



VBA Constitution, By-laws and Rules

Virginia Bowhunters Association

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VBA CONSTITUTION

Article 1. Name

The corporate title of this association will be Virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc. (VBA).

Article 2. Mission

The purpose of this Association shall be to foster, expand and perpetuate the use of the bow in hunting all legal game; to cooperate with conservation organizations, Game and Fish Commission, and Forestry Services in their efforts for preservation of our natural resources and wildlife; to promote and encourage all approaches to competitive archery activities within the State of Virginia; and to generally require the highest standards of sportsman-like conduct in all phases of archery.

Article 3. Membership

Section 3.1. Classes of Membership

There shall be the following classes of membership: A) Adult, B) Youth and C) Bowhunter.

- A. Adult membership shall be granted to any individual 18 years or older upon application and payment of regular dues through chartered clubs.
- B. Youth membership shall be granted to any individual under 18 years of age upon payment of dues.
- C. Bowhunter membership is non-competitive and shall be granted to any individual upon application and payment of VBA regular fees and dues.

Section 3.2. Association Membership

Association membership shall be granted to any archery club or group within the State of Virginia, incorporated or non-incorporated, by affiliating with this association and by making proper application for affiliation and registering all its members along with payment of current dues as prescribed in the By-laws of this Association.

Section 3.3. Affiliate Membership Classification

For corporations, clubs and/or organizations wanting to affiliate with the VBA, including a fee of \$50.00 with no voting rights.

Article 4. Government

Section 4.1. Composition

The government of this association shall be vested in the Board of Directors composed of one Director of each affiliated club or commercial/pro shop, elected officers of this Association, and



immediate past-president of the Association. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be the Directors present at a quarterly meeting. Each Director shall be a direct representative of his/her club or group. No Director can represent more than one club or group and club voting representation would be based on their club membership numbers. Each club would acquire votes based on their previous year membership as follows:

1-50	=	1 vote
51-100	=	2 votes
101-150	=	3 votes
151-200	=	4 votes
201-250	=	5 votes

A “no proxy” voting system was adopted requiring VBA clubs to have a delegate representing their club at VBA meetings.

Elected/appointed officers will be allowed to vote on behalf of the club when the club Director is absent. The President, or in his absence, the presiding officer (see Section 5, paragraph a. for order of precedence) shall cast the tie-breaking vote.

Section 4.2. Board of Directors Responsibility

The Board of Directors shall control and manage the activities, policy, and property of this Association. It shall have the power to make By-laws, tournament procedures for all tournaments under its sanction, and to alter and repeal these at its discretion; to receive, care for, and expend the funds of the Association; to make leases and other contracts; to purchase property, real or personal, and to sell, exchange, or to otherwise dispose of such property in the best interests of this Association; to accept or reject affiliation or membership in this Association; to fix the amount of dues, prescribe the rights and privileges of affiliation and membership or to alter or withdraw such items which it deems necessary for the best interests of this Association; to fine, suspend, or expel any affiliation or membership with just cause; and to do such other acts and things necessary or proper for the welfare of the Association.

Section 4.3. Nominating Committee

The Board of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee at the September meeting, in election years, which takes place at two year intervals. The committee is appointed in September of even years and the new officers are installed at the June meeting of odd years. This committee shall prepare a list of nominees who have agreed to accept office and who have stated that they can and will attend VBA meetings. They shall submit a list of at least one or more candidates for each office. At the January meeting, nominations will be open from directors and those names will be added to the official ballot. This slate of candidates must be forwarded to each member of affiliated clubs, and associated members, at least 30 days prior to the March meeting. All voting for candidates will be done by mail ballots which are sent to all adult members of affiliated clubs and associated members within 30 days after the March meeting. These ballots must be returned to the Executive State Secretary, unopened until the weekend of the June meeting of the Board of Directors where they will be opened and counted. Candidates receiving the highest number of votes, whether a majority of total votes cast, or not, shall be thereby elected. (When only one person is running for each office, no mail ballot will be sent out.)



Section 4.4. Committees

The Board of Directors may transact the business of this Association through such agents and committees as it may deem necessary, and these agents and committees shall have such powers as may be from time to time prescribed by the Board. Members of standing committees shall be appointed in whatever manner prescribed by the Board and serve for the duration of the fiscal year or such time as specifically directed by the Board.

Section 4.5. Elected/Appointed Officers

- A. The elected officers of this Association shall be President, Executive Vice President, Field Vice President, Hunting Vice President, and Recording Secretary.
- B. The Office of the Executive State Secretary/Treasurer, NBEP Director and Publicity Director shall be filled through appointment by the full Executive Board.

Section 4.6. Resignation of Officers

The Board of Directors shall have the right to request the resignation of any elected or appointed officer, should he/she fail to perform the duties of the office, or act in such a manner detrimental to the welfare of this Association, by a 2/3rd vote of a quorum of the Board. Also, the Board shall have the right to appoint a successor to fill any unexpired term of office created by reason of death, resignation, disqualification, or otherwise, by majority vote of a quorum of the Board.

Article 5. Election & Term of Officers

Election of officers shall be as prescribed in the Constitution of this Association, Section 4.3. Term of office shall be for a period of two years, commencing with July 1st. Duties of the various officers shall be as prescribed by the By-laws of this Association. All elected officers will serve until replaced after their term of office by duly and properly elected successors to their office in accordance with this Constitution and By-laws.

Article 6. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of this Association shall end on the last day of December of each year.

Article 7. Amendments

The Constitution may be amended or repealed by a 2/3rd majority of the votes cast by the voting directors at any regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that such action has been introduced at a previous regular meeting of the Board of Directors and providing that a majority of the then VBA chartered clubs and commercial/pro shops are represented by a Director at the time of the voting.



VBA By-laws

Article 1. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall normally meet in January, March, June and September of each fiscal year. The quarterly meetings shall begin on Saturday night as necessary. Special meetings may be called by the President or by any three Directors, provided notice in writing by registered mail is given to all other Directors and Officers at least two weeks prior to such a meeting. Notice of such special meetings must state the nature of business to be conducted, and no other business can be discussed unless permission is granted by majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors. Regular meetings shall be held at a place as designated by the Board of Directors. The number of Directors present at a properly called meeting shall constitute a quorum and business may be conducted by a majority vote unless otherwise specified in the Constitution and By-laws. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Article 2. President

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings and in general to perform the duties of this office. He, with the Executive State Secretary, shall sign all contracts or obligations of this Association and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors. The President shall be ex-officio a member of all Committees.

Article 3. Executive Vice President

Section 3.1. Duties

It shall be the duty of the Executive Vice President to perform the duties of the President in his absence. He shall be responsible for the publication of FLIGHT magazine and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors

Section 3.2. Flight Editor

This office may be filled by the Executive Vice President or be appointed by the Executive Vice President subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. It shall be his duty to publish, or have published, quarterly a publication containing pertinent information concerning Association activities and business, interesting news of clubs and groups, VBA State tournament scores, information concerning hunting laws and regulations, articles, advertisements and other related items of interest to archers. He shall cause this publication to be made available to at least one member of each household of an affiliated club and associated member of this association by regular mail, e-mail or by access to a downloadable copy from the VBA website. Members wishing to receive the publication by e-mail must request that mode of delivery and provide the editor with an e-mail address.



Article 4. Field Vice President

It shall be the duty of the Field Vice President to be responsible for the perpetuation of the competitive aspects of field archery. He shall be responsible for annual VBA State Championship Tournaments. He shall be responsible for obtaining any/all State Champion awards and for VBA pin awards, blue, red and white pins. Contracts for VBA State Championship Tournaments shall be given out at the September VBA meeting.

He shall preside over a meeting of the State Championship tournament chairmen at the January VBA meeting. He shall be responsible for conducting the scheduling session at the September VBA meeting, all other matters pertaining to competitive tournament shooting and other such duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.

It shall be the duty of the Field V.P. to be responsible for the range inspections of all VBA clubs. He may appoint deputies to inspect ranges in various zones throughout the State. He shall be bonded.

Article 5. Hunting Vice President

It shall be the duty of the Hunting Vice President to be responsible for all phases of the hunting aspects of this Association. He shall attend or see that VBA is represented as needed when there is public input of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. He shall also be responsible for game awards, hunting legislation and other such duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.

Article 6. Recording Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to be responsible for keeping the minutes of all meetings and records of these Association activities in a book provided for that purpose and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors. He shall also be required to furnish to the Executive State Secretary minutes of the VBA quarterly meeting within 30 days after said meeting. He shall keep a separate record by date and meeting number of all motions passed.

