

CONSTITUTION OF THE TEXAS STATE ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE 1 - Name

The name of this organization shall be "Texas State Archery Association", indicated in abbreviations "TSAA" or "T.S.A.A."

ARTICLE 2 - Purpose

The main purpose of the TSAA is to foster amateur archery competition and further the sport of archery as both a recreational and competitive sport within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

It is authorized to accept, hold, administer, invest and disburse for said purposes any such funds as may from time to time be given to it by any person, persons, or corporations. In general to do all things that may appear necessary and useful in accomplishing the purposes herein above set out, including the payment of expenses incidental thereto.

The TSAA will sponsor tournaments to qualify archers for National and International competitions and present discussion groups, panels, lectures, and instruction to its members in the sport of archery.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the TSAA shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

In the event of dissolution of the association, the net assets are to be distributed to the National Archery Association of the United States (a.k.a. USA Archery) which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or in the event that said National Archery Association is unable to accept the assets, to the Olympic Committee of the United States which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code, or in the event that said Olympic Committee of the United States is unable to accept the assets, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE 3 – Membership

1. The TSAA adheres to the membership rules as defined in the NAA's bylaws. Any changes to those rules by the NAA shall automatically be adopted on interim basis by the TSAA board and ratified at the next annual meeting.
2. TSAA membership is automatically granted to persons who are active members in the NAA and who meet the residency requirements.
3. Residency Requirement – A state resident is defined as a person whose legal residence is in the state or who resides in the state for 60 days per year or a neighboring state which shares a common border with the state of Texas and does not have a state organization recognized by the NAA.
4. The TSAA Executive Committee may suspend or expel any member for any reason considered detrimental to the NAA or TSAA; however, the member may be reinstated upon appeal, if approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership at an annual meeting.

ARTICLE 4 – Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of four (4) elected officers: one (1) appointed officer, and two (2) appointed collegiate representatives. They are as follows:

- President - elected
 - Vice President – elected
 - Executive Secretary/Treasurer - elected
 - Webmaster - elected
 - JOAD Chairman - appointed
 - Tournament Coordinator – appointed as needed
 - Indoor Tournament Director – appointed as needed
 - Outdoor Tournament Director –appointed as needed
 - Field Tournament Director –appointed as needed
 - Collegiate Rep (UT) (appointed - non-voting)
 - Collegiate Rep (A&M) (appointed - non-voting)
1. The TSAA president shall serve as chairman of the Executive Committee. The duties of the president shall be to preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee and membership of the TSAA. Duties also include: initiate and develop activities of the committee which will accomplish the purposes of the

- organization as set forth in Article II, and present the awards at all events held by the TSAA.
2. The TSAA vice president shall serve as vice-chairman of the Executive Committee, officiate when the president is unable to serve, and perform all other duties incidental to the office.
 3. The executive secretary/treasurer shall keep all records of the TSAA, serve notices of meetings, conduct correspondence, take a vote of the Executive Committee, membership by mail or e-mail when so instructed by the president, inform the membership of official actions taken by the executive committee, make a report at the annual meeting, receive all monies of the TSAA, deposit such monies in the name of the Organization in depositors approved by the Executive Committee, pay all debts and bills approved by the Committee, keep accurate accounts of all transactions, present a financial report at the annual meeting, and perform other duties incidental to the office. The secretary/treasurer will not write any checks greater than \$500 without first obtaining written or e-mail approval of the president.
 4. The webmaster shall keep and maintain the TSAA web site. He/She shall be responsible for distributing electronic notices to members and providing information that is useful to TSAA members and others if applicable. The TSAA has found that the web is a valuable tool for correspondence and sharing of information. The webmaster will also ensure that postings to the TSAA web site are ethically appropriate and inoffensive to the normal person. The webmaster will accept tournament registrations on-line and relay registration information to each tournament director and the secretary/treasurer as appropriate.
 5. JOAD Chairman: The JOAD chairman will serve as the coordinator for JOAD activities within the TSAA. He/She shall represent the Texas JOAD program and place their interests above his/her own when making decisions as a member of the Executive Committee. The furtherance of youth archery programs shall be the goal of this position. The JOAD chairman may conduct meetings with club leaders, parents and JOAD members. When such meetings occur, he/she shall serve as the chairman of the committee formed. This position will also need to coordinate with the NAA JOAD Regional representative.
 6. Tournament Coordinator: The tournament coordinator will serve as advisor to each tournament director in event planning to provide leadership through his/her prior tournament experience to minimize problems before they happen and maximize enjoyment for all members participating. He/She will coordinate the use and storage of TSAA tournament equipment such as trailer, tents, target bales, signal lights, sound system and first aid kits. He/She will also evaluate expenses and review tournament plans.
 7. Tournament Directors – Tournament directors are appointed when the tournament venue is accepted by the Executive Committee. Each tournament director will be responsible for the overall planning and operation of the tournament. This shall include venue layout and setup, acquisition of all of the necessary items required. This individual will also be required to solicit the assistance of the judges. The tournament director shall also be responsible for ensuring that scores and expenses are reported accurately. Tournament

