

CONSTITUTION OF THE ILLINOIS
ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

In order to create an organized State Archery Association, unbiased to any of our great and flexible sport, we the archers of Illinois have banded together into an association and have adopted the following constitution for the guidance of ourselves and our officers.

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be the Illinois Archery Association, indicated in abbreviation as; I.A.A., a National Field Archery Association affiliate, a not for profit organization.

ARTICLE II

The purpose

The purpose of the I.A.A. shall be:

1. To encourage and promote to the best of its ability organized archery in all its forms in the State of Illinois.
2. To coordinate activities and enforce rules standardized by the N.F.A.A. for archery competition.
3. To represent the archers of Illinois in their dealing with the N.F.A.A. and before the various governments and governmental agencies in the State of Illinois.

ARTICLE III

Membership

1. Individual active membership in the I.A.A. shall consist of:

(A) Those archers who live in Illinois, and who pay their dues as provided in article IV;

(B) Those archers who live outside Illinois, and who pay their dues as provided in article IV.
(See N.F.A.A. Constitution, article III # 10).

2. A member with 10 years membership in the IAA, upon reaching age 65 may apply for a retired life membership in the IAA. A retired life member shall retain full membership privileges, and shall pay no membership dues to the IAA.

3. Honorary Life Membership may be granted by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors for unusual meritorious service in the interest of archery. An Honorary Life Member shall retain full membership privileges, and shall pay no membership dues to the IAA.

4. Members of the NFAA Pro class, or any other Professional Archery Organization, shall be required to compete in the Pro class at all IAA tournaments.

5. Loss of membership shall be automatic for failure to pay membership dues prior to renewal date marked on the members classification of card. Membership may also be revoked by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors for (A) failure to abide by or enforce the Constitution & By-Laws of the I.A.A., or (B) conduct detrimental to the interest of Archery.

6. Charters of affiliation with I.A.A. shall be issued to all clubs approved by the Board of Directors. Two thirds majority of quorum will constitute approval or disapproval. The Board of Directors shall act on club affiliation within thirty days of receipt of application and fees by the secretary-treasurer.

7. Charters of affiliation shall be issued to Pro Shops & Commercial Lanes in the same manner as 6 (above).

8. For the purpose of electing Board of Director members, RIC members, and club voting for regional shoot locations, the IAA shall be divided into three zones.

A. The Northern Zone shall be all clubs north of Interstate 80

B. The Central Zone shall be all clubs between Interstate 80 and Illinois Rte.36.

C. The Southern Zone shall be all clubs south of Illinois Rte.36.

ARTICLE IV

Fees and Dues

1. There shall be paid to the NFAA annual dues for membership as set by the Board of Directors, annual dues shall include membership in the I.A.A. plus the N.F.A.A.

2. Club, Pro Shop, and Commercial Lane affiliation renewal shall be affected by completion of form of application as prescribed by the Board of Directors and a payment of a fee as set by the Board of Directors paid on a yearly basis. After a sixty day grace period, club re-affiliation is required. Affiliation shall entitle a club to publicity in the I.A.A. news letter, to representation at I.A.A. conventions; to enter teams in I.A.A. team tournaments, accessibility to N.F.A.A. insurance, and other such privileges as may be granted by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

Officers

1. The governing body of the Association shall be a Board of Directors.

2. The Board of Directors shall consist of 3 members from each of the 3 zones, (see ARTICLE III) and the NFAA Director.

3. The terms of office will be 3 years, with 1 board member from each zone to be elected annually. The NFAA Director shall hold office for 2 years.

A. Elected Officers are expected to attend Board of Directors meeting. An office holder may be removed from office for failure to attend at least one of the three Board of Directors meetings per elected year. Such removal shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Removal from office shall require votes for removal from at least 6 of the 10 Board members.

4. Nominations for elected office must be made in writing to the I.A.A. secretary by an I.A.A. member, to include name and position sought. All positions to be filled must be published in the April edition of the I.A.A. Bulletin.

5. Each nominee for an office elected by the general membership must be nominated by July 1, and shall be required to submit his or her qualifications to the secretary/treasurer for publication prior to election. Failure to do so shall be construed as declining the nomination.

6. Duties of Officer:

A. The chairperson shall be elected by the members of the Board of Directors, from outside their membership as soon as practical after their own election. The election shall be conducted by the secretary/treasurer by mail vote of the members of the Board. The Chairperson shall hold office for 2 years.