Article 7. NBEP Director

It shall be the duty of the NBEP Director to be responsible for the implementation and perpetuation of the NBEP. He shall also perform other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.

Article 8. Executive State Secretary / Treasurer

It shall be the duty of the Executive State Secretary to collect the funds of this Association and deposit all funds so received in such a bank as the Board of Directors may designate, subject to withdrawal by the President and Executive State Secretary. He shall keep proper books of account which shall at all times be subject to examination by the President and/or the Board of Directors, or such other agent as may be designated by the Board of Directors. He shall render at all regular Board of Directors meetings a written report showing the current status of membership, cash receipts and disposition thereof, and a detailed report at the end of the fiscal year. He shall publish and distribute to club Presidents, Secretaries, and VBA Committeemen



copies of each VBA quarterly meeting minutes 30 days prior to the next quarterly meeting. He shall ascertain if all applications for affiliation or membership comply with the requirements of the Constitution and By-laws of this Association as well as perform other duties usually associated with an Executive State Secretary, and such other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors. He shall receive for his services a salary of \$4.00 per member

Duties of the Treasurer's office will be assumed by the Executive State Secretary with Annual audits. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of the funds of this Association subject to the general supervision of the Board of Directors; give, negotiate, and endorse such checks, notes and bills as may be required to conduct the business of this Association; paying out the funds as required to operate the daily business of the VBA. He shall keep proper books of accounts, which will at all times be subject to examination by the Board of Directors. He shall render at all regular Board of Directors meetings a written statement showing the financial condition of this Association, and a detailed report of the receipts, disbursements and expenses of the fiscal year and such other duties as may be required by the Board. He shall also be bonded. The Treasurer may transfer funds between accounts opened for the VBA as the Treasurer sees fit or as necessary.

Article 9. Publicity Director

It shall be the duty of the Publicity Director to be responsible for developing an understanding and good fellowship between this Association and fellow archers, conservation, education and like-minded sporting organizations, youth groups and the general public. Further, to render service or assistance in the promotion of archery to members of this association and the community at large; to promote and publish the VBA pamphlets, handbooks and any other pertinent publications; and to keep the VBA Website current; and other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.

Note: No records of any elected or appointed officer may be destroyed without proper consent of the Executive Board.

Article 10. Club Affiliation

Section 10.1. Application

Groups desiring a charter for a club under the VBA may obtain an application form from the Executive State Secretary. The application will contain the following requirements:

- A. Endorsement of a sponsoring club, signed by the President and Secretary of that club.
- B. Current VBA charter fee is \$25.00.
- C. VBA charter fees for commercial/pro shops will be \$50.00 per year and fifty percent reduction in cost for ads published in each issue of FLIGHT.
- D. The minimum VBA membership necessary to qualify for issuance of a club charter shall be 8 members.
- E. All VBA membership dues must accompany an application.
- F. Range facilities and course approval by the Field Vice President or his representative will be necessary.



- G. Signature of the acting President and Secretary of the chartering club with the club's mailing address and range location.
- H. A club may be chartered without an approved range as an associate club with full voting privileges, but may not sponsor invitational sanctioned tournaments.

Section 10.2. Charter Privileges

Upon issuance of charter, club will be privileged to:

- A. Refer to itself as an affiliate of VBA
- B. Conduct VBA sanctioned tournaments.
- C. Compete in State Tournaments as a team or individuals.
- D. Members will receive issues of the official VBA publication, "FLIGHT"
- E. All other miscellaneous privileges afforded to VBA members.

Section 10.3. Maintenance of Club Charter

- A. Club charters will be issued annually.
- B. All current VBA ranges will have an initial range inspection in 2005.
- C. Thereafter, range inspections are needed for all new ranges, ranges that have made changes, or within 30 days prior to a State Shoot. All ranges should be re-inspected every 5 years.
- D. Have a minimum of eight (8) paid members through a club seeking to maintain charter. The VBA Executive Committee has the authority to waive this requirement if they determine there are extenuating circumstances and such waiver would be in the best interest of the VBA. This waiver would be for a maximum of two years and while in a waiver status, the club could participate in all VBA activities, but could not vote at VBA meetings.
- E. Meet requirements by January 1, of each year.
- F. Payment of current annual renewal fees.
- G. Should a VBA club not meet item number 3, D, said club shall not be dropped, but shall be placed on an inactive list for a maximum of twelve months, during which time it may re-affiliate on a renewal basis; after which time it must come back as a new club.

Section 10.4. Revocation of Club Charter

- A. Failure to meet the above annual requirements.
- B. Improper range facilities and course maintenance.



- C. Failure to comply with VBA official decisions, regulations, and tournament rules after being duly informed.
- D. Upon action by the Executive Committee of VBA and confirmed by the Board of Directors at the next regular VBA quarterly meeting.

Section 10.5. Association Requirements

Any club affiliated with this Association must agree to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of this Association in all matters pertaining to or concerning this Association. Also, they must at all times cooperate with this Association in all matters of a nature that would affect other than members of their own club and not instigate any action which would be detrimental to this Association, field archery or bowhunting as a sport.

Section 10.6. Officers Roster

Affiliated clubs shall furnish this Association's Executive State Secretary an up-to date list of all officers of their respective club immediately after new officers are elected or appointed.

Article 11. Dues

Section 11.1. Bowhunter Members

Bowhunter membership for individuals who do not belong to a VBA club. Dues per calendar year will be \$30.00 per member.

Section 11.2. Youth Members

Youth members of affiliated clubs shall be assessed \$5.00 per calendar year. A Youth who has not attained his 18th birthday (date of birth must be provided to the Executive State Secretary) on the date of application shall be considered a youth.

Section 11.3. Military Members

VBA membership dues shall be waived for participants in the Department of Defense (DOD) Wounded Warrior program. The program is for disabled active duty members in a rehabilitation status.

- A. VBA Membership requirements shall be waived for Active Duty or Reserve Armed Service members on Temporary Duty status. These members would join as club members only and participate in club events only. Any members desiring to participate in any VBA State Shoot would be required to be a VBA member. Any active duty member on Permanent Change of Station status (PCS) would still need to be a VBA member.

Section 11.4. Dues Payment

Dues of association members and bowhunter members must be paid within 30 days after the start of a new calendar year or their affiliation with this Association will be terminated and privileges and rights will be withdrawn. Any club member must be registered, and dues paid,



within 30 days after they join an affiliated club. Individuals may not participate in tournaments after January 1 of each year until dues for that year have been paid.

Section 11.5. Family Membership

VBA family membership dues will be as follows and maximum dues per family will be \$32.00.

VBA DUES BREAKDOWN

- \$20 - 1st
- \$8 - 2nd (Spouse)
- \$5 - 3rd
- \$32 - Maximum
- \$10 - Independent Youth (or until maximum is reached)

Article 12. VBA Classification

- A. Current VBA Membership/Tournament cards may be required at all VBA sanctioned tournaments at time of registration to be eligible to compete for awards.
- B. Non-VBA members will be considered guests and are not eligible for VBA awards.

Article 13. Shooting Styles

Refer to General Shooting Rules.

Section 13.1. Barebow (“Stringwalking”)

Section 13.2. Bowhunter

Section 13.3. Bowhunter Freestyle / Release

Section 13.4. Bowhunter Freestyle / Fingers

Section 13.5. Freestyle / Release

Section 13.6. Freestyle / Fingers

Section 13.7. Traditional

Article 14. 3-D Styles of Shooting

Refer to IBO Shooting Rules.



Article 15. Tournaments

Section 15.1. State Tournaments

VBA State Tournaments will be awarded on a bid system. All bids to be submitted at the June quarterly meeting.

Section 15.1.1 State Indoor (Closed)

- A. The State Indoor will be a two-day event held as a sectional at various locations determined by the bid system. Bids for the Indoor are to be submitted at the June meeting for the following year.
- B. To be eligible for VBA awards, archers must be VBA members.
- C. Guests are welcome if time/space is available. Awards, if any, are at the discretion of the host club.
- D. Both rounds may be shot in the same day as long as space and time is available.

Section 15.1.2 Spring 3-D Classic

- A. All Archers are Welcome.
- B. The Spring 3-D will be a two-day shoot. Archers must shoot both days. Spring 3-D shall be marked distance. There will be a minimum of 25 targets. Maximum distance will be 60 yds. *Archers have options of shooting 1 or 2 days and counting highest score at the Spring 3-D.*

Section 15.1.3 State Open

- A. All Archers are Welcome.
- B. The VBA State Open shall consist of a 28 Field Round on the first day and 14 Animal targets and 14 Hunter targets on the second day, not necessarily in that order

Section 15.1.4 Fall 3-D Classic

- A. All Archers are Welcome
- B. The Fall 3-D will be a two-day shoot. Archers must shoot both days. The Fall Classic will be unmarked distances. There will be a minimum of 25 targets. Maximum distance will be 50 yds.

