



SUMMARY OF A.A.C. MEETING

I. Archer's Equipment

1. This article lays down the type of equipment archers are permitted to use when shooting sanctioned events of the member organizations of the American Archery Council. (These rules do not apply when sanctioned FITA Rounds are shot.)

2. Items of equipment not mentioned or covered in this article are consequently not allowed to be used without prior approval of the American Archery Council Equipment Committee. Further it will be necessary to place before the Equipment Committee any equipment or part thereof for which approval is requested.

3. No archer shall be barred from a tournament because of a physical handicap unless his or her shooting requires mechanical aids which, in the judgement of the Field Officials, would give him or her undue advantage over the other archers.

II. Definitions of allowable equipment

1. A Bow of any type may be used provided it subscribes to the acceptable principle and meaning of the word "Bow" as used in competitive archery: e.g. an instrument consisting of a handle (grip), riser and two flexible limbs each ending in a tip with a string nook.

a. The Bow is braced for use by a single bowstring attached directly between the two string nocks only, and in operation is held in one hand by its handle (grip) while the fingers of the other hand draw, hold back and release the string.

2. A Bow String may be made up of any number of strands of the material

chosen for the purpose, with a center serving to accommodate the drawing fingers, a nocking point to which may be added serving(s) to fit the arrow nock as necessary, and to locate this point one or two nock locators may be positioned, and in each of the two ends of the Bow String a loop to be placed in the string nocks of the bow when braced. In addition two attachments may be used.

a. The Kisser Button not to exceed 3/8" in any direction.

b. The String Peep not to exceed 1" total length of 3/8" total width.

c. Contrasting color servings may be used on bow strings, as may be string marks.

3. An Arrowrest which can be adjustable, a Plunger, an Arrow-plate and a Drawcheck Indicator may all be used on the Bow Provided they are not electric or electronic and do not offer an additional aid in aiming.

4. A Bowsight, A Bowmark or a Point of Aim on the ground for aiming are permitted, but at no time may more than one such device be used.

a. A Bowsight, as attached to the Bow for the purpose of aiming may allow for windage adjustment as well as elevation setting for aiming. A single lens prism as well as a bow level will be allowed.

b. A Bowmark is a single mark made on the Bow for the purpose of aiming. Such mark may be made in pencil, tape or any other suitable marking material.

A plate or tape with distance marking may be mounted on the bow as a guide for sight marking, but, must not in any way offer any additional sighting aid.

c. Any type of Point-of-Aim may be used which does not protrude more than six (6) inches above the ground and does not interfere with shooting or scoring.

5. Stabilizers on the Bow are permitted provided they do not

a. Touch anything but the bow.

b. Represent any obstacle to other archers as far as place on the shooting line is concerned.

c. The number of stabilizers mounted shall not exceed four (4). (The term "stabilizer" shall also include counterbalancing weights.)

6. Arrows of any type may be used provided they subscribe to the acceptable principle and meaning of the word Arrow as used in competitive archery, and that such arrows do not cause undue damage to target faces and buttresses.

a. All arrows used shall be identical in length, weight, diameter and fletching with allowances for wear and tear.

b. An Arrow consists of a nock, shaft and arrow head (point) with fletching and if desired, cresting.

7. Finger Protections in the form of finger stalls or tips, gloves, shooting tap or tape (plaster) to draw, hold back and release the String are permitted, provided they are smooth with no device to help to hold and/or release the String. A separator between the fingers to prevent pinching may be used. On the bow hand an ordinary glove, mitten or similar item may be worn.

8. Field Glasses, Telescopes and other visual aids may be used between shots for spotting arrows as long as the archer does not leave the shooting line.

a. Ordinary spectacles as necessary or shooting spectacles provided they are fitted with the same lenses normally used by the archer, and sun glasses. None must be fitted with microhole lenses, glasses or similar nor marked in any way, which can assist in aiming.

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SUMMARY OF A.A.C.

9. Accessories are permitted such as Arm Guards, Chestplates, Bowslings, Fingerslings, Bow-saddles and Locators, Belt or Ground Quivers, Tassels, Foot Markers not protruding above the ground more than 1/2".

a. Ground quivers may be placed on the shooting line while the archer is in the process of shooting but must be removed to the tackle area while others are shooting and during the scoring interval.

III. The referee or his counterpart shall be the final authority in settling any dispute that may arise over the interpretation or requirements of this article.

AAC Standard Equipment Rules for Bare Bow and Instinctive Shooters

1. A Bow as prescribed in Free Style division with the following exception

a. The Bow must be bare and free from any protrusions, marks or blemishes or laminated pieces which could be used in aiming. The inside of the upper limb shall be without any trademark.

2. The Bowstring center serving must not reach above the point of the archers nose. The bowstring must not in any way offer aid in aiming through peepholes, markings or any other means.

