

**Georgia Bowhunters Archery Association
GBAA**

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Constitution

Article I- Name

The name of the Association shall be Georgia Bowhunters and Archery Association, a non profit organization , indicated by the acronym, GBAA, or by the common name Georgia Archers. GBAA and Georgia Archers are interchangeable, except state awards. [Rev 2]

Article II – Purpose

- A. To unite archery clubs and associations in the State of Georgia into one organized unit that will work effectively in providing for the development of the sport of archery, and which conforms to the will of the majority.
- B. To provide a basic plan by which such clubs and associations may become affiliated with the GBAA and recognized national archery and bowhunting organizations.
- C. To foster, expand, promote, and perpetuate all types of archery, to enforce uniform rules, regulations, procedures conditions, and methods pertaining to the sport of archery.
- D. To encourage the use of bow and arrow in the hunting of all legal game, and to protect, improve and increase participation in bowhunting.
- E. To conduct continuos educational program designed to acquaint the public and the archer with the use of the bow and arrow as recreational sport, and as a weapon suitable for hunting of legal game.
- F. To conduct tournaments to determine State Championships in all archery games approved by the GBAA, and to provide sanctions for such tournaments.
- G. To develop programs dedicated to the conservation of the game in its natural habitat, and to cooperate with the Federal and State agencies, sportsmen and conservation organizations also dedicated to this purpose.
- H. To foster and perpetuate a spirit of good fellowship and sportsmanship among all archers.
- I. To regularly inform each GBAA member as to the major problems and issues affecting the sport of Archery and bowhunting in order that the membership may make its wishes known to their duly elected representatives.

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Article III – Membership

- A. There shall be five classes of membership:
Honorary, Adult, Junior, Bowhunter, and Life. [Rev 2]
1. **Honorary Membership**, with the exemption from regular dues and fees, may be granted for exceptional merit and service upon recommendation of the board of directors , and if approved by a two-thirds majority of those directors at a physical meeting.
 2. **Adult Membership** shall be granted to any individual eighteen years of age or over upon application and payment of regular fees and dues through affiliated clubs or directly to the GBAA. Regular GBAA members must also be NFAA members. **USAA (United States Archery Association)** -Only GBAA matters. All GBAA memberships include one subscription of Georgia Archery News per household. [Rev 2, Rev 3, Rev 4, Rev 12]
 3. **Junior Membership** shall be granted to any individual less than eighteen years of age in the same manner as Article III.A.2. above.
 4. **Bowhunter Membership** entitles a member to participate in 3-D, State Spring Turkey and State Broadhead tournaments, Bowhunter membership also includes a subscription to Georgia Archery News.
 5. **Life Membership** shall be granted to any individual or family with proper payment of fees (see policy). GBAA Life Members shall have identical voting rights and tournament privileges as NFAA, **USAA**-only or Bowhunter-Only members, depending on their National affiliation, as specified in Article III.A.4. above. [Rev 3, Rev 12]

1. Club or Association Membership

1. Club or association membership shall be granted to any club or association that supports the principles and abides by the rules, regulations and procedures, and **policies** of the GBAA, upon payment of proper fees and dues. [Rev 12]
2. In order to granted membership in the GBAA, a club or association must:
 - a. Have a constitution and by-laws consistent with the GBAA rules, regulations and procedures, and must file a copy with the GBAA Secretary.
 - b. Pay club or association fees and dues to the GBAA within the deadlines established for such payment.
 - c. Enforce all rules, regulations and policies of the GBAA

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C Loss of Membership

1. Any type of individual, club or association membership may be lost for any one of the following reasons
 - a. Failure to pay membership fees or dues within the deadlines established by the GBAA.
 - b. Failure to abide by, or enforce, the rules, regulations and policies of the GBAA.
 - c. Conviction for violation of any game law.
2. If expulsion or suspension is required, the following steps shall be taken.
 - a. In the event an individual is involved, and the individual is a member of an affiliated club or association, then the club shall be expected to take action, followed by notification of its decision to the GBAA. If the individual is an independent member of the GBAA, the decision for expulsion or suspension shall be made by the executive committee upon presentation of specific charges.
 - b. In the case where a club or association is involved, suspension may be invoked by a two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee upon presentation of specific charges. Expulsion, however shall be sustained only by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Director.
3. Reinstatement of any type of membership shall be made by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Article IV -Conflicts of Interest

1. No person shall be eligible for nomination to an elective office in the GBAA if his or her major interest or activities would tend to influence him to abrogate the purpose or policies of the GBAA. [Rev 12]
2. All conflict of interest issues shall be directed to the board of director, and decided by a majority vote.

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Article V – Board of Directors

A The Board of Directors shall consist of one representative from each affiliated club or association.

- 1 **The** representative shall be empowered to act for the club on all issues presented before the Board of Directors. [Rev 12]
- 2 The representative shall be certified to the GBAA by written notification from the club or association.

B Voting

- 1 A club or association holding membership in the GBAA shall be entitles to one vote for each ten (10) or fraction thereof, regular GBAA members.
- 2 A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be the club representatives present at any previously announced physical meeting, or those responding to mail vote.
- 3 In matters concerning state Bowhunter tournaments, as well as any rules or regulations concerning these tournaments, a club or association holding membership in the GBAA shall be entitles to one vote for each ten(10), or fraction thereof, GBAA bowhunter members. This is in addition to the vote(s) entitled under V.B.1. above.