Section 15.1.5 State Closed - Labor Day Weekend

- A. The VBA State Closed shall consist of a 28 Field Round on the first day and 14 Animal targets and 14 Hunter targets on the second day, not necessarily in that order.
- B. To be eligible for VBA awards, archers must be VBA members.



- C. Guests are welcome to shoot in the Guest Class. Awards, if any, are at the discretion of the host club.

Section 15.1.6 Bids for State Championship Tournaments

- A. A club that has constructed a new range to host a State tournament will have a one (1) year option for the following year to conduct a State tournament.
- B. *Clubs may bid on and be allowed to hold the Open or Closed and the Spring or Fall 3-D State Tournaments and one (1) leg of the State Indoor. **If any club is awarded one of the four outdoor tournaments, that club would be ineligible to win another of the outdoor tournaments that year unless they are the only club bidding.**

Section 15.1.7 State Championship Contracts

Annual State Championship Tournaments will be conducted as set forth in the contract between the host Club and the VBA. The contract shall be posted at all State Tournaments, (and shall contain stipulations for the supervision of Pee Wee and Cub Divisions).

Section 15.1.8 Qualifying Status of Participants in State Tournaments

- A. Only members of affiliated clubs and associate members of this Association may compete in Annual VBA State Championship Tournaments, with the exception of the State Open, and the Spring and Fall 3-D Classics. Professionals are welcome to compete in their corresponding VBA style for awards or as a guest without an award. Any archer may participate in the non-competitive “fun’ division, by following all shooting rules and no awards are given.
- B. TIME LIMIT There shall be a six-hour shooting time limit for any 28 target round at the two Outdoor State Championship Tournaments. Time begins when the horn blows and ends when the cards are turned in. Award ceremonies scheduled accordingly.

Section 15.1.9 State Championship Awards

- A. Double Crown. Any person who, within the same calendar year and competing in the same style & division, wins the championship at the Spring and Fall 3-D Classics, shall be recognized as a VBA Double Crown Champion. The award for this accomplishment shall be presented at the March annual banquet.
- B. Triple Crown. Any person who, within the same calendar year and competing in the same style & division, wins the championship at the State Indoor, Open and Closed Tournaments shall be recognized as a VBA Triple Crown Champion. The award for this accomplishment shall be a VBA Triple Crown Championship Award. The Triple Crown Award will be presented at the March annual banquet



Section 15.1.10 Registration Fees

- A. Registration fees for the State Open, Closed, and Indoor Tournaments shall be \$20.00 each for the first two family members, \$5.00 each for the first two youth (under age 18) archers, with a maximum of \$50.00 per family. The VBA shall purchase awards for these tournaments and present the awards in all classes. The distribution of the registration fees shall be: \$1.00 per registered archer to the Conservation Fund, and \$9.00 per archer to the General Fund. For a family of three (3) or more, it will be \$2.00 to the Conservation and \$18.00 to the General Fund.
- B. Registration fee for the State 3-D Tournaments shall be \$20.00 per archer with \$40.00 maximum per family. The distribution of these fees shall be \$1.00 per archer to the Conservation Fund, \$7.00 to the VBA and \$12.00 to the host Club.
- C. Registration for scheduled pin shoots on the card other than 3-D shoots shall be \$10.00 Head of Household, \$5.00 for second member, and \$4.00 for additional members.
- D. Except for one tournament per year, at the club's discretion, a one dollar per shooter fee, for any sanctioned tournaments will be payable to the VBA.

Section 15.1.11 Reclassification

Archers will not be reclassified after the first day of shooting at State Tournaments, except for the State Indoor.

Section 15.1.12 Pets on Range

No pets will be allowed on the range during any State Tournaments.

Section 15.1.13 Protests

Written formal protest(s) must be presented to the Host Clubs Tournament Chairman and the VBA Field Vice President within one (1) hour after the end of the shooting day of the alleged violation and accompanied by a \$25.00 fee payable to the VBA. The Field Vice President and VBA Tournament Chairman will rule on the protest. If the Field Vice President is unavailable, the protest will be ruled on by the VBA Tournament Chairman and Tournament Committee. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If the protest is denied, the fee is given to the VBA. No involved person may be in on the final decision.

Section 15.2. Associated Sanctioned Tournaments

Section 15.2.1 Tournament Rules

Association Sanctioned Tournaments shall be conducted in accordance with VBA Rules and Regulations.



Section 15.2.2 Scheduling Session

The Field Vice President will schedule a meeting in September with the Club Directors for the purpose of scheduling tournaments for the next calendar year. Schedule cards will be furnished to the Executive State Secretary's office at the January meeting and issued to each VBA club.

Section 15.2.3 Club Annuals

It shall remain the prerogative of the host club as to the type of rounds they will offer at their annual tournament.

Section 15.2.4 Sanctioned Tournaments

Any tournaments listed on the VBA schedule card is a sanctioned tournament.

Section 15.2.5 Sectional Championships

Clubs may hold Zone Championship Tournaments after having cleared the date with the Field Vice President to determine that there are no conflicts.

Section 15.2.6 No Club Shoots on State Tournament Dates

There will be no shoots on club properties or in club name, private or public, conducted on the days that the State Tournaments are held.

Section 15.2.7 Two Shoots within a Zone

One scheduled 3-D and one scheduled field, hunter or animal round may be held in the same zone on the same day by two different clubs. No two clubs will hold the same type of shoot on the same day. No other club in that zone may hold a closed club shoot on the same day.

Section 15.2.8 Tournaments Rules & Time Limits

The Field Vice President shall post all tournament rules and time limits at all State Tournaments.

Section 15.2.9 Division Recognition

All affiliated clubs must recognize all divisions, styles, and classes at all shoots that appear on the VBA schedule card unless otherwise noted and properly advertised, or advance notice given.

Section 15.2.10 Representation at Scheduling Session

Clubs must be represented at the scheduling session or lose the right to schedule shoots. Shoots will be scheduled at the September scheduling session.

All remaining dates will be left open, and no club can claim exclusive rights to those dates, but can still hold shoots of any kind if there are no zone conflicts.



Section 15.3. Awards

- A. Association awards will be standardized for presentation at all sanctioned tournaments. The Field Vice President shall be responsible for supplying affiliated clubs with suitable awards except for Annual Tournaments.
- B. Robin Hood. Any VBA member who telescopes an arrow in the highest scoring area on the target. (Maple Leaf Animal and 3D targets, the arrow would only need to be in the kill area). The Robin Hood must be shot at a VBA sanctioned shoot on a VBA approved range. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses, accompanied by \$5.00 and sent to the VBA Executive State Secretary.
- C. 500 Pin. Any VBA member who scores 500 or better at a VBA sanctioned shoot on a VBA approved range. The round must be shot from the adult stakes on a field, hunter or field/hunter combination round. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses, accompanied by \$5.00 and sent to the Executive State Secretary.
- D. Perfect Animal. Any VBA member who shoots a 20 or higher on any 14 unit animal targets for a total score of 280 or more. The round must be shot from the adult stakes on a VBA approved range at a sanctioned VBA shoot. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses, accompanied by \$5.00 and sent to the VBA Executive State Secretary.

Article 16. ORDER OF THE GOLDEN FEATHER

Section 16.1. Preamble

The VBA will create an order to be known as the "Order of the Golden Feather." The purpose of this order is to honor those persons who have given unselfishly of their time and talents toward the betterment of archery and archers; bestowing the highest honor of the VBA on archery's most respected individuals in Virginia. This Order will be bestowed in honorary recognition with no specific duties or authority except governing the acceptance of additional members to this Order.

Recipients of this Order will be persons who possess the virtues of sportsmanship, character, morals, integrity, and friendship. They must have rendered outstanding service to archery and/or the VBA.

Section 16.2. Rules

- A. Candidates will be submitted to the Board of Directors by the March meeting of each year. At that time, the nominee's qualifications will be read.
- B. At the June meeting, a ballot will be issued to each Director of the VBA. A maximum of three of the proposed candidates will be submitted to the Order for final approval.
- C. The candidates will be elected by a 90 per cent majority vote of the Order.
- D. The Order will report in writing to the VBA Executive State Secretary the results of their selection thirty days prior to the January meeting. The VBA Executive State Secretary will request the recipient(s) presence at the March Banquet. The Order will be prepared



to present the Order at this meeting.