B. The chairperson shall preside at all I.A.A. Board of Directors meetings, and annual Convention in accordance with Roberts Rules of order.

C. The chairperson shall not have a vote except to break a tie.

D. The chairperson shall appoint standing and special committees.

E. The chairperson shall conduct other duties as directed by the Board of Directors.

F. The chairperson shall appoint a Rules and Interpretations committee, subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The committee shall be made up of three members, one from each zone.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

1. The Board of Directors shall hold an annual meeting as soon as practical after the election of officers and the election of the Chairperson of the Board.

2. There shall be a second meeting in conjunction with the IAA Convention.

3. There shall be at least one additional I.A.A. Board meeting each year. The time and place to be decided by the IAA Board at their annual convention meeting.

4. Special I.A.A. Board meetings may be called by the Chairperson or three members of the Board by written notice to all Board Members with a minimum of ten days notice.

5. Action in time of emergency arising in death or resignation of Secretary/Treasurer, Chairperson or N.F.A.A. Director. An emergency meeting or individual contact of each member of the I.A.A. Board of Directors where the entire situation is discussed and decision of the I.A.A. Board is final to fill unexpired term within ten days.

6. At no time shall an I.A.A. Board Member be excluded from an I.A.A. Board meeting.

7. Five board members must be present to constitute a quorum.

8. All IAA members may attend Board of Directors meeting, and may be recognized by the Chairperson, but will have no vote.

ARTICLE VII

Selection & Duties of Secretary-Treasurer

1. The secretary-Treasurer of the I.A.A. shall be hired by the Board of Directors. This position will be reviewed annually.
2. The secretary-treasurer shall:
 - (a) Conduct and coordinate the affairs of the Association in accordance with the programs, policies and budgets as established by the Board of Directors.
 - (b) Organize and operate the administrative offices of the I.A.A.
 - (c) Assure proper publication of official notices, reports, attest document, and keep the archives of the I.A.A.
 - (d) Assure the proper and accurate publication of any officially adopted information by the Board of Directors.
 - (e) Assure the proper publication of promotional literature.
 - (f) Assure an adequate book of accounts of the I.A.A.
 - (g) Furnish monthly and annual financial reports to the Board.
 - (h) Deposit all monies to the credit of the I.A.A.
 - (i) The Secretary/Treasurer shall have a security bond.
3. All monies generated shall be forwarded to the secretary/treasurer for deposit into the IAA general fund, or other funds as approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

1. This Constitution may be amended annually at the IAA convention in the following manner.
 - A. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Board of Directors by October 15. At their November meeting the board shall, after discussion of the proposed amendment among themselves and securing the agreement of the sponsor for any necessary editing, submit the proposition to the membership, by way of the IAA newsletter, together with statement, pro and con, which may be unsigned. The proposed changes shall be published in the December and January newsletters. The January newsletter will include a ballot by proxy, which must be signed by the voting member and returned as follows: (1) By mail to the IAA secretary, postmarked by February 1, or (2) Delivered to the IAA Convention by a delegate, or in person. A 2/3 majority vote of those replying shall be needed for the proposal to become an amendment to the constitution
 - B. The secretary-treasurer shall maintain a master copy of the constitution and shall make such amendments as have been voted by the membership of the Association. Such copy shall be updated annually.

C. The Association shall not be required to take more than one vote annually on Constitution Amendments unless authorized by the Board of Directors.

2. This Constitution may be revised and updated by a committee appointed by the Chairperson. After the committee has completed revising and updating the entire Constitution, it is treated as an amendment as outlined in A, B and C of this article.

3. The current Board of Directors shall be responsible for implementing the transition to the new updated constitution.

THE BY-LAWS
Of THE
THE ILLINOIS ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

The fiscal year of the I.A.A. shall be from January 1 thru December 31.

