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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS NEW YORK STATE ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

Preamble

The Constitution and By-Laws for Amateur archery in New York State were adopted in 1968 after the merger of the New York State Archery Association (founded in 1928) and the New York State Target Archery Association to supply those basic rules that must exist for the benefit of all archery. In the following years they have been amended or altered to amplify and promote archery.

CONSTITUTION OF NEW YORK STATE ARCHERY ASSOCIATION AS AMENDED TO JULY 7, 2007

Article I - ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be New York State Archery Association, Inc.

Section 2. The official abbreviation shall be NYSAA.

Section 3. NYSAA shall maintain membership in the National Archery Association (NAA) and abide by all membership rules and obligations.

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Article II - PURPOSE

Section 1. To foster the growth and promotion of archery among people of New York State in accordance with the traditions.

Section 2. To hold annual indoor and outdoor State Archery Championship Tournaments, and any additional tournaments as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. To determine the true State Archery Champions (man and woman: Seniors, and Junior Olympic Divisions).

Section 4. To encourage membership in Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) programs, and formation of Archery clubs in New York State.

Section 5. To extend such assistance as may be possible to those conducting or in the process of forming JOAD programs, or an Archery Club in New York State.

Section 6. To maintain State records: to provide ranking of New York State Archers and promote New York State Archers into national ranking.

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Article III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Active membership shall be granted to anyone who has made application and payment of annual dues and fees and is a legal resident of New York State. Active members 18 years of age or older shall be voting members.

Section 2. Associate Membership shall be granted to anyone not a resident of New York State, but is an NAA member. They shall be non-voting members.

Section 3. The Board of Directors may suspend any member of the Association for conduct detrimental to the organization.

- a) Action to suspend shall be initiated in writing and submitted to the NYSAA President and Board of Directors through regional delegates.
- b) The member so charged will be accorded the opportunity to answer the charges within thirty (30) days.
- c) After review of all pertinent facts, the Board of Directors will then either vote for dismissal of charges or for suspension of the individual.
- d) Action to restore suspended membership shall be sustained by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the membership at the next Annual Meeting.

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Article IV - FEES AND DUES

Section 1. Individual membership dues shall be set forth by the National Archery Association as per the State Charter agreement.

- a) Dues are payable to the NAA. The term of membership will run concurrently with the individuals NAA membership.

Section 2. All tournament and registration fees shall be left to the discretion of the Tournament Directors.

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Article V - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The officers of the Association will consist of the President, Vice-President, Member-at-Large, Secretary, Treasurer, Regional Delegates, and Junior Olympic (JOAD) Coordinator.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees and shall, in general, perform the duties incident to his or her office.

Section 3. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President if the latter is unable to act. He or she will also serve as the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee and shall be a member ex officio of all other committees providing liaison among the committees and the officers. He or she shall report to the President on any and all items worthy of note, and maintain ranking of all NYSAA archers.

Section 4. The Member-at-Large shall perform the duties of the Vice-President if he or she is unable to act, or the duties of the President if both the President and the Vice-President are unable to act. This officer will provide liaison to clubs and organizations and will assist clubs to organize in New York State and will seek clubs and organizations to sponsor NYSAA tournaments. The Member-at-Large will also provide liaison among regional delegates and officers. He or she will report to the President on any and all items worth note.

Section 5. The Secretary shall keep all records of the Association, serve all notices of meetings, conduct all correspondence, present reports to the President as necessary, inform the membership of official actions of the Board of Directors when requested by them to do so, and at the Annual Meeting present a written report comprising information or events since the last Annual Meeting.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the Association, shall keep records of all receipts and disbursements and in general, have powers to perform the duties incident to the office. The Treasurer shall submit an annual report to the Secretary, and at the Annual Meeting report the financial balance of this organization for the year ending May 1.

Section 7. The Junior Olympic Coordinator shall coordinate the efforts of all New York State JOAD Clubs, serve as liaison with the NAA, and ensure that notices of tournaments, grants, training camps, etc. be disseminated to member clubs.