E. The award of the Order will be a suitable lapel pin, a patch and a certificate.

Section 16.3. Qualifications

- A. A candidate must be a member in good standing at the time of application.
- B. A candidate must have a minimum of ten successive years' membership in VBA prior to his/her application.
- C. An applicant must be sponsored by either three VBA members of good standing or by an affiliate club of the VBA.

Section 16.4. Original Order

The original Order to consist of not more than ten persons. The Committee recommends that the following persons be bestowed the "Order of the Golden Feather":

Robert (Bob) Monteith, posthumous	Ross Garletts (deceased)
Joe Parker	McKelden (Doc) Smith (deceased)
Harry (Hap) Harland	W.M. (Bill) Bennett
R.C. (Bob) Thompson, (deceased)	Harry Bunting (deceased)
Robert (Bob) Gillespie (deceased)	James Oglethorpe

("Founder, Service to VBA, Longevity of Service, Continued Interest, Pioneers in Archery, Hunting Laws, Promoting the Sport, Participating on Local and State Level, Fellowship.")

Section 16.5. Order of The Golden Feather Members

The following persons have subsequently been admitted into the Order:

Richard M Atchison	Apr 2017	Belvoir	
Bob Foster	Mar 2015	Belvoir	
Lloyd Overfelt	Mar 2013	New River	
Terry Ballowe	Mar 2011	Shenandoah	
Joyce Cameron	Mar 2010	Two Rivers	
Jim Little	Mar 2010	Prince William	
Joe McManus	Mar 2010	Staunton River	* D
Victor Matthews	Mar 2007	Belvoir	* D
A. L. Self	Mar 2006	Blackwater	
Dave Burpee	Mar 2005	Belvoir	
Paul Vogel	Mar 2005	Belvoir	
Maxie Cameron	Mar 2004	Two Rivers	
Mark Lohr	Jan 2003	Shenandoah	
Cay McManus	Jan 2003	Staunton River	
Irene Stocksdale	Jan 2003	NORVA	
Joseph Bowers	Jan 1997	Two Rivers	* D
Robert M. Pecora	Jan 1997	Two Rivers	



Dewey J. Reynolds	Mar 1996	Seminole	* D
Scarlet A. Rucker	Mar 1996	Galax	
Walter James Kimbel	Jan 1995	Shenandoah	
Robert Seltzer	Jan 1995	Belvoir	
Robert Day (Post.)	Jan 1995	Prince William	* D
Ed Bickham	Jan 1994	Kingsboro	
Ron Lotts	Jan 1993	Augusta	
C.D. Miller	Jan 1991	Wythe	
Bobby J. Norris	Jan 1991	Prince William	
Donald P. Frenier	Jan 1991	Dixie	* D
Ann R. Boyd	Jan 1990	Shawnee	
Earl McCauley	Jan 1990	Shenandoah	
Kenneth E. Sorrels	Jan 1990	Bear Creek	* D
John Street	Jan 1990	Warwick	
Ellroy Russell	Jan 1989	Princess Anne	* D
David Proctor	Jan 1988	Rockingham	* D
Mary Fry	Jan 1986	Princess Anne	* D
Vernon Hoosier	Jan 1985	Seminole	
Denny H. Fry	Jan 1984	Princess Anne	* D
John A. Stockman	Jan 1983	NORVA	
Ernest E. Nuckols	Jan 1982	Augusta	
Virginia Dillow	Jan 1982	Wythe	* D
Walter Dillow, Sr.	Jan 1982	Wythe	* D
W. H. Smiley Jr.	Jan 1981	Princess Anne	* D
Stewart Bradford	Jan 1977	Prince William	* D
Harry Benton	Jan 1977	Princess Anne	* D
Horace Shultz	Jan 1976	Two Rivers	* D
Mertie Shultz	Jan 1976	Two Rivers	* D
Eugene Henderson	Jan 1975	Princess Anne	* D
Walter R. Dillow Jr.	Jan 1974	Wythe	
Nina Enders	Jan 1974	Princess Anne	* D
William Enders	Jan 1974	Princess Anne	* D
William K. Bolt	Jan 1973	Prince William	* D
Ralph Stevens	Jan 1973	Princess Anne	* D
Elmer Moore	Jan 1972	York	* D
Warren "Tic" Cowles	Jan 1972	Prince William	* D
Nancy Lee Western	Jan 1971	Sherwood	
Hugh Darnell	Jan 1971	NORVA	* D
Harold Street	Jan 1971	Wythe	* D
Lucille Darnell	Jan 1969	NORVA	* D
Clinton F. Western	Jan 1968	Sherwood	
Clifford Necessary	Jan 1968	Wythe	* D
William T. Marshall	Jan 1968	Warwick	* D
James Caldwell	Jan 1967	Blue Ridge	* D
Jerome Keyes	Jan 1967	NORVA	* D
Doris L. Woods	Jan 1966	Augusta	* D
Norman Ashburn	Jan 1966	Chesapeake	* D
Blonnie B. Bailey	Jan 1966	Triangle	* D
G. B. Booth, Jr.	Jan 1965	Augusta	* D
C. J. Woods	Jan 1965	Augusta	* D
Ted Grefe	Jan 1964	NORVA	* D



Pat Hamilton	Jan 1964	Richmond	* D
Martin L. Smith	Jan 1963	Princess Anne	* D
Grady Armentrout	Jan 1962	Augusta	* D
Edna Gillespie	Jan 1962	Dixie	* D
Eugene Limerick	Jan 1962	Manahoac	* D
Joseph Parker	Jan 1961	Chesapeake	* D
Ross Garletts	Jan 1961	Rockingham	* D
James Oglethorp	Sep 1960	Princess Anne	* D
William M. Bennett, III	Sep 1960	Triangle	* D
Harry Bunting	Sep 1960	Chesapeake	* D
Robert Gillespie	Sep 1960	Dixie	* D
H. T. Harland	Sep 1960	Richmond	* D
Robert Monteith (Post.)	Sep 1960	Unknown	* D
R. C. Thompson	Sep 1960	Richmond	* D
McKelden Smith	Jan 1960	Augusta	* D

Article 17. Standing Committees

Section 17.1. Bowhunting Committee

A Standing Committee on bowhunting shall be established to assist the Hunting Vice President and uphold the bowhunting purposes of the VBA as stated in Article 2 of the Constitution. The chairman of the Bowhunting Committee shall be appointed by the President in June of each election year.

Section 17.2. Tournament and Field Archery Committee

A Tournament and Field Archery Committee shall be established. It shall be appointed by the President and shall include a chairman, the Executive State Secretary / Treasurer and the Field Vice President. It may include the tournament chairman of each of the State Tournaments and one member from each zone.

Section 17.3. VBA Publicity Committee

The committee will be chaired by the Publicity Director. (For responsibilities see By-laws, Article 9). The Committee may meet during each quarterly session of the VBA.

Article 18. Conservation Scholarship Fund

An annual scholarship of \$500 is established to be paid from the Conservation Fund (provided sufficient funds are available) VBA members and their immediate family members are eligible. Scholarship can be used at any accredited institute of higher learning for forestry or wildlife conservation/law enforcement. Written request must be submitted to the VBA President by March 1st for approval by the Directors.



Article 19. Extraordinary Expenses

Extraordinary expenses anticipated to exceed \$350 shall require a motion of appropriation to be introduced at a regularly scheduled VBA meeting and voted upon at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Article 20. VBA Affiliations

Professional Bowhunters Society. The VBA may affiliate with the Professional Bowhunters Society, as funds are available.

Article 21. Amendments

The By-laws of this Association may be altered, amended, repealed, or additional Articles may be added by 2/3rd vote as represented at any meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that such changes or additions have been proposed at the previous meeting.