3. A Clicker may be used providing that it does not extend above the arrow diameter.

4. No device of any type that may be used for sighting may be used or attached to the archer's equipment.

5. There shall be no device, mechanical or otherwise, in the sight window except the arrow rest.

6. A sight window that is altered from standard configuration and not offered as a standard option at no charge by the manufacturer shall not be acceptable.

7. String shall be one color only. A serving of one other color may be used. One nocking point (the point where the arrow touches the string) only may be used. Any marks, ties or string attachments to the string shall invalidate its use in this Division.

8. One anchor point only is permitted.

9. An archer shall hold the arrow when nocked in the traditional manner, i.e., index finger above the nock and middle finger below the nock, except in cases of physical deformity or handicap for which special dispensations shall be made.

OFFICE OF THE NFAA DIRECTOR

FLIGHT EDITOR

Enclosed in this issue of Flight are the results of the AAC meeting held in COBO Hall, Detroit, Michigan. As we see it now, they will become official May 1, 1971.

Under AAC Standard Equipment Rules for Bare Bow and Instinctive Shooters, Sections 8 and 9 have been deleted. However, Section 2, line (1), "The Bow-String Center serving must not reach above the point of the archer's nose," actually serves to restrict and accomplishes the intent of 8 and 9.

Florida has moved to strike this sentence and we will support his motion, but how it can be accomplished, and when, I cannot answer at this time. I should also like to take this opportunity to restate that Virginia (3) votes, West Virginia (1) vote, North Carolina (1) vote, New Mexico (1) vote, Kansas (2) votes and Georgia (1) vote voted against BD-28-71 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. This motion was to allow our President of NFAA to attend the AAC meeting with full ratification authority. The result has been complete sell out to NAA. Our NFAA President did not follow his board's recommendations.

1. He was directed to allow releases in F/S.
2. He was directed to allow compound bow in F/S.

These were controversial items, but majority ruled. As he did not follow the dictates or mandates, and if I am directed by VBA, I shall prepare a motion to be sent to all directors and councilmen requesting support to move that NFAA not be a part of AAC. Maybe this route will allow the majority 32,000 NFAA members to rule rather than a handful or minority rule as we see from the AAC meeting. As soon as I receive official notice of the effective date for these new equipment rules, I will inform the State Secretary, who can propagate it to all clubs.

Yours for better archery,
Ralph G. Stevens
NFAA DIRECTOR

NEW AWARD SYSTEM??

Our present award system of giving VBA Pins and other expensive trophies has become a financial burden to the clubs. Your state association is looking for ways to help clubs to become more financial stable and thereby improve their range and other facilities. This can open the door to more social entertainment during shoots. A committee has been appointed by Pres. Bill Bolt to present ways to VBA to do this. The "point system" seems to have wide

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REPORT ON THE INDOOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT:

Saturday and Sunday, March 13th & 14th, 55 archers participated in the 3rd Annual Va. State Indoor Championship shoot held at Madison H.S. in Vienna and hosted by NORVA. Archers shot 2 round, one each day, perfect score on each round being 300 points. The distance was 20 yds., target face was 16". There were 13 barebow and 42 free stylers. Clubs represented were NORVA 19, Dixie 7, Richmond 6, Wythe 6, Two Rivers 4, Christenburg 4, Prince Williams 3, Princess Anne 2, Warwick Bowmen 1, Cub Run 1, Boyce 1, Manahoac 1. This is not a very good representation from the state and we are very disappointed in the attendance. The winners were as follows:

Men Freestyle Division**Class a**

Class A. 1.	James Quarles	Richmond	299	299 (Champ)
2.	Les Hayes	Richmond	299	298
3.	Jim Shively	Richmond	296	299
B. 1.	Mark Lawrence	Woodbridge	279	277
2.	Tom Jones	Petersburg	277	272
3.	Clay Dugger	Falls Church	275	270
C. 1.	Hugh Darnell	Springfield	265	252
2.	John Painter	Fredericksburg	261	252
3.	Jim Rensing	Blacksburg	253	252

Men Bare Bow Division

Class A. 1.	Emo Moore	Warwick	289	281 (Champ)
2.	Ralph Stevens	Va. Beach	258	277
B. 1.	Joseph Bowers	Front Royal	270	270
2.	Ronnie Wines	Front Royal	268	269
3.	Gary Connelly	Christiansburg	245	250
C. 1.	Carey Price	Arlington	255	238
2.	Glen Stallard	Christiansburg	245	241
3.	Frank Lee	Arlington	246	237

Men Amateur Division

Gene Haydel (FS)	Richmond	293	294 (Champ)
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Women Free Style Division

Class A. 1.	Pat Stallard	Christiansburg	269	286 (Champ)
2.	Betty Shively	Richmond	276	273
3.	Margaret Shelley	Vienna	276	264

Women Bare Bow Division

Class A. 1.	Virginia Dillow	Wytheville	266	259 (Champ)
C. 1.	Linda Miller	Wytheville	211	239
2.	Betty Blanton	Fairfax	219	211
3.	Lani Matson	Springfield	160	199