Section 8. Regional Delegates shall serve as a Clearinghouse for disseminating NYSAA information to all interested parties. Additionally they shall act as liaison between the Member at Large and members in their region forwarding any suggestions or questions worthy of note from the members.

Section 9. The Tournament Directors shall be appointed yearly by the President and will be responsible for the administration of NYSAA tournaments.

Section 10. All Officers, Directors, and Committee Members shall act and serve without compensation.

Section 11. No member may financially benefit from the funds or assets of the Association and in case of its dissolution, such funds or assets will be contributed to a public charity or public educational institution.

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Article VI - ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1. Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Nominations will be made by a nominating Chairperson who shall be the Vice-President of the Association.

- a) The Chairperson shall receive nominations from the general membership and consult with the Board of Directors prior to presenting a slate of candidates at the Annual Meeting.
- b) Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. At the Annual Meeting, the membership will elect the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, JOAD Coordinator, and Member-at-Large to serve on the Board of Directors. The regional membership will also elect the Regional Delegates.

Section 4. The office of President, Secretary, JOAD Coordinator and Member-at-Large shall be elected on even numbered years. The offices of Vice-President, Treasurer, and Regional Delegates will be elected on odd numbered years.

Section 5. The term of each Association office will be for two years and begin at the end of the Annual Meeting.

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Article VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Regional Delegates, Member-at-Large, JOAD Coordinator, and the immediate past President. The Officers and Delegates will serve on the Board for the term of their office. The immediate past President shall serve for one (1) year.

Section 2. Any vacancy in an Association office shall be filled by an interim appointment from the Board of Directors. This person will hold office until the next scheduled election.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall supervise the activities, policies, and properties of the Association. By two-thirds (2/3) majority vote the Board may implement one year interim policies and procedures for the Association.

Section 4. The term of the Board of Directors shall begin following the Annual Meeting.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum if five (5) members are present at any meeting.

Section 6. The immediate past Treasurer shall serve as a consultant to the Board of Directors with regard to financial matters for a period of six (6) months.

Section 7. The Board of Directors shall meet at the Annual or Winter Meetings or whenever it is necessary at a time, place or manner fixed by the President.

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Article VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President shall appoint the Tournament Directors and all other committee chairpersons as may be necessary.

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Article IX - MEETINGS

Section 1. The Annual Meeting shall be held during the Outdoor Championships. A Winter Meeting may also be held at the Indoor Championships.

Section 2. The time and place of the Annual Meeting will be determined by the Tournament Director after consultation with the Board of Directors.

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Article X - ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The Association shall be divided into four (4) geographical regions which are composed of the following counties:

- West - Monroe, Livingston, Allegheny, and all counties further West.
- Southeast- Dutchess, Ulster, Sullivan, and counties further South.
- Central- That area bounded by the counties of Delaware, Otsego, Herkimer, Oneida on the East and Wayne, Ontario and Steuben on the West.
- Northeast-All other counties.

Section 2. At the Annual Meeting, each region shall elect one (1) Regional Delegate to the Board of Directors.

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Article XI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at the Annual or Winter Meeting.

Section 2. Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be submitted to the Board of Directors prior to the Annual or Winter Meeting.

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Article XII - BY-LAWS

Section 1. If the Association desires more detailed or special provisions for carrying out or amplifying .the various Articles of this Constitution, they can be more specifically provided for in the By-Laws

Section 2. The By-Laws may be altered or amended by affirmative vote of the membership at the Annual or Winter Meeting, provided that the change has been approved by the Board of Directors.

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BY - LAWS

Article I - TOURNAMENTS

Section A The Championship shall be awarded to the New York State resident (man and woman) shooting the highest aggregate score in the designated championship rounds.

Section B Any changes in the Championship Tournaments for the following year, shall be determined by the Board of Directors or general membership at the Annual or Winter Meeting.

Section C Tournament fees shall be established by the Tournament Director after consultation with the Board of Directors.

Section D All tournament registrants competing for the NYSAA In-state Championship Title must be active members in good standing of the New York State Archery Association, Inc. or be a member of NYFAB, who will be assessed a non-member fee.