Article 22. Standing Rules

Listed in new numerical order 3/09:

- RULE 1 (a) All officers (elected/appointed) will submit an itemized expense voucher to the Executive State Secretary/Treasurer for travel expenses incurred for all VBA quarterly meetings. (Meeting #76, Page 513, 6/75).
- (b) Expenses for meals, lodging and mileage for the Executive State Secretary/Treasurer to travel to and from State shoots shall be the same as for VBA meetings. The Hunting Vice President and Publicity Director shall be reimbursed for expenses when in performance of official duties. (Meeting #115, Page 658, 6/85)
- (c) Reimbursement for meals shall be \$15.00. (Meeting #136, page 724, 9/90)
- (d) Expense reimbursement for travel of VBA Officers shall be \$0.40 per mile. (Meeting #136, Page 724, 9/90) (revised 09/2011)
- (e) Reimbursement for lodging shall be at the current rate charged to VBA Officers. (Meeting #179, Page 954, 9/00)
- RULE 2 At State Tournaments, competitors need not shoot a score in their Class to receive an award. (Meeting #77, page 518, 9/77)
- RULE 3 All VBA Officers should be present at all State Tournaments and any Sectional Tournaments in their zone. (Meeting #88, page 559, 6/78)
- RULE 4 The State Closed Tournament shall be held on Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day Weekend. (Meeting #90, page 567, 1/79)



- RULE 5 VBA members shall be issued a VBA membership/score card. This card may be required at all sanctioned shoots. (Meeting #111, page 644, 6/84 & Meeting #135, 6/90)
- RULE 6 The VBA shall properly enforce range conditions at State Championships through strict and consistent application of contracts with host clubs. Such contracts will contain specific language requirements for range conditions. (Meeting #111, page 644, 6/84)
- RULE 7 One dollar collected from each registered archer at both 3-D Classics shall be designated for the VBA Conservation Fund. (Meeting #116, page 661, 9/85)
- RULE 8 All motions made which alter the By-laws, Constitution, or Standing Rules will contain wording that indicates when the alteration is to become effective. (Meeting #120, page 672, 9/86)
- RULE 9 X-rings will be used during all outdoor state shoots to determine the winners before a shoot-off occurs. (Meeting #121, page 675, 1/87)
- RULE 10 \$200 was appropriated for the Field Governor to use in buying a surveyor chain to use in checking ranges. (Meeting #122, page 678 3/87) This appropriation was increased by \$35.00. (Meeting #123, page 681, 6/87)
- RULE 11 \$250 to be donated in honor of Mertie Shultz to Camp Fantastic every year as funds are available from the General Fund. (Meeting #124, page 684 9/87)
- RULE 12 Drinking water to be provided on every 7th target at all scheduled shoots. (Meeting #151, page 817, 6/94)
- RULE 13 Any club declining to host a State shoot after being awarded that event shall be removed from bidding on State events for two years unless there are extenuating circumstances. (Meeting #154, page 837, 3/95)
- RULE 14 Effective January 1996, application of the Unit Rule will no longer apply, except clubs may use the rule at their Annual. (Meeting #155, page 842, 6/95)
- RULE 15 The "Bill Bennett Big Game Award" which was established in June 1951, shall be given to each member of this Association in good standing for harvesting a whitetail deer, black bear, or turkey in any state, upon proper written application. (Meeting #193, page 1012, 3/05).
- The application must be completed and forwarded to the Executive State Secretary within 90 days of date of kill. After the 90-day period, applicant must pay for cost of award.
- RULE 16 An asterisk (*) will be placed at the beginning of any line that is being added or revised. This line will be left in place for one edition.
- RULE 17 All agenda items to be voted on will be published in FLIGHT with an explanation or rationale. (Meeting #191, page 1007, 9/04)



- RULE 18 The Big Game Contest for whitetail, bear, and turkey will be for game taken within the state of Virginia, (Meeting #193, page 1013, 3/05),using the Virginia scoring system. (Meeting #224, Jan.2013), Awards for big game awards is for game taken up to end of regular season. Game taken during urban season, if after regular season, will be awarded at the following banquet. (Effective Jan. 2013)
- RULE 19 There will be two awards called Double Slam and Triple Slam for deer, bear, and turkey taken with a bow within one season in Virginia. (From the beginning of Spring Turkey season through the regular deer season) (Meeting #193, page 1021, 6/05)
- RULE 20 State Tournament results will be presented to the Flight, Field Vice President, Executive State Secretary/Treasurer and the Publicity Director two days after the end of the tournament. (June 2011 Effective Jan.2012)



Appendix A: Application for VBA Game Awards

Application for VBA Game Awards



Date: _____

I, _____, _____, _____
 (Print name as it appears on VBA Card) (VBA Number) (Street Address)
 _____, _____, _____
 (City and State) (Zip Code) (Phone No (Home or Cell))

 Your Email Address

I hereby certify that I have harvested a _____, (Buck) (Doe) (Bear) (Turkey) this year and that I am a member of the **Virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc., (VBA)**, and in good standing at that time. All animals, Carp & Gar must have been taken between February 1st of the current year and February 1st of the next year. I hereby submit an application for one or more of the following VBA awards:

- Bill Bennett Award (bear, deer, turkey from any state) If first BB Award check here.
- Largest VA Buck **by Virginia Scoring System**
- Largest VA Bear **by Virginia Scoring System** Largest Carp by length ____
- Largest VA Turkey (**Bearded**) **by Virginia Scoring System** Largest Gar by length ____
- Largest Doe by Pennsylvania (PA) Girth System
- Double Slam for VA Bear, Deer, Turkey (circle 2)
- Triple Slam for VA Bear, Deer and Turkey

Pertinent information is provided below:

VBA Club Affiliation: _____ Signed: _____
 Date of Bow Harvest: _____ State Game Taken In _____
 Time of Day: _____ (a.m./p.m.) Distance of Shot: _____
 Type of bow: Compound: _____ Recurve: _____ Longbow: _____ Other: _____
 Hunting method: Tree Stand: _____ Ground Blind: _____ Stalking: _____ Other: _____

Rack Score: _____
 Bear Score: _____
 Turkey Score: _____

Name of Scorer (print): _____

Note: Must use the guidelines from the Virginia Scoring System. Please reference www.VPSA.org or www.vbarchers.com. Signed score sheet must accompany this application and a copy of the DGIF game tag or confirmation number. All Turkey entries must have weight certification submitted with the entry.

(If possible, include a picture with description of game harvested for publication in FLIGHT.)

Print Name and Signature of Witness: _____
 (Person who saw game after it was harvested)

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF HARVEST (CUT OFF DATE IS MARCH 1ST)
MAIL TO: VBA EXECUTIVE STATE SECRETARY, MARIE BELL, 1223 JEANETTE AVENUE VINTON, VA. 24179

Note: First, second and third place awards for Buck, Doe by Weight, Turkey and/or Bear. The Carp and Gar winner(s) will receive first place award only. The first Bill Bennett award is a Plaque and following award are cast arrows.



Appendix B: Application for VBA Individual Achievement Awards



Robin Hood Any VBA member that telescopes an arrow in the highest scoring area on the target. (3-D targets and Maple Leaf Animals, the arrow would only need to be in the kill area). The Robin Hood must be shot at a VBA sanctioned shoot on a VBA approved range. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses, accompanied by \$5.00 and sent to the VBA Executive State Secretary.

500 Pin Any VBA member that scores 500 or better at a VBA sanctioned shoot on a VBA approved range. The round must be shot from the adult stakes on a field, hunter or field/hunter combination round. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses, accompanied by \$5.00 and sent to the Executive State Secretary.

Perfect Animal Any VBA member that shoots a 20 or higher on each of the 14 unit animal targets for a total score or 280 or more. The round must be shot from the adult stakes on a VBA approved range at a sanctioned VBA shoot. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses, accompanied by \$5.00 and sent to the VBA Executive State Secretary.

Name: _____ VBA Number: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ E-mail: _____

VBA Tournament: _____ Date: _____

Award Applying for: (please circle)

Robin Hood Pin

500 Pin

Perfect Animal Pin

Mail with witnessed score card and \$5.00 to the Executive State Secretary:

Marie Bell, 1223 Jeanette Avenue, Vinton, VA 24179

Note: \$5 payments should be by check made out to "VBA"



VBA Rounds, Rules & Styles

1. Outdoor Field/Hunter Rounds

28 targets of four arrows per target. Maximum of 20 points per target; 560 points per round. A 14 target Unit will have a maximum score of 280 points. Targets used for Field and Hunter Rounds shall be those sold by Maple Leaf Printers.

Scoring

1. (Field) The bullseye shall be 5 points, 4 for white rings, and 3 for outer black rings.
2. (Hunter) The bullseye shall be 5 points, 4 for the next 2 rings, and 3 for the outer 2 rings.
3. The shaft only has to touch the line to be counted in the higher scoring area.
4. The X ring is for tiebreakers as needed.
5. Any arrow shot from the wrong distance will be counted as a miss.
6. Any arrow shot into the wrong target will be counted as a miss.

