

CONSTITUTION ,York Archers Inc.

ARTICLE I -- NAME and DESCRIPTION

This organization shall be known as “York Archers Inc.”. York Archers is incorporated (August 26, 1958) as a non-profit organization, and is all-volunteer. York Archers has been recognized by the IRS as a tax-exempt, 501(c) 4 organization.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The mission of the York Archers is to encourage the dissemination of knowledge concerning and the practice of archery, so that this ancient and noble art may be more widely practiced and popularly acknowledged.

ARTICLE III – ACTIVITIES AND LIMITATIONS

In order to achieve the objectives indicated in Article II, the York Archers shall promote and adhere to the following activities and limitations, and may engage in others from time to time as deemed appropriate:

- A. Provide the facilities necessary for the practice of archery among club members
- B. Hold open and closed tournaments, at the discretion of the Board of Governors
- C. Extend assistance to individual members, so as to further archery knowledge and skill.
- D. Teach, practice, and insist on safety at all times.
- E. Engage in special activities as deemed appropriate by the Board of Governors, for the purpose of furthering the mission of the club.
- F. The earnings of York Archers will not inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.
- G. York Archers will not engage in political lobbying, except to seek legislation germane to its purpose. York Archers will not participate in political campaigns on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.
- H. York Archers will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, or national origin.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

- A. Active membership will be granted to anyone who has made proper application, including payment of initiation fee and dues, and has met proper Constitutional procedure.
- B. Types of Membership
 - 1. Adult – anyone age 18 years or older meeting the requirements of Article IV (A).
 - 2. Junior – anyone under age 18 years meeting the requirements of Article IV (A).
 - 3. Family – Adult, spouse, and dependents under the age of 18 years, meeting the requirements of Article IV (A).
 - 4. Life – Anyone who joined York Archers prior to April 1, 2019, who maintains 25 years or more of continuous membership. Family membership years before the age of 18 do not count toward life membership.

C. Application for membership -- Anyone applying for membership must comply with the following:

1. Complete the official application form, executed to show the applicant's name, address, occupation, telephone number, email address (if available). If family application, name of spouse and dependents under the age of 18 years.
2. Submit the completed application and proper initiation fee and dues directly to a member of the Board, or by mail.
3. Application will be presented and the next regular meeting. Membership will be approved with 75% or greater vote of the members present.

D. Privileges and duties of members in good standing

1. The right to vote on all club business performed at regular meetings, with the exception that Junior members will not have voting privilege.
2. The use of club facilities, including grounds, clubhouse, field courses, target courses, and picnic areas. The use of facilities will be restricted during tournaments, regular meetings, work details, and special events.
3. Members may bring guests, while in the presence of a member, for three visits per year, during which the member is responsible for the conduct and safety of the guest.
4. The privilege of competing for awards
5. The privilege of attending York Archers functions and activities
6. The privilege of serving as an officer.
7. The duty of participating in work details and helping with club functions
8. Access to the combination of the gate lock and clubhouse lock

E. Loss of Membership

1. Any member whose conduct is detrimental to the spirit and purpose of York Archers may, after review by the Board of Governors, be expelled by a vote of 75% of the members of the Board. The member has the right to be present at the meeting of the Board at which the vote is taken.
2. Reasons to consider loss of membership include, but are not limited to, misconduct, and disobedience of ground rules or the Constitution/By-Laws.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND DUTIES

The elected officers of York Archers shall be: President, Treasurer, VP of Field, VP of Target, VP of 3-D, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary.

A. The President shall preside at meetings, create and appoint chairmen of *ad hoc* committees, serve as chairman of the Board of Governors, present awards and prizes, appoint replacements for officers who are unable to fulfill their duties, have the tie-breaking power in case of a tie vote of the Board of Governors, and perform other duties appropriate for the President.

B. The Recording Secretary shall record minutes of all regular meetings, meetings of the Board of Governors, keep an organized and permanent file of those minutes, and perform other duties appropriate for the recording secretary.

C. The Corresponding Secretary shall handle club correspondence, serve notice of meetings and club activities (such as work details, meetings, and tournaments), inform membership of official actions of the Board of Governors, publish newsletters, collect and track membership dues and fees, and perform other duties appropriate for the Corresponding Secretary.

D. The Treasurer shall receive moneys payable to York Archers, make disbursements as authorized by the Board of Governors, keep an accurate account of transactions, present reports at regular club meetings, make appropriate annual filings with the IRS, and perform other duties appropriate for the Treasurer.

E. The Vice-President of Target shall supervise and take charge of all activities on the target range during practice and tournaments, and appoint whatever assistants deemed necessary for the proper performance of the duties of the office.