Section E Archers not affiliated with the NYSAA may compete in the guest division when it is offered.

Section F The JOAD Division shall be classed according to the NAA's Junior Olympic Archery Development, Official Outdoor Championship Round.

Section G Proposals for tournament sites for the following year will be considered by the Board of Directors at its Winter meeting and be awarded at the Annual Meeting.

Section H The Tournaments shall be controlled by the Tournament Directors. They shall have full authority in appointing the Tournament Officials, procuring targets, prizes and the arrangements of the Annual Meeting. (see Appendix II for detailed responsibilities of the Tournament Director.)

Section I The Indoor and Outdoor Championship Tournaments are sponsored by NYSAA. The Association will assume all fiscal responsibility for Tournament expenses, and receive all receipts that exceed Tournament expenses. By application to the Board of Directors, official Club sponsors of a Tournament may request that up to 75% of the excess receipts remain with the sponsoring Club.

Section J Tournament rules will correspond with all NAA-FITA rules and regulations when the Association tournaments are sanctioned Star FITA events.

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Article II - AWARDS

Section A. The Association prohibits cash prizes. Suitable trophies, medals, or ribbons shall be provided by the Tournament Committee. Special prizes donated by individuals shall become the property of the NYSAA and the donor's wishes carried out where feasible.

Section B.

1. Official Award Divisions of the Association shall be the following:

A. Senior Olympic Bow, male and female.

1) State Championship Division

2) Divisions as required based on tournament attendance

3) Guest Division

- B. Senior Compound Bow(Unlimited), male and female.
 - 1) State Champion Division
 - 2) Divisions as required based on tournament attendance
 - 3) Guest Division

C. JOAD Divisions will be in accordance with the National Archery Association's JOAD program

- 2. Official Awards Divisions may be modified by the Tournament Director with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- 3. Other award divisions may be implemented according to need by the Tournament Director after consulting with the Board of Directors. These divisions may include Compound Limited, Barebow, Crossbow, Handicapped, and Masters divisions.

Section C.

- 1. An archer must register and shoot in the complete tournament to be eligible for an award.
- 2. Two (2) or more archers must compete in any class or division to declare it a competition.
- 3. In each adult competition division or class, there must be at least one (1) archer competing for a first place award, four (4) archers for a second place award, and six (6) archers for a third place award. (See Appendix I)
- 4. In each JOAD or Masters competition division or class, first, second, and third place awards will be given even when only one (1), two (2), or three (3) archers are competing.
- 5. Participant awards shall be awarded to all JOAD competitors who did not receive a place award.
- 6. A team round may be organized at the discretion of the Outdoor Tournament Director. A first place award shall be presented for each participating division.

Section D. All perpetual awards have been retired. (See Appendix III).

Section E. NYSAA shall endeavor where feasible to subsidize the State JOAD Champions to the NAA National Outdoor Tournament up to \$75.00 each. The amount will be determined by the Board of Directors. This subsidy will be paid upon presentation of the NAA score card signed by one (1) official of the National Tournament.

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Article III - DUES

Section A. Dues are established by the National Archery Association as per the NAA State Charter Association Agreement.

Section B To provide needed revenue for special projects the NYSAA will have the right to assess a surcharge to the general membership providing the surcharge is:

- 1. Presented at the Annual Meeting
- 2. Approved by a majority vote of the membership in attendance

Section C Members who do not pay the surcharge will be placed on inactive status and be ineligible to earn State Titles, ranking, or records.

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APPENDIX I: Classification

All adult divisions will be classified on a flight system. The championship division will have a minimum of 7 archers and a maximum of 13 archers. The breakdown for additional divisions will be as follows:

14-20 archers: 2 divisions
21-27 archers: 3 divisions
28-34 archers: 4 divisions
35-41 archers: 5 divisions
42-48 archers: 6 divisions
49-55 archers: 7 divisions

This pattern will continue based on tournament attendance.

Junior Olympic Classifications will be in accordance with the National Archery Association's Junior Olympic program.