directors are responsible to get their tournament placed on the NAA and TSAA calendar. The secretary/treasurer may assist as necessary.

8. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the president. This may be via electronic means, either phone or e-mail.
9. Any elected office vacated out of due course shall be filled through appointment by the Executive Committee. The officer thus chosen shall hold office until a duly elected successor can take office.
10. Subject only to the provisions of this constitution and to such action as may be taken from time to time by the TSAA; the Executive Committee shall control and manage the activities, policies, and property of the TSAA.
11. Committees with special assignments may be appointed from the membership of the TSAA by the president. Such committees shall report to the president who shall submit their findings to the committee for action.

ARTICLE 5 – Elections

1. A nominating committee shall be appointed by the president prior to the annual meeting. The vice president shall lead this committee. The nominating committee shall recommend at least two members for each office of the TSAA.
2. Additional nominees may be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting if presented.
3. Nominees must express their willingness to serve if elected.
4. Votes will be counted and the election verified by the executive secretary/treasurer. Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall take office the first day of the following month. The term of office shall be for one year.
5. The fiscal year of the TSAA shall be from January 1 until December 31.

ARTICLE 6 – Voting by Mail or E-mail

Matters that must come before the TSAA organization at any time other than at the annual meeting may, with the approval of the Executive Committee, be submitted to the membership and a vote taken by mail or e-mail. A question so submitted, except a change in the Constitution or by-laws, or in conflict herewith, shall be decided by the majority of the members voting, as determined by a count of the ballots which have been received by the executive secretary/treasurer three weeks after the ballots were mailed or e-mailed to the members.

ARTICLE 7 – Fees and Dues

1. The annual dues shall be set by the National Archery Association.
2. Fees for tournaments or educational events shall be established by the tournament director of each event with approval of the Executive Committee. Insofar as possible, tournament expenses shall be kept within the tournament

income. The tournament expenses will be the responsibility of the club holding the tournament.

ARTICLE 8 – Annual Meeting

1. The TSAA shall hold its annual meeting at the indoor target tournament each year, at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee.
2. The members present at the annual meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting.
3. There shall be no voting by proxy.
4. The order of business at the Annual Meeting shall be:
 - a) Reading of the minutes of the last meeting.
 - b) Report of the Executive Committee.
 - c) Report of the executive secretary/treasurer
 - d) Report of the Nominating Committee
 - e) Election of members to offices of the Executive Committee.
 - f) Old Business
 - g) New Business

ARTICLE 9 – Amendments to the Constitution

1. This constitution may be altered or amended:
 - a. At any annual meeting without previous notice, by a two thirds vote of the members present, if the number at least two-thirds of the total membership of the TSAA which are in good standing with fees paid, or
 - b. At any annual meeting of the TSAA by a two-thirds vote of the members present, if the proposed change has been mailed to every member by the executive secretary/treasurer at least thirty days before the annual meeting.
2. It may be changed or altered in no other way.

