

NFAA ANNUAL MEETING REPORT - UNOFFICIAL

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The NFAA Annual Meeting was held in Las Vegas, Nevada on February 5 & 6, 2012.

Forty-five (45) states were represented at the meeting. States not in attendance were: Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Arkansas, Louisiana and the Archery Association of Europe (AAE).

Total NFAA membership as of 12/31/11 was 11,382, a decrease of 215 from 11,597 members as of 12/31/09. California, by virtue of their 1,879 total NFAA members, had 4 votes to cast. Florida, with 914 members, had 2 votes to cast. All other states had one vote.

States in the Mid-Atlantic Section:

Maryland had 204 NFAA members, a decrease from 212 members in 2009

New Jersey had 302 NFAA members, an increase from 299 members in 2009

New York had 244 NFAA members, a decrease from 297 members in 2009

Pennsylvania had 191 NFAA members, a decrease from 236 members in 2009

Virginia had 213 NFAA members, an increase from 202 members in 2009

West Virginia had 118 NFAA members, a decrease from 144 members in 2009

Future tournament dates are as follows:

March 16 & 17, 2013 – 34th NFAA Indoor National Championship in Louisville, Kentucky.

July 21 – July 24, 2014 - 69th NFAA Outdoor National Tournament in Yankton, South Dakota. This is a 5 day/3 day format tournament starting on MONDAY and ending on FRIDAY.

2013 IFAA World Indoor Archery Championships – USA, NFAA

2014 IFAA World Field Archery Championships – USA, NFAA

Agenda Items Approved at the 2012 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

NE-1 New Item, Policy

On the renewal notice, ask the members if they would prefer to receive an e-mail notification that a new copy of the ARCHERY magazine is available on the NFAA Web site as opposed to receiving a printed copy. If they answer yes, they must provide an e-mail address.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

MW-1 Revision, Constitution, Page 15, Article V, Section D, Paragraph 1

Election, President, and Vice-President:

In the first week of August of odd number years, preceding election year, the NFAA Council shall act as a nominating committee and nominate two or more candidates for each office of President and Vice-President and file the same with the Executive Secretary before September 30th. All candidates will have been contacted beforehand and agreed to accept the nomination. Any individual, who meets the requirements and has a valid nomination, shall be included on the slate of candidates.

GL-1 Revision, Constitution, Page 20, Article VII, Section J, Paragraph 3

Election of the Councilman will take place at the annual Sectional meeting by *the Board of Directors* of that section. Nominations will be made by any Director of the section, who will forward a resume of the nominee to each Director in the section a minimum of three weeks prior to the annual sectional meeting, at which time the nominations for Councilman will be closed. NFAA Headquarters will be notified of the election results along with the minutes of said meeting in accordance with Article VII, Section I, Paragraph 3.

PA-1 Revision, By-Laws, Page 27, Article 1, Section B, Paragraph "Definitions", Item 8

Guest Competitor and Guest Participant

Guest Competitor – Refers to a NFAA member shooting at an event outside of their respective State or Section.

Guest Participant – Refers to a non-NFAA member archers who may participate in sectional tournaments, state NFAA tournaments including the mandated NFAA Indoor and Outdoor State championships but who may not win awards nor claim titles such as "champion". Non NFAA member participants shall participate while observing all NFAA tournament requirements, rules and regulations. Sections and states have the option to honor the guest participant section of this item.

ALSO:

Revision, Constitution, Page 12, Article III, Section B, Paragraph 2, Item 2.4

Change to read: Require membership in the NFAA as essential for competition, excluding the guest participant divisions at Sectional and State level tournaments including NFAA mandated NFAA State Championships in NFAA rounds as listed under By-Laws Article VI.

Revision, Constitution, Page 12, Article III, Section B, Paragraph 2, Item 2.5

Change to read: 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 competitor division.* 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.

Revision, Constitution, Page 12, Article III, Section B, Paragraph 2, Item 2.7.4

There will be no Guest Division, style or class. Guest participants will not be listed on the scoreboard or tournament report other than the report will state the number of Guest participants but no reference to names or scores.