1. Awards in each classification:

Adult Divisions: 1-3 archers – 1 award will be presented
 4-5 archers – 2 awards will be presented
 6-7 archers – 3 awards will be presented

JOAD Divisions: 1 archer – 1 award will be presented
 2 archers – 2 awards will be presented
 3 or more archers – 3 awards will be presented

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APPENDIX II: Tournament Operation

Responsibilities of the Tournament Directors:

Article I, Section G of the By-Laws states: The Tournament shall be controlled by the Tournament Directors. They shall have full authority in appointing tournament officials, procuring targets, prizes, and the arrangements for the Annual Meeting.

In addition to the intent of the By-Laws, the Tournament Directors also assume responsibility for:

Publicity

1. Arrangements for the use of the grounds.
2. Arrangements for sufficient targets, stands, target faces, wind flags, tables, chairs, score cards, timing lights, water, and any other needed supplies or equipment.
3. Make sure that requirements for insurance coverage are met (the NAA includes liability insurance with the Star FITA sanction).
4. Sending flyers announcing the tournament and including the following information:
 - Sponsoring club or organization.
 - Dates of the tournament.
 - Rules governing the competition.
 - Eligibility requirements for the shooters.
 - Competition divisions and entry fees.
 - Directions to the competition site.
 - Registration forms.
 - Housing information and rates.
 - Any other information necessary to the entrant.
 - Sending a copy of all pertinent information to all members of the Board of Directors.

Tournament Financing:

The individuals or club who volunteer to host the tournament should exercise good judgement in establishing the budget for the tournament. Although it is assumed that a tournament will be self-supporting, realizing that the hosts may initially have limited resources, the NYSAA with the consent of the Board of Directors will advance the hosts money to cover up-front costs, e.g. deposit with a college, target faces, mailings, etc. The advance is to be paid back to the NYSAA from revenues received from the tournament. Additionally, if for some reason an uncontrollable event should cause the tournament to be cancelled, the unrecoverable costs, with the consent of the Board of Directors, will become the responsibility of the NYSAA.

Within thirty (30) days following the completion of the tournament, the Director will provide a full financial accounting of the tournament to the Treasurer of the NYSAA. If the tournament sponsor is a formal Archery Club, the Tournament Director may request that up to 75% of the excess receipts generated by the tournament remain with the Club. All membership fees paid at tournament registration must be submitted to the NYSAA.

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APPENDIX III: Perpetual Trophies

List of the Retired Perpetual Trophies:

1) Permanent Trophies - Outdoors

Clout	
Men's First Place	Anderson Trophy
Junior Boy's First Place	Westchester Archers Trophy
Championships	
Men's First Place	Serena Hurn Award
Men's Metric 900	Plaque
Women's Championship	Trophy and Arrow
Women's 900	Sturr Cup
Intermediate Boy's Champion	Eugenio Vargas Memorial
Intermediate Girls Champion	Eugenio Vargas Memorial
Junior Boy's Champion	Weig Trophy and Arrow
Junior Girl's Championship	Plaque
High Cadet Boy or Girl	Powers Trophy
High Husband and Wife	Teapot

2) Permanent Trophies - Indoors

Intermediate Girl's Champion	Bonnie Blanchard Dance Studio Award
Intermediate Boy's Champion	Angola Moose Lodge #1614 Award
Junior Boy's Champion	VFW Post #5798 Award

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APPENDIX IV: NYSAA Hall of Fame

**Constitution
Hall of Fame
of
The New York State Archery Association**

Article I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the New York State Archery Association Hall of Fame.

Article II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to honor and perpetuate the name of those people who have contributed to the growth and welfare of ARCHERY by their distinguishing service to or outstanding performance in the New York State Archery Association.

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the New York State Archery Association Hall of Fame shall be permanent; determined by annual election hereinafter described.

Article IV - SUPERVISION

The New York State Archery Association Hall of Fame is an official function of the New York State Archery Association. Regulation of the Hall of Fame shall be administered by the Hall of Fame Committee.