F. The Vice-President of Field and Hunter shall supervise and take charge of all shooting activities on the field courses, assure that the course or courses are in readiness for all shoots, and appoint such assistants deemed necessary for the proper performance of the duties of the office.

G. The Vice-President of 3-D shall supervise and take charge of all shooting activities on the 3-D courses,, assure that the courses are in readiness for all shoots, and appoint assistants deemed necessary for the proper performance of the duties of the office.

H. An officer may be removed from duty without cause with a vote of 75% of the board. The president will have the power to appoint a replacement, subject to approval of a majority of the board.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Officers shall be elected annually at the regular meeting held in March. Duties begin April 15, and continue through April 14 of the following year.

ARTICLE VII --BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors shall consist of all elected officers, and the immediate past president (whose term of office shall terminate on April 15 of the following year). Four members of the Board shall be a quorum.

The Duties of the Board of Governors consist of the following:

A. To formulate and recommend plans, policies, and activities including but not limited to determining the tournament, meeting, and work detail schedules.

B. To attend meetings of the Board as called by the President (who serves as Board Chairperson).

C. To appoint replacement officers in case of vacancies arising during a term of office; such appointments will continue until April 15 at which time the newly elected officer will take over.

ARTICLE VIII – DUES

The dues and fees for various types of membership shall be determined annually by the Board of Governors and approved by the general membership present at the regular meeting by a majority vote.

ARTICLE IX – DISBANDING

In the event that the disbanding of York Archers Inc., either voluntarily or by an act of God, we shall instruct the bank acting as depository at the time to direct whatever assets remain after settlement of all debts to benefit the art of archery.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS/REVISIONS

Amendments to, or revisions of, this Constitution must be introduced in writing at a regular meeting at least one month before being voted upon. Members shall be notified by email of proposed changes at least one month before being voted upon. Amendments or revisions must be approved by a vote of 75% or more of those members present at a regular meeting.

BY-LAWS, York Archers Inc.

ARTICLE I – MEETINGS

- A. Regular meetings shall be held at the time and place determined by the Board of Governors.
- B. Meetings of the Board of Governors may be called at the discretion of the President.
- C. *Ad hoc* committees shall meet at the call of the President.

ARTICLE II – ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order by the President.
2. Reading of the minutes from the last regular meeting
3. Reading of the minutes from the last meeting of the Board of Governors
4. Correspondence
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Reports from the VP's of Field, Target, and 3-D
7. Reports from any *ad hoc* committees
8. Unfinished business
9. New business
10. Suggestions for the good of the organization
11. Recognition of ill or bereaved members
12. Adjournment

ARTICLE IV – DUES

- A. Dues are payable by March 31 of each year. Dues notices will be sent to each member in

good standing, except for life members who are exempt from dues payments. Notice shall be sent on or before February 1 of each year. The member's age as of April 1 will determine the membership status for billing.

- B. Any member who has not paid dues in full by March 31 may be dropped from membership
- C. Elected officers are exempt from dues payments for one year after serving their term.
- D. Penalties for late payments, surcharges for non-participation in work details, and charges for returned checks are at the discretion of the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE V – TOURNAMENTS

The Board of Governors shall determine the time and place, fees, structure, and awards for all tournaments.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS/REVISIONS

Amendments or revisions to the By-Laws must be introduced and passed in the same manner as those for the Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII – RULES AND POLICIES

- A. There will be no firearms on the grounds at any time.
- B. There will be no hunting on club property.
- C. There will be no alcoholic beverages at any time, unless approved for special functions by the Board of Governors.
- D. Guests must be accompanied by a member. The exceptions are open shoots and functions, and leagues.
- E. Gates should be kept locked, except during open shoots and functions.
- F. Using the upper road without approval by the Board is prohibited.
- G. Unsportsmanlike conduct, vandalism, and littering are prohibited.
- H. Use of club facilities during shoots, work details, special functions, and meetings is restricted (limited shooting may be available at discretion of the Board).
- I. Field points or target points ONLY are permitted. The ONLY exception is that broadheads and “practice” broadheads (points with the same aerodynamic contour as their matching head) are permitted in the specially designated broadhead pit.
- J. All arrows found on the course must be returned to the clubhouse.
- K. Violations of rules can be noted by any club member, and referred to the Board of Governors for appropriate action.
- L. All minors (under age 18) must be accompanied at all times by a parent, legal guardian, or other responsible adult designated by a parent or legal guardian.
- M. Dogs are permitted on club grounds, but must be kept on a leash at all times.
- N. Crossbows are permitted, however the shooter must provide his/her own target butt/block.