Field Targets and Equivalent Distances

- Adult and Young Adult – White Stakes.
- Youth and Traditional – Blue Stakes.
- Cubs – Black Stakes.
- PeeWee – Green Stakes shot at 5, 10 or 15 yds.

20 cm = 35, 30, 25, 20 feet. This is a walkup; one arrow per distance.

35 cm = 15, 20, 25, 30 yards. Four arrows per each distance.

50 cm = 35, 40, 45, 50 yards. Fan at 35 yds. Four arrows at each distance from 40, 45, 50yds.
Walk up at 45, 40, 35, 30; one arrow at each distance.

65 cm = 55, 60, 65, 70, 80 yards. Four arrows from 55, 60, & 65 yds. Walk up with one arrow
from 80, 70, 60, 50 yds.

PeeWee Distances: Bunny to 32 yd = 5 yds 35 to 55 yds = 10 yds 60 to 80 yds = 15 yds

Hunter Targets and Equivalent Distances

- Adult and Young Adult – Red Stakes.
- Youth and Traditional – Blue Stakes.
- Cubs – Black Stakes.
- PeeWee – Green Stakes shot at 5, 10, or 15 yds. (See above)

20 cm = 11 yds. Four arrows from one stake.

35 cm = 15-14 yds. Walkup, 2 arrows each distance

19-17 yds. Walkup, 2 arrows each distance

23-20 yds. Walkup, 2 arrows each distance

28 yds. Fan, walk across with one arrow from each stake.

32 yds. Fan, walk across with one arrow from each stake.

50 cm = 36 yds. Fan, walk across with one arrow from each stake.

40, 44, 48 yards. Four arrows from each distance.

53, 48, 44, 41 yds. Walkup, one arrow at each distance.

65 cm = 58, 53, 48, 45 yds. Walkup, one arrow at each distance.

64, 59, 55, 52 yds. Walkup, one arrow at each distance.

70, 65, 61, 58 yds. Walkup, one arrow at each distance.



2. Animal Rounds

Targets are pictures of animals sold by Maple Leaf Printers. They shall be posted on the regular target butts. The scoring area is the wound, kill, and a one point bonus area in the center of the kill, which shall be either a black or white spot.

There are four groups of targets according to size and distance shot from marked yellow stakes. Youth and Traditional archers will shoot from the closest adult walkup stake if over 50 yards. Male Traditional use Youth stakes on targets over 50 yards, use closest yellow stake if under 50 yards.

Target distances may be laid out anywhere between the max and min distances.
PeeWees will shoot from the green stakes.

Group 1 = Max yds. Is 60, min yds. Is 40. There are three walk up distances with 5 yds between the max and min yds. Animals consist of black bear, grizzly, deer, moose, elk, and caribou.

Group 2 = Max yds is 45, min yds is 30. There are three walk up distances with 3 yds between the max and min yds. Animals consist of the small black bear, antelope, small deer, work, and mountain lion.

Group 3 = Max yds is 35, min yds is 20. There is only one distance where all three arrows may be shot. Animals consist of coyote, raccoon, javelina, turkey, fox, goose, wildcat, and pheasant.

Group 4 = Max yds is 20, min yds is 10. There is only one distance where all three arrows may be shot. Animals consist of: turtle, duck, grouse, crow, skunk, woodchuck, jack rabbit, and rockchuck.

3. 3-D Animal Rounds (Mckenzie – Type Animals)

Roving vs Fixed 3-D Range: If the same stakes are used at each tournament, it will be considered a “fixed range”. If the range is set up differently each time, it will be considered a “roving range”. Maximum distance for Marked 3-D is 60 yds. and Unmarked will be 50 yds.

4. Indoor Rounds

1. Indoor Targets shall be those sold by Maple Leaf. They will be dull blue; either the 40 cm. single spot or the five spot sixteen cm. target. These will be shot at 20 yards for all archers except Cubs and PeeWee’s which will be shot from 10 yards.

5. VBA Shooting Rules

A. Terms

1. Stake: The archers shooting position.
2. Target: Target face



3. Target Butt: Where the target face is placed. Can be any object.
4. Unit: 14 targets or ½ round.
5. Round: 28 targets or a complete game.
6. End: Completing the prescribed number of arrows per target: i.e., in Indoor: shooting 4 ends of five arrows = 20 arrows shot per game.
7. Roving vs Fixed 3-D Range: If the same stakes are used at each tournament, it will be considered a “fixed range”. If the range is setup differently each time, it will be considered a “roving range”.
8. Inside X's are arrows inside the X ring that do not touch the X ring. Used for Indoor rounds.

B. Definitions

1. Class / Flight: Archers grouped by score according to skill.
2. Division: Archers grouped by category, i.e., Male or Female in the following Divisions:
 - a. PeeWee, Cub, Youth, Young Adult, Adult, Senior, Silver Senior, or Master Senior.
3. Style: Archers separated by the type of equipment used for competition: i.e., Barebow, Bowhunter, Bowhunter Freestyle, Freestyle or Traditional.

C. Targets

1. Targets will not be placed over larger targets nor shall there be any marks on the target face, butt or the ground that could be used as points of aim.
2. The full face of the target shall be exposed to the archer.
3. There shall be no manner of defacement of the target face in order to gain a sighting/aiming advantage. The tournament chairman may remove such a face and replace it. If there is a second offense, the archer may be disqualified. A name may be placed on the target but not in the scoring area.

D. Protests

Written formal protest(s) accompanied by a \$25 VBA fee payable to VBA, must be presented to the Host Clubs Tournament Chairman and the Field Vice President within one (1) hour after the end of the shooting day of the alleged violation. The Field Vice President and Tournament Chairman will rule on the protest. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If the protest is denied, the fee is given to the VBA. If the Field Vice President is unavailable, the protest will be ruled on by the VBA Tournament Chairman and VBA Tournament Committee. No involved person may be in on the final decision.



E. Equipment Inspection

Equipment, with the exception of Freestyle, may be checked and inspected at the VBA State Championships, during registration or before a round has started.

F. Combined Open / Closed Tournament

1. At the State Closed, all archers must have a current VBA membership/tournament card to participate for awards. (Not necessary at the State Open.) Pros of other organizations are not recognized but are welcome to compete.
2. On the first day, archers will be grouped with their competition according to Style, Division and Class when possible. Archers must stay in their assigned groups unless the group has less than three and then the remaining archers will join another group as prescribed by VBA rules. Grouping for the second day will be done based on the first day scores.
3. Archers and scorekeeper must sign the score cards. All cards must be turned in as a group as soon as possible after finishing the last target.
4. X's shall be counted as a tie breaker. In the event of any ties, there will be a sudden death shoot off as soon as possible after the scores are turned in.

G. Shooting Rules

Field and/or Hunter

1. Shooting groups shall be made up of 4 archers. No more than 6 nor less than 3 in a group.
2. Archers will shoot from the same side of the stake at the same target for targets 1 thru 14. Then they will change from shooting first to last, bottom to top targets, and move to the other side of the shooting stake.
3. Archers will straddle an imaginary shooting line, marked by the shooting stake. No one will advance to the target until all arrows are shot by the group except for the 20 cm or the 35 cm targets if there are more than 4 archers in the group to remove a set of arrows.
4. On walkups, arrows shot from other than the correct distance and / or not in the pre-designated order shall not be scored.
5. If a target has multiple faces, the first two archers will shoot the bottom target(s). If targets are placed side to side, then the archer on the left side of the stake will shoot the left target; right side archer will shoot the right target. If an arrow hits the wrong face, it will be counted as a miss. The 20 cm targets will be shot vertically either from top to bottom or bottom to top in order.
6. While looking for lost arrows, one group shall not hold up another group. The delaying group shall let backed up groups shoot through if there are more than one open target ahead of them and two or more groups being held up.