ARTICLE II

ANNUAL CONVENTION

On the last Sunday of February of each year, or on such other date as may be specially designated for a particular year by the Board of Directors, there shall be a convention, consisting of a meeting of club delegates, representing the IAA Clubs, Pro Shops, and Commercial Lanes. This meeting shall include the Board of Directors and be presided over by the Board Chairperson. Any number of club delegates may attend. Delegates to the meetings may cast 1 vote for the first 10 I.A.A. members of their club, or fraction thereof and 1 vote for each of their clubs 10 I.A.A. members thereafter to a maximum of 5, as of 30 days prior to the Convention. All delegates must be I.A.A. members but may propose and debate such amendments for later action by the Board and possible membership vote. All questions of POLICY or PROCEDURE not requiring such amendments may be decided by such delegates, provided such question shall have been included in an agenda published in the I.A.A. newsletter prior to such Convention. Agenda items must be mailed to the secretary-treasurer and postmarked no later than October 15.

Delegates will also submit bids for upcoming tournaments as described in Article III

The meeting will be followed by a luncheon and awards banquet

A meeting of the IAA Board of Directors shall follow.

ARTICLE III

TOURNAMENTS

1. All I.A.A. Tournaments will be the responsibility of a Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee shall be appointed by the Board Chairperson and shall have at least 1 member from each zone. Some of the responsibilities of the committee will be; to coordinate with the NFAA Director to be sure ranges to be used for IAA shoots have up-to-date range inspections, to work with host clubs to insure that they understand and comply with the requirements for hosting an IAA tournament.

2. Dates for the following year's tournaments shall be determined by the Tournament Committee at the November Board of Directors meeting.
3. The dates and requirements for bidding on each tournament will then be published in the IAA newsletter, as soon as possible, to give clubs an opportunity to prepare bids for the IAA convention.
4. All tournaments will be bid on at the convention. The delegates at the convention shall vote to award the tournaments for that year.
5. The following is a tentative list of state shoots to be bid on:
 - State Field Championship
 - State Target Championship
 - State 3-D Championship
 - Youth Tournaments (Indoor, Outdoor, or both)
 - State Indoor Championship (2 days)
 - State Indoor 600 Championship (1 or 2 days, 3 zones)
 - Pro-Am (Indoor or Outdoor (1 or 2 days)
 - Some type of combined event
6. No State Championship may be held in the same location 2 years in a row, unless no other bids are received. No club may host 2 state championship tournaments in the same year unless no other bids are received.
7. See the POLICY SECTION for requirements of clubs hosting IAA tournaments.
8. The Illinois Archery Association will not allow advertising in the monthly bulletin against the 4 state championship and any NFAA sectional tournaments held in Illinois.

ARTICLE IV

AWARDS

Awards will be the responsibility of the Awards Committee, appointed by the Board Chairperson. Some, but not necessarily all of the awards to be considered are:

All awards for state shoots

Indoor Aggregate

Outdoor Aggregate

Big Game Awards

ARTICLE V

Rules and Interpretation Committee

1. Committee members shall be appointed by the Board Chairperson.
2. Members shall review and implement all policies, procedures and agenda items annually.

3. The RIC shall be responsible for review of all agenda items to determine if the item should go to the Board of Directors as a Constitutional amendment or be submitted to the Convention delegates as a policy or procedure change for a vote at the Convention. The Committee shall review the proposed agenda item, and securing the agreement of the sponsor for any necessary editing, shall submit the item for publication in the I A A Newsletter prior to the annual Convention.

4. The RIC will be given the power to make a ruling on a dispute of tournament conducts; to include all aspects of hosting an IAA tournament. Any appeal contesting this decision to be made to the IAA Board, with any involved individual abstaining from a vote.

ARTICLE VI

Inception of the Illinois Archery Association

1. The present I.A.A. as of 1949 shall become the Target Division of the new I.A.A.
2. The present reorganization committee consisting of: F.A. George, Clay Wood, P.E. Baldwin, Ernest C. Root, A. M. Buswell, under the Chairmanship of A. G. Russell, shall act as the Board of Directors of the Association until such time as the duly elected Board of Directors is organized.
(This Article is retained from the previous By-Laws for historical purpose).

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

By-Laws may be amended by the same method as covered by Article VIII of the Constitution.

POLICY SECTION

All IAA affiliated clubs shall maintain a current NFAA range inspection and show proof of insurance to host an IAA shoot.

All shoots will be bid on and awarded at the IAA convention.
A representative from the bidding club must be present at the convention.

Tournament Guidelines & Requirements of host clubs: (to be composed and added to this Section by the Tournament Committee.)

Other sections that may be included as a part of the new revised handbook:

List of State Officers

A list of all fees and how to pay them.

A listing of all chartered club & pro shops with maps and addresses of ranges.

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