ARTICLE 10 – Committees

1. The president shall appoint such committees as deemed advisable to make investigations, recommendations, proposals, and reports on subjects of interest to the TSAA.
2. Tournament committees shall be appointed by the tournament directors.
3. Any member of the TSAA may serve on any committee(s).

4. JOAD Committee – The JOAD committee shall be chaired by the JOAD Chairman. The committee may consist of any and all parents of JOAD archers and JOAD coaches. The committee chairman should seek consensus on all matters of interest to be presented to the Executive Committee for action.

ARTICLE 11 – Divisions

The National Archery Association (USA Archery) shall be the governing body to make such rules and regulations governing each division as may be desirable or required to qualify for acceptance and participation in the events of the Olympics or other National or International competition in archery. The TSAA must follow the eligibility guidelines as set by N.A.A. and F.I.T.A.

Tournament directors will provide the appropriate classes for each division based on the round. Some classes are not required to be offered and are at the tournament director's discretion, e.g., Yeoman.

ARTICLE 12 – Tournaments

1. The TSAA shall hold three official state championships each year.
 - a. TSAA Indoor Championship
 - b. TSAA Field Championship
 - c. TSAA Target Championship
2. When possible, tournament sites and dates for state championships shall be determined at the annual meeting. Tournament sites and dates for state championships not determined at the annual meeting shall be selected by the Executive Committee.
3. The Executive Committee shall accept bids for all state championships by mail or e-mail. The Executive Committee, by a simple majority, may accept bids for the next year's tournaments with a bid deadline of no later than Dec 1 of each year for the Indoor State and/or Indoor JOAD tournaments. For the outdoor tournaments, i.e. Field, Outdoor JOAD target and Outdoor State Target the bid deadline will be 2 weeks prior to the State Indoor tournament . Upon acceptance of the bid, the membership shall be notified via the next possible email newsletter and published to the web site calendar. Tournament bids WILL be evaluated using EACH OF the following guidelines:
 - Dates available
 - Cost to attend
 - Proximity to main body of archers.
 - Suitability of the venue to accommodate the tournament.
 - Assessment that tournament organizers can reimburse TSAA for expenses and sanctioning.

4. The tournament director and his/her committee shall, subject to guidance and approval of the Executive Committee and the tournament coordinator, arrange and manage all details of the state championship for which he/she is director.
5. The TSAA tournaments shall follow the rules and regulations of the NAA and FITA. The program of activities shall receive prior approval of the Executive Committee.
6. Applications for entry for all TSAA State Championship Tournaments shall be sent to all members by the webmaster.
7. All members of the TSAA are eligible to participate in TSAA tournaments.
8. In addition to official state championships, the TSAA shall hold other tournaments, subject to approval by the Executive Committee, to enable TSAA members to qualify for participation in NAA and FITA events.
9. Tournament directors are responsible to get their tournament placed on the NAA and TSAA calendar. The secretary/treasurer may assist as necessary.

ARTICLE 13 – Titles

1. Champion archers shall be decided on the highest combined scores of all rounds in the respective divisions. The TSAA State Champion must meet the membership requirements. The NAA divisions shall be recognized for members at all TSAA state championships (Recurve, Compound and Barebow): the TSAA board will adopt whatever changes the NAA might make, with ratification to follow by the membership at the next annual meeting.
2. Guests (do not meet TSAA membership requirements), upon payment of entry fees, are welcomed to participate in TSAA state championships but are ineligible for TSAA titles.

ARTICLE 14 – State Records

State Championship records can be set by any TSAA member at any NAA registered State Championship tournament held within the state of Texas. Records shall follow the format of NAA metric records.

ARTICLE 15 – Archer of the Year

Archer of the Year shall be chosen from their best two placements from the state championships. The four awards are: Female Recurve, Female Compound, Male Recurve, Male Compound. Selection shall be made by assigning ranking points based on the following system:

The highest score in each of the above divisions shall receive 25 ranking points. For each score point less than the winning score, deduct 0.1 from 25 to determine all other finishers.

Note: Any TSAA member that shoots the adult distances is eligible.