7. No shooting allowed on the range where a tournament will be held that day.
8. No archers shall leave the range except for equipment failure or in case of an emergency. If the situation is acknowledged as equipment failure or emergency, that archer will be allowed to make up the missed targets with a tournament official.
9. An archer will have a maximum of 45 minutes for outdoor rounds and 15 minutes for indoor rounds to make repairs or exchange equipment and shoot practice arrows. This occurrence will be allowed once a day.
10. If the weather becomes unsafe, the tournament committee will sound a signal to halt competition.
11. No alcoholic beverages on the range.
12. There will be a three-arrow let down rule. The fourth letdown will be counted as a shot arrow.
13. There will be a 6-hour time limit. Time starts when the horn blows until the cards are turned in.
14. Maximum diameter for all VBA sanctioned shoots to be 0.422 for shafts and 0.425 for points. (Equivalent to 27/64th). (6/14/09)

H. Scoring

1. Official VBA Rounds will be the Field and Hunter Rounds sold by Maple Leaf. All Classification will be based on these rounds. Scoring areas will be 5, 4, and 3.
2. The arrow only needs to touch the higher scoring area to be given the higher score. All arrows shall remain in the target until all arrows are scored.
3. Any doubtful arrow must not be touched nor may the target face be touched until all arrows are scored.
4. The group shall elect two scorekeepers, one score caller, and a target captain shall be the final judge of disputed arrows. The majority of the group shall call any doubtful arrows that belong to the target captain.
5. Arrows may be re-shot if they strike anything over the shooting lane. Glances from the ground and into the target will be counted as a missed arrow.
6. Shoot through still in the butt will be pushed back and scored.
7. Arrows believed to have shot through may be re-shot with a marked arrow which will not be scored if the original arrow is still in the butt.
8. Unsuspected shoot through will be shot from the obvious distance or the furthest distance if the arrow is found to have obviously been shot through the target in a scoring area.



9. Witnessed bounce outs that are believed to have hit the scoring area, will be re-shot.
10. If an archer shoots more than the correct number of arrows, the arrow(s) scoring in the higher area plus one point per excess arrow(s) will be taken from the archer.
11. An arrow that drops from the string during a controlled let-down or in preparation of the shot may be re-shot.
12. After the score cards are turned in, an archer can't change their total. If the score cards are signed as correct and they are incorrect, the archer shall be disqualified.
13. The X-ring shall be counted during scoring and shall be used in all classes only as a Tiebreaker. (Meeting #120, page 672, 9/86)
14. Maximum Peak weight for Men is 80 lbs, and for Women, Young Adults, and Youth is 60 lbs.

I. Outdoor Classifications

Official VBA Rounds will be the Field and Hunter using targets sold by Maple Leaf. All Classification will be based on these rounds.

Classification Breakdown for Field/Hunter Rounds: Scores must be from the previous twelve months.

- No Score or One Score = AA class
- 2, 3, or 4 Scores = Best Score
- 5 or 6 Scores = Average of Best 2 Score
- 7 or more Scores = Average of the 3 highest of the last 7 Scores.

Outdoor Classification System

(LATEST REVISION: 1/00)

VBA SHOOTING STYLES

FS/R	Freestyle / Release	BH	Bowhunter
FS/F	Freestyle / Fingers	BHFS/R	Bowhunter Freestyle/Release
BB	Barebow	BHFS/F	Bowhunter Freestyle/Fingers
TRAD	Traditional		

	FS/R	FS/F	BB	TRAD, BH	BHFS/R	BHFS/F
ADULT MEN (Over 18)						
AA	525-560	495-560	450-560	435-560	515-560	490-560
A	490-524	420-494	400-449	350-434	475-514	415-489
B	425-489	295-419	300-399	275-349	290-474	290-414
C	000-424	000-294	000-299	000-274	000-289	000-289
ADULT WOMEN (Over 18)						
AA	500-560	440-560	400-560	300-560	450-560	425-560
A	440-499	370-439	300-399	200-299	375-449	350-424
B	360-439	300-369	200-299	100-199	250-374	225-349
C	000-359	000-299	000-199	000-099	000-249	000-224

YOUNG ADULT CLASSES ARE THE SAME AS ADULT (15 through 17 yrs.)



YOUTH ALL STYLES SAME BREAKDOWN (12 through 14 yrs.)

AA	490-560
A	430-489
B	350-429
C	000-349

CUB ALL STYLES SAME BREAKDOWN (8 through 11)

A	400-560
B	200-399
C	000-199

PEEWEE (7 and Under) FS,FSL,BB,BH,BHFS/R,BHFS/F,Trad- No Class Breakdown
Green Stakes

Distances:

Bunny to 32 yds = 5 yds

35 to 55 yds = 10 yds

60 to 80 = 15 yds

CUBS : (8-11) FS, FSL, BB, BH, BHFS/R AND BHFS/F. Trad: no class breakdown.

SENIOR (-50-59) Same class breakdown as adult men and adult women. Seniors must declare Senior or Adult, not both.

SILVER SENIOR: (60-69) Same class breakdown as adult men and adult women. Silver Seniors must declare Silver Senior, Senior or Adult, but may only declare one.

MASTER SENIOR (70+) Same class breakdown as adult men and women. Master Seniors must declare Master Senior, Silver Senior, Senior or Adult, but may only declare one.

Guests: Are Non-VBA Members or without a VBA Card (Closed only)

Pros are welcome to compete in their corresponding VBA style for awards or as a guest without an award.

J. Indoor Shooting Rules

All archers must have a current VBA Membership / Tournament Card to participate for awards. Scores may be added to VBA member's cards if desired. Professionals are welcome to compete

1. Indoor Targets shall be those sold by Maple Leaf. They will be dull blue. Either the 40 cm. single spot or the five spot sixteen cm. targets may be used. These will be shot at 20 yards for all archers except Cubs which will be shot from 10 yards.
2. Perfect Game will be a 300 Round, consisting of 60 arrows. Scoring for the 40 cm target shall be 5,4,3,2,1. Scoring for the sixteen cm. target shall be 5, 4.
3. X rings are part of the official score and will be used as tie breakers. Inside X's should be counted at the last six rounds. Inside X's are arrows inside the X ring that do not touch the X ring. X's and inside X's shall be counted as a tie breaker, but in the event of ties there will be a shoot off as soon as possible after the scores are turned in. Shoot off will consist of X shots until a miss is shot.



4. Each game will consist of four ends of five arrows per end.
5. The time limit will be four minutes when shooting five arrows.
6. There shall be two practice ends before the start of the first round.
7. There will be 30 min. of practice before the official practice ends for archers, they will use the same 4 min. time limit as the official round. (passed 6/14/09)
8. Archers shall straddle the shooting line.
9. If equipment failure is called, the archer will have fifteen minutes for repair/replacement. One practice end is allowed. Any missed arrows during the 15 minutes of repair time will be made up at the end of the game.
10. A dropped arrow may be retrieved if it lands within ten feet of the shooting line.
11. If an archer shoots more arrows than prescribed, then the arrow of higher value plus one point will be deducted.
12. If an archer shoots less than his prescribed arrows, he may finish his shots before the buzzer sounds.
13. Hits on the wrong target will be counted as misses.
14. Witnessed bounce outs or complete pass throughs will be re-shot.
15. Targets will be changed at the end of the sixth end or as needed to allow for proper scoring.
16. An archer may change from a five spot to a one spot or visa/versa at any time during the tournament.
17. At the end of the sixth end, archers will change from top to bottom or bottom to top.
18. All archers and scorekeeper must sign the cards, and all cards must be turned in as a group as soon as possible after finishing the last target.
19. When using a 5-spot target, an archer may shoot the targets in any order and may shoot as many arrows into any spot as they desire, not to exceed the prescribed number of arrows per end.
20. At the sound of the buzzer, the archer may not finish his shot, even if he is already at full draw.
21. Maximum diameter at all VBA sanctioned shoots to be 0.422 for shafts and 0.425 for points.
22. VBA Indoor Sectional, competitors have option of shooting 1 or 2 times, highest round to count for score. (Effective Jan. 2014).



Indoor Classification System

	FS/R	FS/F	BB	BH	BHFS/R	BHFS/F	TRAD
ADULT MEN (Over 18 yrs)							
A	298-300	296-300	285-300	280-300	298-300	288-300	275-300
B	290-297	290-295	275-284	260-279	290-297	275-287	225-274
C	000-289	000-289	000-274	000-259	000-289	000-274	000-224

	FS/R	FS/F	BB	BH/Trad	BHFS/R	BHFS/F
ADULT WOMEN (Over 18 yrs)						
A	290-300	290-300	270-300	235-300	290-300	290-300
B	270-289	270-289	225-269	185-234	270-289	270-289
C	000-269	000-269	000-224	000-184	000-269	000-269

YOUNG ADULT (15 through 17 yrs)						
A	290-300	290-300	270-300	270-300	270-300	270-300
B	250-289	250-289	230-269	230-269	230-269	230-269
C	000-249	000-249	000-229	000-229	000-229	000-229

YOUTH (12 through 14 yrs)						
A	260-300	260-300	245-300	245-300	245-300	245-300
B	200-259	200-259	180-244	180-244	180-244	180-244
C	000-199	000-199	000-179	000-179	000-179	000-179

CUBS : (8-11) FS, FSL, BB, BH, BHFS/R AND BHFS/F, Trad: no class breakdown for indoor. Awards made in order of completion.