C Meetings

- 1 **The Board of Directors shall meet physically at least twice a year. One meeting shall be held the Saturday night of the State Indoor Championship, and which shall be a GBAA open membership meeting. The second shall be a GBAA Board of Directors meeting. The second board meeting shall be held the Saturday night of the State 3-D Championship. [Rev 12]**
- 2 The Board of Directors shall utilize a system **of** specialized legislative committees, appointed by the president. It shall be the duty of each committee to consider all legislation for which it has been assigned responsibility. It shall have the authority to combine or amend such legislation and introduce it to the full board. [Rev 12]
- 3 **Any club representative may introduce an amendment to the constitution or By-Laws when legislative committee is in session. [Rev 12]**

D Election

- 1 The election of club or association representative shall be in accordance with the clubs constitution.
- 2 The term of office shall be two (2) years.
- 3 The club representative shall take office January 1st, and leave office on December 31st.

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E Duties

The Board of Directors shall be the fully constituted governing body of the GBAA, and shall be responsible to the collective membership for the following.

- 1 Consider and vote upon all proposed changes to the GBAA Constitution, By-Laws and Policy.
- 2 Conduct deliberations in accordance with Roberts Rule of Orders
- 3 Establish annual dues, fees and other sources of revenue.
- 4 By a two-thirds vote, initiate action to dismiss any elected or appointed officer of the GBAA.
- 5 Appoint a secretary, should the president's appointee, as stipulated in article VII.C.1.G. not be confirmed by the Board of Directors. [Rev 2]
- 6 Approve first-time GBAA affiliation with any national archery or bowhunting organization.

Article VI – Executive Committee

A, The executive committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Tournament Director, Bowhunting Director, and **USAA** Director. [Rev 3, Rev 12]

1. The members of the Executive Committee shall serve without salary: however, incidental expense required to undertake official duties shall be reimbursed, subject to availability of finances.
2. A quorum shall be simple majority of the executive committee.
3. The Executive Committee shall, within the limitations of the Constitution, by-laws and policy set the Board of Directors, be empowered to act upon such affairs that are incidental to the normal operation of the GBAA, including the following duties:
Implement and administer programs and policies adopted by the Board of Directors.
 - a) Select (3) three, non-partial, GBAA members to serve as an audit committee and review and take action, if required, within thirty (30) days after a semi-annual financial audit. [Rev2]
 - b) Shall select site and date(s) for all state championship tournaments,
 - c) Shall be accountable for all GBAA property not specifically entrusted to the secretary.

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Article VII – Officers and their duties

- a. **The officers of the GBAA** shall be: President, Vice-President, Tournament Director, Bowhunting Director, **USAA** Director and Secretary[Rev3, Rev 12]
- b. **Qualifications:** All officers of the GBAA, except **USAA** director, must be a current member of the NFAA(National Field Archery Association) at the time of their nomination or appointment. The **USAA** Director must be a current member of the **USAA** (National Archery Association), as well its state affiliate the GAA (Georgia Archery Association). All officers must be members in good standing of the GBAA and be at least Twenty-one (21) years of age at the time they assume the duties of their office.[Rev3,Rev4, Rev 12]
- c. **Duties**
 1. **President**
 - a. Shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, or any other constituted body.
 - b. Shall conduct the meetings in accordance with Robert’s Rules of order.
 - c. Shall appoint all standing and special committees, except the Audit Committee.[Rev2]
 - d. Shall prepare and submit to the Board of Directors and GBAA membership and annual report on the activities and position of the GBAA.
 - e. Shall be empowered to call meetings of the Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors.
 - f. Shall be primarily responsible for the day-today business of the GBAA.
 - g. Shall appoint a secretary, subject to the confirmation by the Board of Directors.
 - h. Shall be the official spokesman for the GBAA, and shall interface with all national and international archery organizations.
 - i. Shall attend and shall present awards at all State Championship Tournaments.
 - j. By simple decree, may order any proposed change to the constitution, by-laws or policy, which has been approved by the Board of Directors, be subject to a mail vote by the directors before it can be adopted by the GBAA. The GBAA secretary shall conduct the mail vote in sixty(60) days or less, and a majority of the votes shall decide the issue.
 - k. Shall break all tie votes by the Board of Directors.
 - l. Shall appoint a replacement, subject to the approval by the Board of Directors, to any GBAA office vacated.
 - m. Shall be the NFAA director for the state of Georgia, which includes, but is not limited to, the following duties:
 1. Mandatory attendance at both the annual NFAA Board of Directors meeting and annual Southeastern Section Directors Meeting.
 2. Inspection of all NFAA chartered indoor and outdoor ranges in Georgia. The actual physical inspection may be delegated to any other GBAA officer or qualified, non-prejudicial club delegate.
 3. Be the final authority in the state of Georgia for interpretation of all NFAA rules.
 4. Act in accordance with the applicable rules and duties specified in the NFAA constitution and by-laws
 - n. Shall be the final authority for interpretation of all GBAA rules and policy.

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2.. Vice-President

- a. Shall perform the duties of the president in the event that the president is unable to act, or resigns his office.
- b. Shall be present for the duration of all State Championship Tournaments.

3 Tournament Director

- a. Shall be the on-site, full time tournament director for all state championship tournaments which are conducted under NFAA (National Field Archery Association) rules; namely, State Field Championship, and any other State Championship approved by the Board of Directors.
- b. Shall recommend quantity and mix of awards to be purchased by the host club for the State Championship Tournaments under his direction.
- c. Shall be considered and ad hoc member of the Board of Directors, and shall have (5) five votes on all matters specifically related to duties for this office

4 Bowhunting Director

- a. Shall be the on-site, full-time tournament director for all the GBAA State Bowhunting Tournaments, including State Spring Turkey, State 3-D Tournament, and State Broadhead Tournament.
- b. Shall represent the GBAA at all applicable Georgia game hearings, and shall report news of all pertinent game laws, hunting seasons, and other bowhunting activities to the GBAA members via the Georgia Archery News.
- c. Shall be responsible for the inspection of bowhunting courses (for safety and fairness) to be used in the State Championship Tournaments under his direction.
- d. Shall recommend quantity and mix of awards to be purchased by the host club for the State Championship Tournaments under his direction.
- e. Shall be Pro-Bowhunting advocate, and shall promote and administer all Bowhunter Defense and Bowhunter Education programs for the GBAA.
- f. Shall be considered an ad hoc member of the Board of Directors, and shall have five (5) votes on all matters specifically related to duties of this office.