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

FL-1 New Item, By-Laws, Page 34, Article II Section L

LONGBOW:

1. A one piece straight ended bow of any material, which when strung displays one continued unidirectional curve which is measured as follows: When the strung bow is placed with the bowstring in a vertical position, the angle as measured between the tangent of any point on the limb and an imaginary horizontal line must always decrease as this point is moved farther away from the bow grip. Tip reinforcing not exceeding 1/2" in heights, as measured from the surface of the bow limb and not exceeding 1 1/2" in length as measured from the limb tip.
2. The belly must be free of any marks or blemishes that can be used as sighting aids.
3. The bow may contain a window and an arrow shelf.
4. Only one nocking point is allowed on the string which may be marked by one or two nocking point locators.
5. Nocks may be of any material and weight of pile.
6. One consistent nocking point must be used.
7. Participation in this style requires wooden arrows.

By-Laws, Page 44, Article IV, Section G

ADD "Longbow" to ADULT or SENIOR

By-Laws, Page 63, Article VI, Section K, Paragraph 14, Item 14.2
ADD "Longbow" to archers shooting blue stakes.

Page 96, APPENDIX 5
ADD: AMLB, AFLB, SMLB and SFLB for adult and senior longbow divisions.

PRO-2 New Item, By-Laws, Page 37, Article III, Section D, Paragraph 7, Item 7.1.2
The NFAA Pro Division recognizes only the Freestyle and Freestyle Limited Recurve/Longbow styles of shooting.

By-Laws, Page 44, Article IV, Section G, Paragraph 2
PRO or SENIOR PRO
DELETE "Freestyle Limited" and ADD "Freestyle Limited Recurve/Longbow"

Be advised that there will be an approximate "one year phase out" of the Professional Division Freestyle Limited style of shooting. Professional Division Freestyle Limited will cease to exist on December 31, 2012.

PRO-3 Revision, By-Laws, Page 36, Article III, Section D, Paragraph 3
Professional Dress Code:

3.2 Not acceptable during competition.

Jeans or Denim of any color are not allowed during competition. Professional archers shall wear Khaki, Tan, Black, White or Navy slacks, shorts or skirts. Shorts and skirts can be no shorter than two inches above the knee. The waist of the attire must not fall below the waistline. Shirts/tops shall be of a collared design. Archers may also wear uniforms provided by sponsors. Shirts must have a standard collar, Henley collar or Mock collar. T-shirts, swimming suits, cut-offs and obscene or vulgar slogans or pictures on clothing are prohibited.

3.2a Open toed shoes/flip flops/sandals are unacceptable while competing.

3.2b Dress codes are not enforced during practice.

3.2c Dress codes shall be enforced for all State, Sectional and National events and those events sanctioned by NFAA.

3.2d In the event of inclement weather, over wear (rain gear, cold gear) is permissible and will not violate dress code as long as it holds within the spirit of the rule.

3.2e Violations to the dress code will be enforced by the Pro Executive Committee (PEC) and may result in a reprimand, probation, suspension, or as outlined in this article, Section 4. Violations can be brought to the Pro Chair or Pro Rep or a member of the PEC by the Tournament Chair or any competitor.

3.2f Archers removed from competition will not be eligible for refunds of entry fees in whole or part.

3.2g Archers removed from competition for dress code may not makeup arrows missed for score if they return to competition after meeting dress code.

3.2h Archers may petition the PEC for exemption only in cases of extreme hardship (i.e. lost/stolen luggage, etc.). Petition must be filed not less than 6 hours prior to competition start. In these cases the decision of the PEC is final.

3.2i At State & Sectional sanctioned events the dress code shall be enforced by the State Pro Rep or Sectional Pro Rep.

CO-1 Revision, By-Laws, Page 60, Article VI, Section K, Paragraph 8, Item 8.5

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 chronographs. If, after shooting 3 arrows through the chronograph after a tournament round, the average speed exceeds 309 ft. per second, then that round score will be immediately disqualified, with no exceptions.

FL-6 New Item, Policy

2012 Outdoor National Tournament

Grouping for 3/5 day Outdoor National Tournaments for days 4 and 5 will have archers shooting with their competitive peers. On day 4, archers with only an Animal Round score will be grouped with archers who shot similar Animal Round scores in their division. On day 5, archers with only two scores will be grouped with other archers based on Animal and high Field/hunter round scores.

SE-3 Revision, By-Laws, Page 29, Article II, Section A, Paragraph 7, Item 7.7

CROSSBOWS

ADD to Paragraph 7.7

Laser sights are not permitted. Lighted fiber optic sight pins are allowed in 2012-2013 on a trial basis. Rule to be in effect starting 8 February 2012 and will be reviewed at the next Directors meeting.

