

**MINNESOTA ARCHERS
ALLIANCE
(MAA)**

Rules & Regulations

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ARTICLE 1 CLUB ANNUAL CIVIC ACTIVITY PROJECT

Every affiliated club is required to perform a minimum of one (1) civic activity project annually that encourages increased archery participation, and promotes the sport of archery and the advantages of belonging to the national and state organizations.

Proof of projects is submitted to the Secretary of MAA by December 31st of each year. Failure to accomplish an annual project results in escalating sanctions as follows;

- Year 1 failure doubles club insurance in year 2,
- Year 2 failure doubles insurance in year 3, probation is imposed,
- Year 3 failure results in club suspension and loss of all member privileges with MAA.

Projects are cumulative so that regaining good standing requires that each club average a minimum of one (1) project per year.

Probation is loss of club privileges up to, but not including suspension.

ARTICLE 2 CODE OF ETHICS

- A) Each archer is responsible for any and all of his acts at any archery tournament or activity sponsored in whole or in part by the MAA. This responsibility applies especially to the results of any accidents caused by his/her bow and/or arrows. Each member of the MAA agrees to abide by this code of ethics and by the safety rules set forth by the NFAA and the NAA.

- B) When a member pays his registration fee to a tournament, he automatically agrees to abide by the rules of that tournament.
- C) A member will not argue with any Tournament or State Official publicly.
- D) A member may question a Field Captain, Tournament Official, or any official civilly, but he must accept the reply with no argument or retaliatory remarks. If he is dissatisfied with the decision, he may file a formal letter of protest directly to the state officials. The decision rendered by the MAA Executive Board is final.
- E) The use of profane language or obscene gestures at any archery activity be it within or out of this state, is a violation of this Code of Ethics.
- F) The drinking of any alcoholic beverage before or during events or tournaments will cause said person to be asked to leave the range or archery activity. Failure to do so will constitute a violation of the Code of Ethics.
- G) An MAA member will conduct himself at all times in a manner that will bring respect and honor upon himself/herself, archery, and the MAA.
- H) All MAA members are required to report any and all violations of the Code of Ethics to the proper authority.
- I) A violation of any section of this Code of Ethics by an MAA member can result in a hearing before the Executive Board and possible expulsion from the MAA with forfeiture of all rights, privileges and remaining dues and any monies owed.

ARTICLE 3 CLUB & INDIVIDUAL AFFILIATION

Club affiliation is granted to any club that applies for membership that fulfills the following requirements. Club;

- Supports the principles and abides by the rules, regulations, procedures and policies of MAA.
- Has a Constitution and By-laws promoting the sport of archery.
- Pays membership dues.
- Agrees not to hold any tournament on same date(s) that conflicts with MAA Championship Tournament(s).
- Has all officers join MAA and at least one (1) of the national affiliates.
- Has a reasonable percentage of members join MAA, and encourages members to join a national affiliate. Minimum national membership is five (5) NFAA members, five (5) NAA members, or combination of five (5) or more NFAA or NAA members.
- Requests for Club Charters will be submitted to the MAA Secretary.

- Clubs applying for Charter will be required to follow the Constitution and By Laws of the NFAA, NAA, and MAA. Violation of the rules could result in loss of Club Charter.
 - Requests for Indoor Range Charter will be submitted to the MAA Secretary with the required number of MAA/NFAA members. Two officer's names, addresses, and phone numbers will be sent with the request for Charter.
 - Indoor Ranges applying for Charter will be required to follow the Constitution and By Laws of the NFAA, MAA, and NAA. Violations of the rules could result in loss of Indoor Range Charter.
- A) Active voting membership is granted to any State resident who has paid MAA/NFAA or MAA/NAA dues. Where an individual pays MAA/NAA dues, the MAA portion of the dues must equal the full MAA dues to receive full voting and publication rights. Membership is granted to a non-resident who has paid MAA/NFAA dues and does not have membership in another NFAA state organization. (NOTE: NAA members may join MAA without joining the NFAA.)
- B) Junior membership is granted to any State resident who has not reached his/her eighteenth (18th) birthday and has paid MAA/NFAA or MAA/NAA dues. Junior members may not vote.
- C) An out-of-state NFAA archer is granted out-of-state membership upon payment of dues.
- D) Membership in MAA may be canceled or reinstated by the Board of Directors through a majority vote when circumstances warrant such action.