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5. Secretary

Since this is an appointed office, the secretary shall have no vote in the operation of the GBAA, but shall perform the following duties.

- a. Shall conduct the affairs of the GBAA in accordance with programs, policies and budget established by the Board of Directors.
- b. Shall assure the proper publication of all literature pertinent to the operation of the GBAA.
- c. Shall attend, and prepare the minutes of all official meetings, and keep the archives of the GBAA.
- d. Shall be accountable for all the moneys and properties entrusted to the secretary's office.,
- e. Shall submit the semiannual audit, the financial records for the most recent six month period, which shall include as a minimum:[Rev2]
 1. An accounting ledger, showing all itemized cash and check transactions
 2. A financial statement reconciled ledger, showing a summary of all income and expenses for that period.
 3. Monthly membership dues reconciliation provided by the NFAA.
 4. Copies of all receipts, supplier invoices and itemized expense reports.
 5. A reconciliation of the registration fee-split between the host club and the GBAA for all State Championship Tournaments conducted during the period.
- f. Shall attend all State Championship Tournaments, and shall assist in tournament registration and score tally.

6. **USAA** Director[Rev3,Rev4, Rev 12]

- a. Shall be the same person as the elected president of the GAA (Georgia Archery Association)
- b. Shall be responsible for preparing, executing, and maintaining a cooperative agreement between the GBAA and the GAA regarding schedule compatibility, if not merger, of state tournaments and other mutually beneficial programs.
- c. Shall be considered an ad hoc member of the GBAA Board of Directors, and shall have (5) five votes on all matters specifically related to duties of this office.

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D **Election** of President, Vice President, Tournament Director, Bowhunting Director and **USAA** Director.[Rev 3, Rev 12]

- 1 Prior to the first meeting of the Board of Directors in each election year, the President shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of three or more members. This committee shall prepare a slate of two or more candidates for each office, with all candidates having been contacted beforehand, and agreeing to accept the office, if elected.
- 2 Nominations by the nominating committee shall be presented at the State Indoor Championship. Nominations from the floor at the annual membership meeting may also be made at this time, provided the nominee is present and agrees to accept the nomination, or if there is a letter to that effect.
- 3 The secretary shall mail an appropriate ballot to all GBAA members no later than June 1st. Bowhunter members may vote only for the Bowhunting Director. The **USAA** Director is not included on the GBAA ballot, but is elected as GAA president by only eligible GBAA members. The ballots shall remain concealed until they are opened at the State Field Championship Tournament site in the presence of the incumbent officers and the nominating committee, where they are then counted and new officers announced.[Rev3, Rev4, Rev 12]
- 4 Junior GBAA members less than (16) sixteen years of age are not eligible to vote in an election.

E **Term of Office** for all officers shall be two years.

F. New **Elected GBAA Officers** shall assume the duties of their office at the **conclusion of the State 3-D Championship Tournament.** [Rev 12]

Article VIII – Membership Voting

Matters that come before the GBAA at any time may be submitted to the membership in a vote taken by mail. Determination of matters to be submitted shall be made by the Board of Directors. A question so submitted shall be decided by a majority of the members voting.

Article IX – Amendments to the Constitution

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote as presented and voted on by the Board of Directors only at a duly constituted meeting **or** mail ballot. Any proposed amendment must first be published in the Georgia Archery News before it can be voted on. [Rev 12]

Policy

- A. **Dues for individual and Family membership** (reference constitution, article III) Honorary memberships shall run for the duration set by the Board of Directors for each specific case. All other memberships, except Life Memberships, shall run for one year, from the day of joining until the next year on that date, [Rev2, Rev3, Rev4]
1. Honorary GBAA Membership: No fees or dues
 2. Adult GBAA Membership:
 - a. \$10.00 per year per single adult or head of household, in addition to NFAA and USAA/GAA dues. [Rev4, Rev 12]
 - b. \$2.00 per year per additional family member, in addition to NFAA and USAA/GAA dues, up to a maximum of \$12.00 per family. [Rev4, Rev 12]
 3. Junior Membership: Same as 2 above \$2.00 per year per additional junior sibling, up to a maximum of \$12.00 in addition to NFAA and USAA/GAA dues. [Rev4, Rev 12]
 4. GBAA Bowhunter Membership: \$10.00 per single person or head of household, \$3.00 per additional household member, with a maximum of \$16.00 per family for (12) twelve calendar months, including the month of enrollment or renewal. [Rev4, Rev 12]
 5. New GBAA members with unexpired NFAA handicap cards: NFAA members moving to Georgia wishing to join the GBAA: \$10.00 for the first membership, and \$2.00 for each additional family membership, up to the maximum of \$12.00. Once the NFAA membership expires, the dues shall be as in 2 and 3 above. [Rev 12]
 6. GBAA Life Membership:
\$125.00 for Head of household, \$33.00 for head of household over 65 years of age;
\$18.00 for spouse or each junior dependent.
When juniors reach the age of 18, they will have to pay the balance of \$125.00, or, if they choose, start paying the GBAA adult dues. Spouse and junior fees do not apply if the head of household fees are not paid. [Rev 12]
- B. **Clubs and Commercial Ranges may be chartered** with the GBAA for an annual fee of \$10.00. This is in addition to the initial, reinstatement or renewal fee(s) required for affiliation with any national archery organization, such as the NFAA or USAA, which require dual state/national membership. A single GBAA club membership, however will satisfy any number of concurrent, national club affiliations. Clubs and ranges affiliated with a national archery organization must meet all the requirements imposed by their charter agreements. [Rev3, Rev 12]
- C. **The Maximum Pre-Registration Fee** charged to any GBAA competitor or guest at any State Tournament shall be \$25.00 for those 15 and older, \$15.00 for those 12-14 years old, \$10.00 for those 11 and younger. \$5.00 of the \$25.00 charged to those 15 and older shall be paid to the GBAA by the host club. Maximum pre-registration fee per family is \$55.00. A \$5.00 per registrant late-registration fee may be charged by the host club, with a maximum of \$10.00 per family. Pre registration fees, less maximum 10% handling charge, will be returned to no-shows if, host club is notified within 30 days of tournament. In no case shall the fees for guests be less than fees charged to GBAA competitors. The host club will also be allowed to charge an additional \$2.00 per phone in registration prior to the pre-registration deadline, after the deadline the \$5.00 late fee will be charged. These fees must be posted on the registration form before it can be charged. [Rev1, Rev3, Rev8, Rev 12]
- D. The Georgia Archery News shall be the **Official Publication** of the GBAA, with the editor and/or publisher being appointed by the Executive Committee. Any Constitutional change must first be published in the Georgia Archery News before it can be voted on in any meeting.