Article V - HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

A. Members

The Hall of Fame Committee shall consist of:

1. The Secretary of the New York State Archery Association who shall be a permanent member.
 2. Three (3) current members of the NYSAA appointed by the Association President with the approval of the Board of Directors.
 3. The President of the NYSAA shall be an ex officio member and shall vote in case of a tie.
- If a committee member is a nominee for the Hall of Fame, he or she shall absent himself or herself from the voting.
 - The term of committee members shall be for two (2) years with eligibility for reappointment.
 - Appointments shall be made and approved by the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.
 - Appointments will be effective immediately.

B. Officers and Duties

The Hall of Fame Committee shall select a Chairperson who shall preside over all meetings and receive applications for nomination to the Hall of Fame. He or she shall keep a brief but accurate record of all activities of the committee, which will become a permanent record of the annual minutes of the New York State Archery Association.

Article VI - MEETINGS

To keep the business of the committee on an economic basis, nominations and voting can be conducted by mail. If preferred by the committee and geographically possible, the telephone or personal contact may be used. All business of the committee to be complete and final at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Article VII - BALLOT

Each year the committee will request submission of names of eligible candidates to the Hall of Fame in the categories:

1. Distinguished Service (Living or Deceased)
2. Outstanding Target Archery Performance (Living or Deceased)

NOMINATIONS

When submitting a name to be considered by the committee for nomination, a write-up of the persons worthiness must be included so that the committee can make informed decisions. Submissions must be presented to the committee by the 1st of May in the current year.

There may be a maximum of four (4) nominees in each category. Only one (1) candidate in each category may be elected to the Hall of Fame per year.

Article VIII - VOTING

The Hall of Fame Committee shall proceed to vote as follows:

Each member shall rate the ballot thus:

- 1st - 4 points
- 2nd - 3 points
- 3rd - 2 points
- 4th - 1 point

The nominee receiving the highest total points, providing that it is at least 75% of the total first place points available, shall be elected to the Hall of Fame. If a candidate is not elected on the first ballot (in either category), the lowest point total candidate shall be eliminated and balloting continued for two additional ballots. If no candidates shall receive the required vote in three ballots, there shall be no one elected in that year in that category.

Article IX - CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

A candidate must have either demonstrated extraordinary service, devotion, ideas or ideals over the years or have an outstanding target archery record. His or Her contribution must be above and beyond the ordinary to the sport of archery.

All candidates must have been members of the New York State Archery Association, or have been identified with target archery for a period of fifteen (15) years.

Hall of Fame Membership must not be used to promote a member's business or profession.

Article X - INDUCTION AND AWARDS

Induction ceremonies shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. Suitable awards and the ceremony shall be planned by the committee, and shall acquaint electees with the dignity, aims and purposes of the organization.

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Past Inductees

NYSAA Hall of Fame

Year	Name	Category
1976	Lura Wilson	Service & Performance
1977	Clarence Hickman Alice Hilton	Service Performance
1978	Monroe Farber	Service
1979	Frank Horak	Performance
1980	Andy Buff	Service
1981	Frank Bergum	Service
1982	Robert Elkovitch	Service
1983	John (Little John) Demura	Service
1984	No Nominees	
1985	Chuck Groverston Phillip Hoelle	Service Performance
1986	Jack McCullen	Service
1987	No Nominees	
1988	William Sterner	Performance
1989	Beryl Bergum	Service
1990	No Nominees	
1991	Myrtle Miller	Service
1992	William Clark Lillian Clark	Service Service
1993	Kenneth M. Kling Gerald Pylpchuk	Service Performance
1994	No Nominees	
1995	Helen "Ma" Little David Hryn	Service Performance
1996	C.R. "Bud" Fowkes John H. Rudy	Service Performance
1997	Fred Warner Guy Gerig	Service Performance
1998	Warren Brockley	Service
1999	No Nominees	
2000	No Nominees	
2001	No Nominees	
2002	Joseph McGlyn Harry Staebell	Performance Service
2003	No Nominees	
2004	No Nominees	
2005	Sue Clarke	Service
2006	No Nominees	

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No Nominees

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