ARTICLE 4 FEES AND DUES

MAA dues in effect are as follows:

	Annual Dues	Lifetime Dues
Active (Adult)	\$20.00	\$300.00
Junior (under 18)	\$10.00	N/A
Family (two adults)	\$25.00	\$375.00
Family (three or more members)	\$30.00	N/A
NAA Collegiate	\$15.00	N/A

ARTICLE 5 NFAA AND/OR NAA CARDS

- A) NFAA cards are issued by the NFAA Secretary. NAA cards are issued by the NAA Secretary

- B) Only NFAA and/or NAA cards are accepted for residents of Minnesota at all tournaments sanctioned by MAA.
- C) MAA accepts NFAA and/or NAA cards from other states.
- D) NFAA and/or NAA cards are submitted to the tournament secretary before shooting or when registering for the tournament.

ARTICLE 6 FLIGHT SYSTEM CLASSIFICATION

The MAA flight system is as follows:

- A) At all MAA tournaments a seven person flight will be used.
- B) All NFAA and NAA divisions are recognized.
- C) Places will be awarded in a flights as follows:

Three (3) or fewer archers	First Place
Four (4) to Six (6) archers	First & Second Place
Seven (7) or more archers	First, Second & Third Place
- D) Flights may not be split on tie scores. This means if ten people shot 300 in a class, they will all be in the championship flight, regardless of "X" count.
- E) This flight system is optional at the club level; however, it is more uniform if used by all clubs for local tournaments. Some clubs may elect to split flights evenly because of smaller participation.

ARTICLE 7 TYPES OF TOURNAMENTS

MAA sponsors the following annual tournaments;

- State NAA Indoor Championship – FITA I, held between February 1 and April 30.
- State NAA Indoor Championship – FITA II, held between February 1 and April 30.
- State NFAA Indoor Championship, held between January 1 and April 30.
- State NAA Target Championship, held between May 1 and September 30.
- State NAA Outdoor Championship – The Voyageur's Cup, held between May 1 and September 30.
- State NFAA Field Championship, held between May 1 and September 30.
- State 3 D Championship, held between May 1 and September 30 (NOTE: this score DOES NOT count toward Top Archer Award).

- A) All NFAA and NAA Divisions are recognized within their respective tournament designations.
- B) Concessions are required all day(s) and type of concession is at the discretion of the host club. The host club retains all profits.
- C) The MAA Target Vice President is the tournament chair. This chair is responsible for guiding the operation of the tournament and will make the final decision in any matter that is brought to his/her attention.
- D) All participants in the state tournaments must be members of the MAA. To be eligible to shoot for MAA/NFAA or NAA awards in MAA state tournaments the participant must demonstrate their NFAA or NAA affiliation through the state of Minnesota at or before the tournament registration. Guest archers may be allowed to participate in State Tournaments but are not eligible for MAA, NFAA or NAA awards.
- E) Only MAA affiliated clubs are granted hosting privileges of an MAA state tournament.
- F) Dates of MAA tournaments are set by the Executive Board a minimum of four (4) months prior to the tournament and announced in the subsequent newsletter to the membership.
- G) The site and host club is selected by the Executive Board from bids presented to the Secretary a minimum of four (4) months prior to the tournament.
- H) The host club of annual state tournaments will receive fifty percent (50%) of the registration income. The host club will supply all official targets. MAA supplies awards. The exception is the 3D where host club receives 75% of registration income.
- I) MAA is responsible for advertising the tournament, to collect all registration, operate and officiate the tournament with proper personnel, and to inspect ranges. (NOTE: If MAA and host club agrees, host club may elect to collect registrations, operate and officiate tournament) MAA also provides all awards and promotional items such as t-shirts, caps, etc. and retain all profits from the sale of such items.
- J) Rules for conduct, scoring and shooting procedures at the annual state tournaments are the MAA Code of Ethics and those rules adopted by the NFAA and/or NAA.