Policy Continued

- E All **Action by the board of Directors shall carry an effective date of 30 days**, unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee. The annual Board of Directors meeting will be held on the **Saturday evening Of the State 3-D Championship Tournament**, ~~at a site on a rotation basis in a manner similar to the selection of the State Field Tournament site.~~ [Rev 12]
- F Policy **concerning the conduct of State Tournaments.**
1. The policy of the GBAA shall be to follow as closely as possible all the rules set forth in the NFAA handbook. The rulings of the NFAA, as they apply to a particular tournament, should be strictly adhered to at all state tournaments.
 2. At the **discretion** of the **appropriate** Tournament Director, the following time limits are to be enforced.
 - a. Field Tournaments - Four hours per 28 targets
 - b. Indoor Tournaments - Four minutes per end per line
 - c. Target Tournaments - 5 minutes per end (900 round)
 - d. 3-D Tournaments - Two minutes per target per shooter [Rev5, Rev 12]
- G The secretary shall be bonded for his/her term of office. The **Secretary's monthly allowance** shall be \$100.00 as long as there are sufficient funds in the GBAA treasury.
- H Each **GBAA Officer shall receive a copy of the GBAA constitution, by-laws and Policy**, anyone else wanting a copy shall be charged \$4.00 .
- I Whenever the facilities for the **State Indoor Championship**, will not accommodate a minimum of 50 archers on the line at one time, the tournament shall have staggered starting times. Pre-registrants (14 days in advance) shall have choice of starting time. Late registrants must accept available times.
- J At the **State Target Championship**, **when the 900 round is used**, staggered starting times must be used in the same manner as the indoor if the facilities will not accommodate a minimum of 20 target butts. These butts must be a sufficient size to hold the standard 122 cm FITA target face. [Rev 12]
- K The **GBAA will accept paid advertisement** that does not conflict with State or Invitational tournaments.
- L Any **club or association holding an advertised tournament** on a date that a State Tournament has been advertised and held, shall loose their voting rights at the next Board of Directors meeting.
- M The **State Field shall be awarded on a rotational basis**, with the state being divided into four sections. If a club in the section due does not bid on the State Field, then the bid will go to the next section in turn and so on. The sections are Northwest, Northeast, Southwest and Southeast.
- N When a club bids and gets a State Tournament, then it finds it cannot hold that tournament, the **GBAA shall accept the responsibility for holding that tournament.**
- O **Officers not required to work a tournament shall not receive free entry fees for that tournament.**
- P **The host club of a State Tournament shall pay the published rate for a full page ad**, or one-half of the mailing cost, whichever is less, for an announcement and pre-registration form in the Georgia Archery News. This is a one-time cost for each tournament, that is, there is no cost for a follow-up ad.

Policy Continued

- Q **State Tournament Awards shall be based on the following:**
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| 1 | 1-2 shooters: | one place |
| 2 | 3-4 shooters: | two places |
| 3 | 5 or more shooters | three places |
| 4 | The host club have the option to provide host-furnished awards to deeper positions. [Rev3] | |
| 5 | Award winners, absent from the awards ceremony, are responsible for arranging pick-up and/or delivery of their awards. [Rev3] | |
- R **Scoring records shall be maintained** for all competitors in all State Championship Tournaments. Starting in 1993, appropriate certificates shall be presented to those archers known to have shot the highest aggregate score in their division and style in those state tournaments which have standard scoring and target distances. (State Indoor, State Target, and State Field)
- S **Pro Purse fees** at all GBAA State Tournaments shall be established by the host club, and shall be in addition to, and completely separate from, registration fees. Unless otherwise determined in advance, the purse allocation shall be in accordance with the NFAA Pro Purse Distribution Table.
- T. The President shall receive a \$75.00 per year phone allowance per calendar year. (in lieu of coverage of a monthly bill)[Rev8]
- U. For NFAA sanctioned State Championships, the Bowhunter Freestyle Limited and Freestyle Limited classes are combined into the Freestyle Limited class for both male and female divisions.

By-Laws

Article I –Committee

Members of the following committees shall be appointed by their respective chairmen, and shall consist of three or more members for a period of two years.