RIC-1 (August 2, 2010)

On July 10 & 11, 2010 the Wisconsin Archery Alliance held the Wisconsin State Outdoor Field shoot. The question arose about non NFAA members being allowed to shoot in a guest class. The Wisconsin NFAA Director made the ruling that this being one of the two required shoots required by the NFAA for association membership that all shooters must be NFAA members, even if they are guests. Non members would not be allowed to shoot. This is per Page 12, Section B, Paragraph 2.5. The Wisconsin Director was questioned by some that according to Paragraph 2.7 sub section 2.7.4, that membership may be waived in the guest division not shooting for awards. The Wisconsin Director's ruling on this is for shoots sanctioned by state association not the NFAA and therefore would be able to shoot in a guest class.

Rules Interpretation Committee Decision:

Based on Page 12, Article III, Section B, Paragraph 2, Items 2.5, 2.7, 2.7.1, 2.7.2, 2.7.3, 2.7.4 and 2.8; Page 13, Paragraph 5, Item 5.2 and Paragraph 6, Item 6.1.

The Rules Interpretation Committee **agrees** with the Director from Wisconsin in that the required tournaments under Item 2.5 require NFAA membership. Those tournaments in which NFAA membership may be waived, Items 2.7.1 thru 2.7.4 are designated State level only. The required tournaments are a portion of the conditions of Association Membership which must be met to be in compliance. Lack of compliance could result in expulsion or suspension of Association Membership.

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

RIC-2 (January 24, 2011)

The manufacturer of a product called "The True Spot Sight" asked the Rules Interpretation Committee for a ruling on the legality of this sight in the Freestyle Bowhunter and Freestyle Limited Bowhunter styles of competition. The sight consists of a multi part housing with an insert aperture and a fixed reference point (pin) located so as to be visible through the aperture.

Rules Interpretation Committee Decision:

The Rules Interpretation Committee feels the sight meets the requirements as listed for use in the Freestyle Bowhunter and Freestyle Limited Bowhunter styles of competition.

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

RIC-2010-3 (March 3, 2010)

Request for a RIC Ruling from the manufacturer – Eastman Outdoors/Carbon Express.

Would the NFAA Rules interpretation Committee make an official ruling on our X Jammer 27 arrows with the Bulldog Nock Collar on the end of the arrow. The shaft itself is under the maximum diameter however the Bull dog Nock Collar that fits over the shaft at the nock end is larger than .422 inches.

Rules Interpretation Committee Decision:

The Rules Interpretation Committee feels the use of the Bull dog Nock Collar would be legal for use in NFAA competition with the following condition: Only the shaft of the arrow could be scored.

If an arrow equipped with a Bull Dog Collar was embedded in the target face so that the nock collar was in the scoring area, that arrow could not be scored and would need to be reshot.

The Directors voted to **UPHOLD** RIC-2010-3

RIC-2010-4 (March 5, 2010)

The Director from Indiana ruled that the use of wraps on arrow shafts – increasing the diameter beyond 0.422 inches – would be legal as long as the wrap is not in the scoring area. Arrows penetrating to the wraps would need to be reshot.

Rules Interpretation Committee Decision:

The Rules Interpretation Committee **agrees** with the Director from Indiana.

The Directors voted to **UPHOLD** RIC-2010-4

RIC-2012-1 (January 31, 2012)

The NFAA Director for Florida was asked to rule on whether or not the SURE-LOC Lethal Weapon pin sight attachment, when used with the Sure-Loc movable sight, was legal in the NFAA Freestyle Bowhunter style. The Director ruled the sight was legal because it had five (5) fixed pins.

Rules Interpretation Committee Decision:

The Rules Interpretation Committee **agrees** with the Director. The sight meets the requirements as listed for use in Freestyle Bowhunter style of competition.

The Directors voted to **UPHOLD** RIC-2012-1

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following Agenda Items DID NOT pass:

PRO-1 (For the Pro Division only - 1 bonus point for the “X” in Field/Hunter Rounds);

FL-3 (“X” Ring scored as 6 points – Field Round);

FL-4 (“X” Ring scored as 6 points – Hunter Round);

FL-5 (“X” Ring scored as 6 points – Indoor).

The following Agenda Item was voted on twice and FAILED to pass both times.

FL-2 (Making the Bi-Annual Board of Directors Meeting permanent).

This means that there WILL be a NFAA Annual Board of Directors Meeting in 2013.