ARTICLE 8 TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY

- A) The Club setting up the ranges for MAA Championship Tournaments must be MAA/NFAA or MAA/NAA affiliated.
- B) Competition in the MAA Championship Tournaments is open to all archers whose target fees are paid and who are MAA/NFAA or MAA/NAA members in good standing.
- C) Awards made at a tournament are not considered final until the tournament report is published. In the event an error is made in an award at the tournament, it is subject to recall.
- D) Archers under the age of 12 must have a responsible adult (shooting or not shooting) who will accompany them on the range at state championships.
- E) All events are open to non-members, but non-members compete in non-award guest category.

ARTICLE 9 TOURNAMENT FEES

- A) All state tournaments are pre-registered.
- B) Registration of MAA members must be postmarked a minimum of fourteen (14) days before outdoor tournaments, and received by the MAA Secretary ten days prior to the tournament.
- C) Archers may call to register and then send money if their shooting times are acceptable. There is a \$5.00 fee added for phone registrations and the money must be received by the Secretary seven (7) before the tournament.
- D) Refund of tournament fees is made only fourteen (14) days or more prior to the tournament and with written request to the Secretary.
- E) The MAA Secretary may accept late tournament registration ONLY where the registration will not affect the management of the tournament and will have a \$5 late fee.
- F) Exceptions may only be made in unusual circumstances at the discretion of the MAA Secretary or President.
- G) Entry fees for State Championship Tournaments are:
 - Adults \$25.00
 - Juniors (under 18) \$15.00
 - Family Maximum \$65.00

Professionals \$50.00; (\$25.00 tournament fee & \$25.00 prize fund with 100% payout within NFAA published guidelines)

ARTICLE 10 STATE CHAMPIONS

- A) The champion archer at all state tournaments in Minnesota are those members of MAA and the NFAA or the NAA, who have the highest total score for their division.
- B) Champion archers are declared in all recognized divisions of the MAA.
- C) Definitions and regulations should be in compliance with the NFAA handbook or NAA regulations for all classes.

ARTICLE 11 TOP ARCHER AWARD

- A) Top Archer Awards are awarded to archers in the following categories:
 - 1. Male/Female Fingers - Recurve.
 - 2. Male/Female Release - Compound.Tie breakers for all archers is the State NAA Outdoor Championship – The Voyageur’s Cup.
- B) The awards will be presented at one of state indoor tournament to the archers with the highest aggregate divisional score from the MAA state tournaments (except 3D, see Article 7). The MAA member receiving the Top Archer Award must declare their NFAA or NAA affiliation through the state of Minnesota at or before the first MAA state tournament of the calendar year.

ARTICLE 12 STATE RECORDS

A position to be named later;

- Maintains all MAA tournament records,
- Mails certificates to record holders,
- Obtains awards for MAA tournaments.

ARTICLE 13 COMMITTEES

- A) The President may appoint a committee for any needed purpose not part of the duties of the Board of Directors.
- B) Members of the MAA may serve on more than one committee.
- C) Rules Interpretation Committee (RIC):
 - i) The President may appoint a committee of four to serve as a Rules Interpretation Committee. The suggested committee will include the MAA President, the NFAA Minnesota Director, the MAA Secretary, and either the Tournament Chairman or another individual appointed by the President. When an NAA State level event is being held, the MAA/NAA Representative will be a member of the RIC.
 - ii) This committee interprets all rules questioned by the general membership. Decisions of the committee shall be binding on the state until ruled otherwise by the National RIC.
 - iii) Decisions of the committee will rely heavily on the advice of the NFAA Director in matters relating to NFAA rules and the NAA Representative for NAA rules.
 - iv) RIC decisions are encouraged to be made quickly but with due consideration.
 - v) Tournament Protest Fee is \$25 per protest. Decision in favor of archer bringing protest results in refund of fee. Decisions denied result in forfeit of fee to MAA.