- A **Hunting Activities Committee**. The Bowhunting Director shall serve as chairman. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to perpetuate and expand the sport of bowhunting, and to concern itself with an effective bowhunting program. [Rev 12]
- B **Rules Committee** The President/NFAA Director shall serve as chairman. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to interpret any rules of the NFAA. This committee shall consist of one representative from each of the generic freestyle, barebow, and bowhunter styles of shooting, in addition to the Tournament Director.
- C **State Tournament Committee** The committee shall receive no profit from the tournament other than the established GBAA fees. The duties of the committee shall consist of administrating registration, collecting all the fees, procuring all awards, conducting the tournament, posting scores, and presenting awards. The committee shall consist of the appropriate GBAA Tournament Director or Bowhunting Director, as Chairman, the GBAA President, the GBAA Secretary, the host club president, and any other member as appointed by the Tournament Director or Bowhunting Director, as appropriate. As soon as the tournament registration has been completed, the fee split between the GBAA and host club shall be reconciled in accordance with established GBAA policy. The amount due to the GBAA shall be paid by the host club at the tournament site immediately before, or soon after, the awards presentation. The host club shall be responsible for the physical setup of the area in which the tournament will be held, as well as butts, targets, etc. All matters concerning concessions shall be left to the host club.
- D **Tournament Facilities and Promotion Committee** The Board of Directors shall elect the chairman, It shall be the responsibility of this committee to:
1. Solicit funds from any source available to be used for purchase or lease of facilities for the promotion of tournament archery and bowhunting activities, with the goal of achieving public recognition of archery as a major sport.
 2. Secure sponsors for a Pro-Division and supplementary financing of all tournaments held in Georgia at a Sectional or National level.
- E Other Committees, as may be created by the Board of Directors.

Article II – Fees and Dues

- A The annual fees and dues for all types of memberships shall be established by the Board of Directors.
- B Any member delinquent in the payment of any dues to the GBAA shall not be eligible to participate in any GBAA sponsored tournament.

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Article III – Tournaments

- A. The GBAA will approve and sanction **five** State Championship Tournaments, **with the option of a sixth**, each year as follows: [Rev 12]
1. **State Indoor Championship** this tournament shall be a double NFAA indoor round, ~~and shall be held at least two weeks prior to the Southeastern Indoor Sectional.~~ [Rev 12]
 2. **State Spring Turkey** this tournament shall be held in **the spring** ~~April~~ during a weekend selected by the host club. Rules are the same as the State 3-D, except that the distance shall move forward 5 yards. Targets may be paper or 3-D. [Rev 12]
 3. **State Target Championship** this tournament shall be held during the **May, June, or July time frame** ~~third full weekend in May~~. This tournament may be either a double NFAA International round or a double NFAA 900 round, or a combination thereof, as specified in the host clubs bid. [Rev4, Rev 12]
 4. **State Field Championship** this tournament shall be held between the second full weekend in June and the second full weekend in July (inclusive), as long as it does not interfere with the Southeastern Outdoor Sectional. A 28 ~~or 30~~ target NFAA Field Round and a 14 ~~or 15~~ target NFAA Animal Round shall be scheduled for Saturday and 28 ~~or 30~~ target NFAA Hunter Round shall be scheduled for Sunday. [Rev6, Rev 12]
 5. **State 3-D** this tournament shall be a two day tournament and shall be held during the **first full weekend** **month** of August, under the ~~following rules~~ **NFAA 3-D rules**: (See attached rules) [Rev12]
 6. **State Broadhead Tournament** this tournament shall be held in August at a date set by the host club. If no club is willing to host this tournament, then the GBAA has no responsibility for its conduct.
- B. **Clubs wishing to bid for next years State Indoor tournament** should submit their bid at the membership meeting held in conjunction with the current years State Indoor. The award of the State Indoor will be at this meeting.
- C. **Clubs wishing to bid for any State Championship Tournament** other than the State Indoor should submit their bid(s) to the appropriate Tournament Director at or before the board meeting that will be held after the Saturday shooting time at the State 3-D. The award of these tournaments will be at this meeting.
- D. **Any questions regarding the location of a State Championship Tournament** shall be decided by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- E. **All one day shoots** shall start on or before 10:00 A.M.
- F. **All Protests** must be presented in writing to the appropriate Tournament Director within 15 minutes after leaving the range. Twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars must accompany the protest, which will be refunded if the protest is upheld. The State Tournament Committee (see By-Laws Article I.C) shall act as the protest board.
- G. **Multiple Registration** in any form, is not permitted at any GBAA State Championship Tournament,

Article IV – **United States Archery Association (USAA) Affiliation [Rev 12]**

Affiliation with the National Archery Association shall be the responsibility of the Georgia Archery Association (GAA), with the understanding that any GBAA member may join the GAA and any GAA Member may join the GBAA. GBAA/NFAA members may compete for awards in any **USAA** sanctioned tournament, and GAA/**USAA** members may compete for awards in any NFAA sanctioned tournament, without prejudice, except that GAA members who are not also GBAA members are not eligible to earn GBAA All Events Championship points, and their presence at GBAA State Championships shall have no effect on the points award process. [Rev 12]

Although a cooperative agreement shall exist between the GBAA and the GAA, neither organization has a voice in the others affairs, except as specified in the Constitution Article VII.C.6. [Rev3, Rev4]

