of 12/31/08. California, by virtue of their 2,012 total NFAA members, had 5 votes to cast. Florida, with 684 members, had 2 votes to cast. All other states had one vote. New York had 297 NFAA members, a decrease from 334 members in 2008.

Future tournament dates are as follows:

February 11 – 13, 2011 - The Vegas Shoot & World Archery Festival.

July 27 – July 31, 2011 - 66<sup>th</sup> NFAA Outdoor National Tournament in Yankton, South Dakota. This is a 5 day/3 day format tournament starting on a WEDNESDAY and ending on SUNDAY.

July 25 – July 29, 2012 - 67<sup>th</sup> NFAA Outdoor National Tournament in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. This is a 5 day/3 day format tournament starting on a WEDNESDAY and ending on SUNDAY.

**Agenda Items Approved at the 2010 NFAA Annual Board of Directors Meeting**

Be advised, that unless otherwise noted, all action taken by the Board of Directors 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.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

**SE-4** Revision, Constitution, Page 20, Article VII, Section K, Paragraph 2 & 3

2. The Councilman shall take office on the first day of the month following election. When the office is vacant, the Councilman shall take office immediately upon election.
3. Election of Councilman for the Northwestern, New England, Mid-Western and Southern sections shall be even numbered years. Election of Councilman for the Southwestern, Mid-Atlantic, Great Lakes and Southeastern sections shall be in odd numbered years.

**MS-1** Revision, Constitution, Pages 10 thru 26, numerous Articles, Sections and Paragraphs.  
Change the word "ANNUAL" (Meeting) to "BI-ANNUAL" (Meeting).

**Passage of this Agenda Item eliminates the 2011 NFAA Annual Meeting. This is for a two year trial period, to be addressed at the 2012 NFAA Annual Meeting.**

Revision, Constitution, Page 17, Article IV, Section C, Paragraph 5.8  
Changed to read; "Approval of the annual budget in the off year of the bi-annual meeting shall be through a Sectional mail-in vote of the Directors and represented by the Council at the annual Council meeting".

**COMPETITION COMMITTEE**

**MA-1** Revision, By-Laws, Page 27, Article I, Section C, Paragraph 3

The General Rules for Archery Games section of the By-Laws is confusing and refers to a "40 cm" target, which is not used in the Field or Hunter rounds shot at the National and Sectional Tournaments. The By-Laws should refer to a 50 cm target.

3. In all National and Sectional tournaments using official NFAA rounds, the following target configurations shall be used according to the target diameter:

20 cm. target faces: Sixteen target faces shall be used for the 35/30/25/20 foot and the 11 yard shots. The target butt shall be constructed to hold the targets in a 4 by 4 configuration.

35 cm. target faces: Four 35 cm. target faces shall be used. The target butt shall be constructed to hold the targets in a 2 by 2 configuration.

50 cm. target faces: Two target faces shall be used for the 35-yard fan (Field rounds) and 36-yard fan (Hunter rounds). The target butt shall be constructed to hold the targets either side by side or one above the other.

65 cm. target face: One target shall be used.

**NJ-1** Revision, By-Laws, Page 32, Article II, Section H, Paragraph 15

Add Paragraph #15. In all rounds below Sectional level, all Traditional archers **may** shoot at Youth distances.

**TX-1** New Item, By-Laws, Page 46, Article IV, Section I, Paragraph 9  
New paragraph 9 and renumber 9 through 13

This Agenda Item concerns the scoring of Robinhoods.

9. An arrow embedded in the nock of another arrow (generally known as a Robinhood) will be scored the same as the arrow it skewered.

**RIC 2009-1**

The Directors voted to **UPHOLD** RIC 2009-1

At a recent New England Sectional meeting, the new requirements for enforcing the draw weight and arrow speed limits were discussed. Originally the group talked about just having a bow scale and chronograph available, but not necessarily using it. Connecticut disagreed and suggested that Article IV, Section D, Paragraph 1, Sub paragraph 1.9 requires the testing of all archers' equipment. Specifically, unless otherwise specified, the wording "The official tournament bow scale and chronograph shall be used for enforcement of the peak draw weight and arrow speed limits specified in Article II, Section A, Paragraph 3" imply that all equipment must be checked. New England requests a interpretation of the ruling prior to taking effect on June 1.

RIC Committee Decision:

I received your request for an interpretation by the RIC and passed the request on to the RIC members. In order for the RIC to make an interpretation a Director would need to make a ruling first as pursuant to article IX of the NFAA Constitution, paragraph B, Item 1. However the RIC feels that the decision to test every set up would be at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Currently the organization has restrictions on speed along with allowable equipment for use in each style of competition and does not routinely check either. Rather it is the normal practice to allow the competitors to police their own ranks (I do remember the NFAA checking draw weight at an Outdoor National Tournament on every bow since the early 1990's). In light of this the **Official Tournament Bow scale and Chronograph** only needs to be on site.

**RIC 2010-2**

The Directors voted to **OVERTURN** RIC 2010-2

Request for RIC Ruling by Colorado State Director.