Women Amateur Division

Lucille Darnell (BB)	Springfield	258	239 (Champ)
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Youth

1.	Robert Bunnell	Petersburg	285	283 (Champ)
2.	Jim Shelley	Vienna	276	273
3.	Bill Bennett	Va. Beach	263	265

spread backing and several variations are being considered by the committee. One system would work like this: An archer who shoots in a sanctioned shoot and takes first place in his class, would be awarded a certificate valued at 4 points. Second place winner would be awarded a 3 point certificate, and third place winner would receive a 2 point certificate. Any archer competing in a sanctioned shoot would receive 1 point. An archer would then keep his certificates until a certain time. As this specified time, the archer could then choose an award according to the number of points of his certificate. Awards that are being considered are trophies, gift certificates, archery equipment, or merchandize.

In conjunction to this, an achievement patch award is being discussed. This would be a VBA Patch with achievement scores attached. All VBA Pins would be discontinued. Archers have already indicated they would be more receptive to more useful awards.

Each committee member is having area meetings to discuss this further and would appreciate your cooperation and suggestions on any other system that would be beneficial to our organization.

The committee members and addresses are: Dr. Dillow, Jr. Box 695 Bland, Va. 24315. Chairman. Southwest area. Mr. William T. Marshall, 238 Eastfield Ct. Hampton, Va. 23366 Tidewater Area. Mrs. Janet Cowles P.O. Box 141 Herndon, Va. 22070 Northern Va.

**20 - PIN WINNERS
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HUNTER

Durk Simmons, Norfolk

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STATISTICS ON SHOOTING

STYLES - 1970

- 315 - Bare Bow
- 200 - Free Style
- 83 - Bow Hunting Division
- 58 - Combinations
- 521 - Shooting none at all.

CHANGE IN SHOOT SCHEDULE

Change in shoot schedule: The Augusta Archers will host a Pin shoot on July 4th and not an Annual as listed.

The following clubs were represented at the last VBA meeting.

Augusta Archers, Bowmen of York, Broken Arrow Archery Club, Cub Run Archers, Dixie Bowmen, Manahoac Bowmen, NORVA, Prince William Archers, Princess Anne Bowmen, Richmond Archers, Sherwood Archers, Warwick Bowmen, Wythe Bowhunters, Little Mt. Archers, Loudoun Bowhunters.

Was your club represented, if not why not, be a part by taking a part. Send a representative to the next meeting, voice your desires, vote your convictions, then you have a right to complain. Sit back do nothing and you really have no right to complain.

Below is the list of nominees for VBA officers. Ballots will be out soon so please mark your and return it. Your vote just might be the important one.

- Pres. William Bolt, Prince William
- E.V. Pres. Bill Marshall, Warwick Bowmen
- Cary Price, Norva
- Field V. Pres. Dr. Dillow, Wytheville
- Ben Pitarelli, Cub Run
- Hunting V. Pres. Harold Street, Wytheville
- Ben Pitarelli, Cub Run
- Con. V. Pres. Woody Woods, Augusta
- Rec. Sect. Hugh Darnell, Norva
- Tres. Chet. Kutzler, Bowmen of York
- Field Gov. Bill Enders, Princess Anne Bowmen
- NFAA Director Ralph Stevens, Princess Anne Bowmen
- Corp. Sect. Nancy L. Western, Sherwood Archers

It has become clear that clubs and VBA are losing members that they should not lose. There are many reasons for this and no one answer can solve the overall problem, but we feel that two of the reasons are:

1. Some members like to shoot just for the fun and enjoyment of shooting and associating with other archers and cares less who might win or if they win. Archery has become so competitive in recent years that they can not do this. For them it is impossible to think of score and enjoy the game at the same time.

2. Others archers just do not like to shoot under the tight rules that controls our tournaments.

With this in mind a new program has been approved that we hope will

solve these two problems. Under this program a prospected new member would be allowed to shoot three rounds using any equipment he chooses and any style or mixture of styles he would like to use. He would be registered as a beginner and there would be no awards. During this time the local club would explain to him the different divisions and styles of shooting available to him and the rules for each. It would not be required that he be a VBA or NFAA member during this period, but the local club may or may not require that he be a club member. During this period of time the archer is becoming familiar with the different styles and can decide which he likes or may even decide he likes none of them. After the 3rd round is shot the archer would have to become a VBA and NFAA member to proceed to shoot and a club member if he is not already one. He would at this time decide styles of shooting he wanted to shoot (Barebow, Free Style, or Bowhunter). If he so desires he may continue to shoot any equipment he likes and any styles and register in an Open Unclassified Division. There would not be any classes or no distinction between sexes in this division. There would be one award given for up to four archers, two for five to seven, and three for over seven. Awards would not be furnished by VBA and would be of a clubs choice.

If at any time the archer decide he would like to start shooting one of the competitive divisions he would then classify in the division like any new archer. That is by shooting two scores using the equipment required for the division he chose.

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