Article V- Awards

A **Awards for all State Championship Tournaments**

Awards shall be provided for all GBAA recognized classes. Championship flight and A class awards shall consist of trophies for 1st 2nd and 3rd places. Host clubs may either adhere to the guidelines set by the GBAA or present to the Executive Committee an alternative award. The awards must be approved by the Executive Committee (President, Vice-president and Bowhunting Director for State 3-D, Spring Turkey, and State Broadhead)(President, Vice-President and Tournament Director for State Indoor, State Target and State Field). At the State Spring Turkey, State 3-D and State Broadhead, the awards will be for first place a) Plaque, trophy etc. At the State Indoor, State Target, and State field the awards shall be for 1st place , a) Plaque, trophy, etc., b) State Belt Buckle and c) State Patch. For all tournaments the remaining places will consist of a plaque or trophy etc. only. ~~At this time it has been voted to no longer provide belt buckles, due to expense, other state awards are being looked into.~~ Belt buckles will be awarded 1 per champion per year unless provided by the host club.[Rev 4, Rev 12]

- B. **Awards other than roving trophies, buckles and patches** shall be purchased at the expense of the host club.
- C. **There shall be a Big Buck Award** to be made in recognition of deer taken with the bow and arrow in legal and fair pursuit. The bowhunter must have been a member of the GBAA at the time of the harvest. The recipients of this award shall be determined by the Hunting Activities Committee. The first place award is to be presented at the Spring Turkey Shoot, and shall be based on the largest buck as determined by Pope and Young measurements. The deer must be taken in the state of Georgia. [Rev5]
- D. **There shall be an award for the taking of a wild turkey** with a bow and arrow in The rules governing this award shall be the same as in C above, except that the first place award shall be based on the largest turkey as determined by the National Wild Turkey Federation scoring system. The turkey must be taken in the state of Georgia. [Rev5]
- E. The Board of Directors shall provide for the presentation of **plaques to be given to the outgoing GBAA officers** in appreciation for their service.
- F. **There shall be four senior division awards** for archers who have reached their 55th birthday, male and female, fingers and release, provided by the GBAA at all State Championship Tournaments. Persons competing for awards in these Senior Divisions shall not compete in any other division. [Rev6]

- G. **All Events Champion (adult and male and female youth shooter)** each year, the GBAA shall give recognition to its best all-around, archers. Points are awarded at the five state championship tournaments by all competitors. The competitor with the most points at the end of the year shall be declared the All-Events Champion. The award shall be presented by the GBAA President during the awards ceremony at the next year's State Indoor Championship. As a minimum, the award shall be a wooden plaque, in the shape of the state of Georgia, with a brass plate suitably engraved with the winners name, year and GBAA All Events State Champion.
1. All events competitors must compete in at least three (3) of the five(5) State Championships.
 2. The determination of the All Events Champion shall be made on a point system, with the points awarded in all of the Five State Championships on the following basis.

Number of GBAA Shooter in each Division	Points Awarded for placing:					
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th -etc.
21 or more	5	4	3	2	1	.5
16 – 20	4	3	2	1	.5	.5
11 – 15	3	2	1	.5	.5	.5
1 – 10	2	1.5	1	.5	.5	.5

Points for **non-broken ties** below third place shall be pro rated , but in no case shall it be less than .5 point to be awarded.

If there is a **tie** on total points, the All Events Champion shall be determined as follows:

- a. The archer who has participated in the most State Championships during the year shall be determined winner.
- b. If still tied, the winner shall be determined by the number of points awarded in the largest State Tournament, based on the total number of participants.
- c. If still tied, then duplicate awards shall be presented.

An all events competitor is not restricted to shooting the same style (division) in all State Championships.

Article VI – Classification

- A. **Outdoor A Classes** At the **State Target and** State Field Tournaments, all shooters shall be in appropriate Championship Flight (AA Class_ except for those who declare themselves in A class, based on the following 28 target NFAA Field round (Championship Field Target) scoring brackets. [Rev4, Rev 12]

1.	AMFS	0 – 514
2.	AFFS	0 – 499
3.	AMBHFS	0 – 499
4.	AMBHFSL	0 – 474

- B. **Indoor A Classes** At the State Indoor Tournament, all shooters shall be in the appropriate Championship flight (AA Class) except for those who declare themselves in A class, based on the following Indoor 300 **scoring** brackets. [Rev 12]

1.	AMFS	0 – 294
2.	AFFS	0 – 289
3.	AMBHFS	0 – 294
4.	AMBHFSL	0 – 284

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- C. **Archers who declare themselves in A class** must have shot two scores in A class, and no more than one score higher than A class, within the past calendar year. These scores must be shot in competition, duly verified, and entered on the archer's NFAA handicap card(s); that is, scores shot in practice are not counted.
- D. **Visitors** Non-GBAA members who shoot ~~as out of state visitors~~ in the GBAA Championship Tournaments, shall be eligible for host awards only. Visitors who shoot in NFAA Sanctioned tournaments shall be NFAA **or USAA** members. Residents of the state of Georgia must be GBAA members to participate **for the Championship** in State Bowhunter Tournaments. **No one may belong to another states organization and shoot for any of the Georgia State Championships. [Rev 12]**
- E. Archers that are registered as Professional Archers with other archery organizations must either register with the NFAA as a Pro and shoot the Pro Class or elect to shoot the guest class.

Article VII – Amendments to the By-Laws

The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors at any duly constituted meeting.

3-D RULES

3-D Rules and Regulations: For Marked and Unmarked Tournaments

1. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

State marked and unmarked rounds will consist of a minimum of 30 3-D targets in two or more courses.

1.2 Tournaments may be one or two-day events as required by tournament host.

Each day there will be shooting assignments posted with times and ranges for competition for the day.

2. CONDUCT

2.1 Un-sportsmanlike conduct on the ranges or tournament grounds will not be tolerated. Tournament officials will report any incident of this type. The officials who observe this behavior will file a written report for review of this conduct to the tournament committee immediately or following the completion of the day's events. First offense will result in disqualification, forfeiture of tournament fees and possible suspension for a year.