I had an incident this weekend at our State Winter Indoor Tournament. On Saturday (1-23-10) one of our archers was inadvertently bumped by the archer behind him, while at full draw. This caused him to shoot

his arrow and miss his target. He immediately brought the matter to our attention and asked to shoot another arrow. The archer standing behind him did come up to us and stated the bump was totally unintentional and accidental. My decision was to let the archer shoot another arrow as the missed arrow was caused by interference beyond his control. I would like to confirm that this was the correct decision to make.

RIC Committee Decision:

Based upon the following: Article VI, Section E, Paragraph 5, Item 5.7 and RIC 1991-7, that was upheld at the 1992 Annual Meeting; The Rules Interpretation Committee DISAGREES with the Director from Colorado and feels that any narrow completely passing more than ten (10) feet forward of the shooting line, either propelled by the bowstring or dropped would constitute a shot arrow.

**MI-1 Revision**, By-Laws, Page 27, Article I, Section A, Paragraph 7

This Agenda item redefines the term “Inside Out”.

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

### **EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE**

**RIC 2009-2**

The Directors voted to **UPHOLD** RIC 2009-2

The NFAA Director for the State of Washington ruled on the legality of two different rests, the “QAD Ultra Drop Away” and the “Whisker Biscuit”, for use in Adult Bowhunter Freestyle and inclusive of Adult Bowhunter Freestyle Limited. The Director ruled these rests illegal in BHFS and BHFSL because the horizontal bar on the QAD constitutes an illegal 6th reference point, as does the top of the Whisker Biscuit.

Rules Interpretation Committee Decision:

Based on Article II, Paragraphs F and G, Page 31 of the NFAA By-Laws – Edition Thirty-Eight:

The Rules Interpretation Committee disagrees with the Director from Washington and feels the rests in question are legal. The By-Laws no longer address arrow rest height requirements in BHFS and BHFSL styles. As for a portion of the rest being used for sighting purposes, using Appendix 3, Page 93, anything located within the pictured sight window could potentially be used as a sight reference point (any rest, other than the shelf, or the tip of the arrow itself).

**RIC 2010-1**

The Directors voted to **UPHOLD** RIC 2010-1

The RIC Committee Chairman, Mr. Bob McCutcheon received a request for a manufacturer’s ruling on the use of the “Double Vision Blocker” in NFAA competition.

Rules Interpretation Committee Decision:

The Rules Interpretation Committee feels the “Double Vision Blocker” does conform to Article II, Paragraphs F and G, NFAA Shooting Styles and Equipment Rules for Bowhunter Freestyle and Bowhunter Freestyle Limited so long as the competitor does not have more than (5) five fixed reference points visible in the sight window.

### **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**SE-1** New Item, Constitution, Page 15, Article V, Section C, Paragraph 3, Item 3.15

This Agenda Item adds to the duties of the Executive Secretary.

3.15 Organize, operate and supervise the administration of NFAA National Tournaments: Duties to include registration, finances, shooting assignments, results, and any other associated tasks directed by the Tournament Chairman, NFAA President and NFAA Council.

**SE-2** Revision, By-Laws, Page 43, Article IV, Section F, Paragraph 1.1 and Revision, By-Laws, Page 91, Article Appendix 1

This Agenda Item revises the NFAA flight system chart for National & Sectional tournaments and insures that a "Equal division of the number of archers in each flight will be maintained", and "the last flight will record a lesser number (for two flights) or an unequal number (for three or more flights)".

**WI-1** Revision, By-Laws, Page 43, Article IV, Section F, Paragraph 2 & 3

This Agenda Item concerns the flighting after all scores are shot and puts every archer in order by score with no one shooting a lower score or an incomplete score finishing above an archer with a higher overall score.

Replace Paragraph 2 & 3with:

2. For Outdoor Nationals, archers will be arranged in flights according to their final score and X count, whether it is a 3 day, 5 day or 3/5 day National format. For Outdoor Sectionals, archers will be arranged in flights according to their final score and X count.

3. For Indoor Nationals and Indoor Sectionals, archers will be arranged in flights according to their final score and may include X count.

**SE-3** Revision, By-Laws, Page 60, Article VI, Section K, Paragraph 8, Item 8.3

This Agenda Item concerns that fact that in 2009 the NFAA changed the official arrow speed to 300 ft. per second and neglected to change this in the 3-D rules.

**NOTE: THIS BY-LAW CHANGE IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

8.3 The NFAA has adopted the 300 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 chronograph. Any arrow shot through the chronograph after a tournament round (which exceeds 309 ft. per sec.) will result in immediate disqualification of that round score with no exceptions. (Three-arrow average).

**PRO-6** New Item, Revision, By-Laws, Page 36, Article III, Section D, Paragraph 3, Item 3.2

This Agenda Item concerns a dress code for the NFAA Professional Division.

Add to Item 3.2

Not acceptable. Jeans – any color except for outdoor field and outdoor 3-D events. Swimming suits, cut-offs and obscene or vulgar slogans or pictures on clothing.

Violations to the dress code will be enforced by the Pro Executive Committee (PEC) and may result in a reprimand, probation or suspension. Violations should be brought to the Pro Chair by the Tournament Chair.

**PRO-5** Revision, Constitution, Page 35, Article III, Section D, Paragraph 1, Item 1.5

This Agenda Item deletes the "Certificate of Invitation" to the Professional Division program as less than 2% of the eligible archers have taken advantage of this program.

Delete Item 1.5 of Section D, Paragraph 1.

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