PEEWEEES 7 & under FS,FSL,BB,BH,BHFS/R, BHFS/F, Trad: no class breakdown

SENIOR: (50-59) no class breakdown for indoor.

SILVER SENIOR: (60-70) no class breakdown for indoor.

MASTER SENIOR: (70+) no class breakdown for indoor.

Seniors Must Declare Master Senior, Silver Senior, Senior or Adult but may only declare one.

Guests: Non-VBA members or without a VBA card.

Pros are welcome to compete in their corresponding VBA style for awards or as a guest without an award.

K. Animal Rounds

(Paper targets -Yellow Stakes)

Three arrows shall be marked and shot in numerical order. Only the highest scoring arrow will count. The longest distance on walkups will be shot first, then, if needed, the second arrow from the middle distance, followed by the third arrow, if needed, to be shot from the nearest distance. If an archer advances to the target, then their arrows shall be considered shot and said archer may not return to re-shoot any arrow. (Unless the target butt leaks arrows and there are pass throughs.) Traditional Adult, Senior, Silver Senior and Youth will shoot 50 yds. max.



Scoring: (A one point bonus point for the center of the kill shall be either a black or white spot. The arrow only needs to touch the lines for the higher score.)

1st Arrow Kill = 21 or 20 points. Wound = 18 points.

2nd Arrow Kill = 17 or 16 points. Wound = 14 points.

3rd Arrow Kill = 13 or 12 points. Wound = 10 points.

L. Combined 3-D Spring / Fall Shooting Rules

This section contains the combined shooting rules for the Spring and Fall 3-D Classic Tournaments. The major differences will be noted.

1. All archers are welcome to shoot. Pros of other organizations will not be recognized but may shoot in the First Flight.
2. Targets are to be at marked distances for the Spring Classic, unmarked for the Fall Classic.
3. Equipment and shooting rules shall follow IBO rules.
4. There will be a minimum of 25 targets.
5. Score cards shall be standard, simple cards requiring only the score of each target and a total score. Archer and scorekeeper must sign the cards. All cards must be turned in as a group as soon as possible after finishing the last target.
6. 3-D Classification will be based on the Flight System for each style and division and will consist of 15 shooters per Flight.
7. Future IBO Bowhunters to be a competitive class.

Roving vs Fixed 3-D Range: If the same stakes are used at each tournament, it will be considered a "fixed range". If the range is setup differently each time, it will be considered a "roving range".

6. Shooting Styles

A. Barebow ("Stringwalking")

1. There shall be no sighting aids such as sights, marks or blemishes on the bow, accessories, strings, and arrows. Powder on the points shall be permitted. (Camouflage bows are permitted.)
2. An adjustable arrow plate or any part of the arrow rest may not extend over $\frac{1}{4}$ " above the arrow, with the exception of a full containment rest.
3. Stabilizers are permitted. If used, rear counter-balances may not touch any part of the body.
4. One level and one adjustable draw check are permitted if they remain below the arrow.
5. Only one nocking point is allowed. Nock locators must not be more than $\frac{1}{2}$ " above or below the arrow.
6. Fingers, gloves, or tabs are permitted.
7. Arrows shall be the same length, weight, diameter, and fletching without regard to color.
8. The pylon must be located out of the sight window.



9. Written memoranda are allowed.

B. Bowhunter

1. There shall be no sighting aids such as sights, marks or blemishes on the bow, accessories, strings, and arrows. Powder on the points shall be permitted. (Camouflage bows are permitted.)
2. Any string marks or attachments except brush buttons and silencers located out of the line of sight are not permitted. (No closer than ½ way between the nock and wheel.)
3. *An adjustable arrow plate or any part of the arrow rest may not extend over ¼” above the arrow with the exception of a full containment rest.
4. There shall be no device in the sight window except arrow rest and arrow. No draw checks, clickers, or levels are allowed.
5. Only one nocking point is allowed. Nock locators must not be more than ½” above or below the arrow.
6. Only one anchor point is allowed.
7. Three fingers under the nock or split fingers may be used, but may not be changed nor finger position changed.
8. Bare fingers, gloves, or tabs are permitted.
9. Arrows shall be the same length, weight, diameter, and fletching without regard to color.
10. Only one straight stabilizer that does not exceed 12” may be used.
11. V-Bar, counterbalance & string dampeners may be used.
12. No adjustments to the bow or related equipment unless equipment failure is recognized.
13. No written memoranda are allowed.

C. Bowhunter Freestyle / Release

1. There shall be no device in the sight window except the sight, arrow rest and arrow.
2. An adjustable arrow plate or any part of the arrow rest may not extend over ¼” above the arrow with the exception of a full containment rest.
3. Only one nocking point is allowed. Nock locators must not be more than ½” above or below the arrow.
4. Only one anchor point is allowed.
5. No adjustments to the bow or its attachments are allowed unless equipment failure is declared.
6. Brush buttons and string silencers are allowed if they are no closer to the nocking point than halfway between the nock and wheel. Any part of a bow quiver, if used, may not be visible in the sight window.
7. A straight stabilizer with any coupling device no longer than 12” may be used. Counterbalance, V-bar, and string dampeners may be used.
8. A maximum of five fixed reference points may be used for sighting. If there is a round or oval housing around the pins, then no additional pin guard is allowed. No lens/glass allowed in the housing.
9. A pin guard on the sight and a level is legal as long as there are no other marks on these that could be used for sighting. A line running vertically from its top attachment in the pin guard to its bottom attachment in the pin guard would be legal.
10. String peeps and /or kisser buttons are allowed. Draw checks/clickers are illegal.
11. Arrows shall be the same length, weight, diameter, and fletching without regard to color.



D. Bowhunter Freestyle / Fingers

Same as Bowhunter Freestyle / Unlimited except for:

1. No release aids.
2. Three fingers “under” or split finger may be used with a glove, tab, or bare fingers. Finger position must not be changed.

E. Freestyle / Release

1. Shoot what you bring.
2. No laser light type of sight, allowing the light to beam on the target.
3. Written memorandum is allowed.

F. Freestyle / Fingers

Same as Freestyle / Release except for: Only gloves, tabs or bare fingers allowed.

G. Traditional

1. Recurves or Longbows only.
2. Gloves, tabs or bare fingers only. Index finger must touch the nock and position may not be moved during the tournament. Bow slings are allowed.
3. Arrows shall be the same length, weight, diameter, and fletching without regard to color.
4. Stabilizer and/or counter weight is allowed as long as it is no longer than 12” from back of bow.
5. Mechanical rests are allowed as long as no part of the arrow rest, arrow plate, or any device may extend more than ¼” above the arrow with the exception of a full containment rest.
6. Nothing that can be used for sighting is allowed. No device allowed in the sight window except for the rest. No sights, clickers or levels that are visible through the sight window are allowed. No marks or blemishes on the bow face allowed.
7. Only one anchor point.
8. Center serving shall be one color.
9. Brush buttons and string silencers that are no closer to the nocking point than halfway between the nock and the bow tip and one nocking point allowed.
10. No written memoranda are allowed.
11. *Traditional style for women and Master Senior Male is to shoot 30 yards maximum in all Field, Hunter and Animal rounds. On all targets 30 yards and less, the adult stakes will be used, on all targets over 30 yards the cub stakes will be used. Traditional Men to shoot a maximum of 50 yards, using youth stakes on targets over 50 yards in Field/Hunter/animal rounds.
12. Allow clickers on traditional bows as long as the clicker does not attach to or is visible through the sight window.

7. DIVISIONS

1. Pee Wee 7 and under.
2. Cubs: 8 - 11
3. Youth: Ages 12 – 14.
4. Young Adult: Ages 15 – 17
5. Adult: 18 and over.



6. Senior: 50-59
 7. Silver Senior 60-69
 8. Master Senior 70 +
- A. PeeWee, Cubs, Youth and Young Adult archers may declare and shoot in the next older division.
 - B. PeeWees, Cubs and Youth may shoot any arrow and point they choose regardless of point size and weight. (Meeting #138, 3/91)
 - C. The Senior Division will be those archers who are 50-59 years old. This is optional, but not mandatory. There is no class breakdown in this division Recognize Seniors as State Champions at all State Shoots.
 - D. Senior Class will not compete against adult classes to receive double honors.

Silver Senior Division will be those archers who are 60-69 years old. This is optional, but not mandatory. There is no class breakdown in this division.
 - E. The Master Senior Division will be those archers 70 + years old. This is optional, but not mandatory. There is no class breakdown in this division.