2.2 Verbal abuse or slander directed toward a Tournament Official while conducting their duties will result in immediate disqualification of the shooter from the tournament, along with a report filed with the tournament committee for further disciplinary action.

3. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS

3.1 No alcoholic beverages or controlled substance may be carried on or consumed on the tournament ranges. No controlled substances (drugs) are allowed at any tournaments under penalty of disqualification and membership sanction.

3.2 No shooter will be allowed to compete while under the influence of alcohol or any other controlled substance. The penalty is immediate disqualification and sanction of membership. Also local laws apply as to conduct with possible arrest.

4. LITTERING

Littering the grounds of any tournament will not be permitted. Host will provide trash receptacles. Anyone reported littering to Tournament Director or to Range Officials, will be dealt with. Penalty for this could be possible disqualification or other judgment by the committee. Please keep our ranges clean.

5. SPECTATORS AND GUESTS (PRESS)

5.1 No spectators are allowed on the tournament ranges during competition, unless allowed by the Tournament Director. (The condition of the ranges, weather conditions or safety factors may not permit this.) Every effort will be made to accommodate the media.

6. GUEST COMPETITORS:

Guests will be allowed to compete in the tournaments, however, they must pay the same entry fee as the GBAA members and they will not be eligible for any GBAA awards. These classes (GUEST CLASSES) will be the sole responsibility of the host clubs or organizations for their awards.

7. GENERAL SHOOTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Prior to the start of each tournament, the archer is required to check in at the registration desk. You should double-check your target assignments and your shooting classification. All archers are responsible for checking to be sure there are no errors in their registration. This will be the only time you can make changes in your classification, and/or shooting time. After the tournament begins, it will not be possible to make changes. Remember it is the shooter's responsibility to get his or her target assignments, range assignment and scorecards. Scorecards may never leave the archery tournament. Scorecards must be double signed by shooter and "scorers" in that group. This signature is a guarantee that the score is accurate and true. If scorecards are turned in not tallied or not properly signed, they will be disqualified and/or the lowest score used for official score. All scorecards must be turned in no later than one hour after the completion of that round.

7.2 Prior to the start of competition, all shooters may be expected to attend a "precompetition meeting". These meetings are for information and special announcements from the Tournament Committee. These meetings will begin forty-five (45) minutes prior to the start of competition, or as announced by the Tournament Committee.

7.3 The GBAA 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. Any arrow shot through the chronograph after a tournament round (which exceeds 309 ft. per sec.) will result in immediate disqualification of that round score with no exceptions. (Three-arrow average).

7.4 The GBAA maximum draw-weight of a bow shall not exceed eighty pounds (80) lbs.

7.5 All targets will be 3-D animals placed vertical to the horizon and all archers are required to return the targets to this position after removing their arrows. No target may be placed at an angle greater than that which would create a glance-off.

7.6 The GBAA State Marked 3-D maximum distance will be 60 yards. Unmarked 3-D maximum distance will be 50 yards. Distances on marked 3-D courses will be measured with a tape or more accurate measuring device. Hand-held range finders will not be used.

7.7 Participants will be assigned in minimum groups of three shooters per target, and shooters are required to be at their assigned target 5 minutes prior to start times..

7.8 Each archer will shoot their arrows with one foot touching the appropriate stake for the division and class in which they are registered.

7.9 No archer will write down distance-to-target information or notes on an unmarked 3-D range, or will refer to written memoranda concerning distance-to-target while shooting an unmarked course.

8. PROTESTS

8.1 All GBAA tournaments will have a "Protest Committee" made up of the Tournament Directors, State Directors and Host officials present. This committee will be made up of 5 members present.

8.2 Any grievance or protest must be filed in writing with the Tournament Director within one (1) hour from the completion of that competitive round. This protest must include the names of all parties and witnesses involved with the said grievance. It is the responsibility of the person or persons filing the grievance to

have this information written down and signed by all parties involved. There is a \$25.00 cash protest fee. All participants must be available to be interviewed by the Committee at the time of filing. If the committee rules in favor of the protest, or if the protest is withdrawn, the fee will be returned.

8.3 All decisions of the Committee will be final.

9. SCORING

9.1 The GBAA State 3-D will shoot a 1 arrow format, scoring 12-10-8-5. Unmarked 3-D shall use the 1 arrow format scoring 12-10-8-5.

9.2 Scorecards will be picked up at registration, or a designated area, prior to each round of competition. This is usually forty-five (45) minutes before starting time at pre-tournament meeting announcements. Each shooter will receive two (2) score cards for each round. All information on each scorecard must be filled out and correct.

9.3 Each group will designate two (2) members of their group to call scores and two (2) members to record the scores. (If the group has only three (3) shooters, only one (1) will call arrows). Archers will draw for the shooting order in their respective groups and rotate the shooting order.

9.4 All arrows must remain in the target and should not be touched until all arrows are scored. The arrow shaft must touch any portion of the scoring ring, regardless of deformity of the scoring rings or angle of the arrow in the target to be scored the higher value. The status of any questionable arrows must be determined before removing any arrows from the target. If both score callers agree, the score called is final. If there is disagreement in the designated callers, a third caller from the group other than the archer whose arrow is in question will make the final call. If a questionable arrow exists in groups of three, the designated caller will make his call. If the archer whose arrow is in question does not agree, he may have the third party make the final call. In all cases the third call is final.

9.5 Score callers will judge and score each arrow and call out the results to the Score keepers. This will be recorded on the respective shooters scorecard. Running scores can be checked during the progression of the round to eliminate errors.

9.6 Both completed scorecards must be totaled and signed as correct by the score keepers and the shooter and turned in at the assigned area. Each shooting group must turn in their scorecards together (except when a shooter is permitted to makeup targets due to equipment failure or other approved leave of emergency).

Any individual or group that does not turn in their cards before leaving the range (taking cards with them) will receive a score of "X" for that day's score. "X" will be used instead of the number (0) on all cards, symbolizing "NO SCORE".

9.7 Arrows passing through the face, but still in the target, will be pushed back and scored.

9.8 Any arrows deflected by a foreign object or miss fired will be scored where it lies.

9.9 Any arrow embedded in the nock of another arrow (generally known as a "Robin Hood") will be scored the same as the arrow it struck and skewered, even if it falls to the ground and not in said target.

9.10 Arrows in corresponding areas of the target will be scored with point values as follows:

12 – Highest Score

10 – 2nd Scoring Ring

8 – 3rd Scoring Ring

5 – Outside Scoring Area (ANTLERS AND HORNS, NO SCORE)

"X" – NO SCORE

9.11 All tied scores will be broken by the number of 12 Rings; except in the case of a first place tie. When this occurs, a sudden death shoot-off will take place. All shooters tied for 1st place will shoot one (1) arrow. The arrow which is determined to be the closest to the 12 ring will be declared the winner. If two shooters tie by being the same distance to the 12 ring, they will shoot until the tie is broken. This will be true for all classes. If competitors are not present, ties will be broken by Rule of First Points dropped. [If possible use same ranges when comparing cards to break ties].

9.12 A witnessed bounce-out will be re-shot. If an arrow is shot at a target and is suspected by the archer or the group as a pass-through then proceed by letting the next archer in order shoot. Archers not standing at the stake should always observe where the arrow strikes the target for this reason. When all shooters of a group have completed shooting, one (1) "scorer" may proceed to the target to see if there was a pass-through or if the arrow is embedded in the target. If it is embedded in the target, he will request the group to come to the target, and observe pushing back the arrow to score. If the arrow has passed-through, then the "scorer" has to return to the group so the archer can shoot another arrow at the target to score. As soon as possible, tell Range officials which target you had a pass-through on, so it can be replaced or repaired.

9.13 After shooting the last arrow, the group shall stand together away from the shooting stake if shooting in close quarters. This will let others know you are through. When it is safe, all shooters are to proceed to the target to score all arrows before any arrows are pulled from the target. If any shooter pulls arrows from a target before the score callers and the scorekeepers can officially record them to the cards by sight, that shooter automatically receives an "X" for said target.

9.14 In consideration of time, no shooter will glass the target while standing at the shooting stake after shooting their arrow. Shooters may glass the target prior to shooting, but still be reminded of the time factor restrictions. After assuming their position at the stake, 2 minutes are allowed to shoot one (1) arrow. The shooter will receive a verbal warning from the group for the first offense. Second warning will be a five point (5) penalty from target score, but no less than an "X". Each subsequent offense will receive same (5) pt. penalty but no less than an "X".

9.15 An arrow inadvertently dropped while transferring the arrow from the quiver to the bow in preparation of a shot or an arrow that falls off the arrow rest or accidentally releases from the string in preparation of making a shot may be recovered if within reach of the archer from the appropriate shooting stake.

10. EQUIPMENT FAILURE:

An archer declaring equipment failure, verified by the group may leave the range to report the equipment failure to a tournament official. Upon reporting to an official, the archer will have forty-five minutes (45) to make necessary repairs or replacement and re-sight the repaired equipment. The archer will then rejoin the original group and continue shooting the remaining targets. All targets missed will be shot under make up rules with a scorekeeper and witness. Any equipment failure that results in an arrow being released toward a target will be scored as it lies, a missed target may not be re-shot. Each archer is limited to one (1) equipment failure per tournament. If a second equipment failure occurs, the archer will remain with his or her group to act as scorekeeper.

11. BINOCULARS and RANGE FINDERS:

11.1 Binoculars and spotting scopes will be allowed. They may be checked at random by tournament officials or individuals in your shooting group. You may ask to check theirs as well.

11.2 If any marks are deemed inappropriate by an official, the glasses will be confiscated and presented to the Tournament Director and committee for examination. In addition, any binoculars and or spotting scopes that have been pro-marked by the factory and are being used by the shooter as a range finding device, will be confiscated and will be presented for review to the tournament committee. Penalty for this if found guilty will be disqualification.

11.3 On unmarked ranges, no range finders are allowed. On marked 3-D ranges, range finders would be allowed if announced and advertised as to be used. This would be left as an option to the Tournament Officials.

11.4 An archer may not hold any equipment in line with the target for use as a range finder, and after an archer has set his/her sight, may not let down and re-set the sight. A verbal warning may be given from the group for a first offense. A second offense may be assessed a penalty of 5 points by the group. Each subsequent offense may be assessed a 5 point penalty. A 3 let down rule is in effect.

12. PROCEDURE FOR FINDING LOST ARROWS:

As a safety consideration, and to insure a timely competition, no archer will go behind a target to look for a lost arrow, unless you can see it at time of scoring. Always keep at least (2) two archers in front of target to insure that no other group will shoot said target while you are retrieving the arrow. If you cannot visibly see the arrow, make a note to return with a range official, after the completion of the round.

14. CLASSES AND DIVISIONS: Equipment for 3-D is in accordance with existing NFAA Style and Division equipment rules.

14.1 GBAA State Marked and Unmarked Youth and Cub maximum distances.

YOUTH Marked maximum – 45 yards

Unmarked maximum – 40 yards

Stakes = White

CUB Marked and Unmarked maximum – 25 yards

Stakes = Blue

Adult Traditional archers shoot (Wood on Wood) Stakes = Blue.

Adult = Red Stakes

Traditional Modern = White Stakes