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GENERAL RULES FOR WSAA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

ARTICLE I – WSAA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

1. There may be six Championship Tournaments:
 - a. Indoor Multi-Color
 - b. Indoor Blueface
 - c. Safari
 - d. 3-D
 - e. Field
 - f. Target
2. There may also be two Mail-in Tournaments:
 - a. Indoor Multi-Color
 - b. Indoor Blueface
3. The dates of these tournaments shall be set by the WSAA Tournament Committee prior to the Annual Convention.
4. The WSAA Tournament Vice President shall direct the State Championship and Mail-in Tournaments and assist the tournament host with the organization and management thereof.
 - a. The tournament host will be responsible for properly setting up the range, course, or field according to designated standards, and for ordering all tournament supplies, including target faces and score cards.
 - b. Pre-registration for the State Championship Tournaments shall be conducted online via the WSAA Website. Late (onsite) registration shall be the responsibility of the tournament host.
 - c. Registration for the Mail-in Tournaments shall be conducted online via the WSAA Website.
 - d. For each Championship Tournament, the Tournament Vice President will appoint a three-member protest committee.
 - e. WSAA Awards shall be ordered and maintained by the Tournament Vice President.

ARTICLE II – CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT BIDS

1. The Tournament VP will solicit bids from WSAA chartered clubs and shops interested in hosting WSAA Championship tournaments.
2. Interested clubs/shops must submit a firm commitment to furnish needed facilities. Bids must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Vice-President with supporting materials. The bid presentation should include range location, club/ shop facilities, area motels, restaurants, food and drinks at the range, practice areas, camping, and the date of the last range inspection. The club/shop should be sure that they can meet all WSAA and relevant NFAA/USA Archery requirements to conduct a state championship.
 - a. The host must provide tournament information to the WSAA Editor in time to be published in the Quiver a month prior to the tournament.
 - b. The host must provide registration facilities and personnel to staff them and to post scores.
 - c. Within 10 days of completion of the tournament, the host must send the scorecards to the Tournament Vice president and provide a complete copy of participants and scores. The Tournament Vice President will forward results to the Quiver Editor.
 - d. The host must have NFAA or equivalent insurance prior to and during the hosting of a WSAA Championship Tournament. Proof of insurance must be provided to the Tournament VP 60 days prior to the tournament.

- e. Any bid for a NFAA Sectional or National championship tournament to be held in Washington by a WSAA/NFAA club or shop must be submitted by them to the NFAA via the state NFAA Director.

3. Indoor bid requirements:

- a. For the Indoor Blueface, the host must have an NFAA Charter and the NFAA Indoor Range inspection must be current.
- b. For other indoor tournaments, if the host has an NFAA Charter the Indoor Range inspection must be current. If the host has a WSAA Charter only, or if a temporary range is used, the Tournament VP or their designee will inspect the facility before the first shooting line.
- c. The host site must have an indoor area that will allow adequate room for target butts, competitors and their equipment, bow racks and spectators.
- d. Each shooter must be provided with a minimum of 24" of space on the shooting line.
- e. The host must provide timing lights or signals and a timekeeper / light operator during the tournament.
- f. The host must ensure there is ample light on the targets per NFAA rules.
- g. Shooting line times will be set by the tournament host, but there should be an adequate number of lines to accommodate all registered shooters, including Friday lines if needed.
- h. The host must provide bow racks and chairs for the participants.
- i. The Indoor Multi-Color and Blueface Championships will be held at multiple locations, preferably one each in the Northwest, Southwest, and Eastern regions of the state. If possible, the Eastern region will have two, one north and one south. I-90 is the boundary between the north and south regions and the Cascade Mountains are the boundary between the east and west. The host must be able to provide same-day communication to exchange scores with the other sites.

4. Safari bid requirements:

- a. The host must provide a suitable range for shooting 70 targets. A 28-target course with AM / PM stakes may be used. There is flexibility regarding the number of targets shot per day, providing a total of 70 targets is shot over the two days.
- b. The host must provide a practice area that is separate from the tournament butts
- c. The host must ensure the range is ready for inspection prior to the tournament weekend if needed. If the club has an NFAA Charter, their NFAA Outdoor Range or NFAA Bowhunter / 3D Range inspection covering the Safari layout must be current. If the course has been modified since the previous inspection, it must be re-inspected. If the club is WSAA Chartered only, the inspection must be done by the Tournament VP or their designee.
- d. The host may use an existing field course. However, they must use the required staking and distances as listed in Safari Rules. Additional ranges may be set up as required or additional targets may be inserted into the regular range layout, provided safety requirements can be met. The practice area may be used to accommodate a long-distance shot if necessary.

5. 3-D bid requirements:

- a. The host must provide a minimum of 30 3-D targets.
- b. The facility must include a practice/warm-up area that is separate from the course of competition.
- c. The range must be inspected for safety before the tournament weekend. If the club has an NFAA Charter, their NFAA Bowhunter/3D Range inspection must be current. If the course has been modified since the previous inspection, it must be re-inspected. If the club is WSAA Chartered only, the inspection must be done by the Tournament VP or their designee. The targets do not need to be in place, but stakes or flagging showing the shooting lanes and target location must be there.
- d. The host may use existing ranges. 3-D targets may be placed in front of existing butts if necessary for safety reasons or to provide access to the target. Additional ranges may be set up as required, provided safety requirements can be met.

6. Field bid requirements:

- a. The host must provide a minimum of one 28-target range, which will accommodate up to 112 shooters.
- b. The host must provide a practice area that is separate from the tournament butts.
- c. The host must ensure that the range is ready for inspection prior to the tournament weekend if needed. The host must have an NFAA charter and the NFAA Outdoor Range inspection must be current. If the course has been modified since the previous inspection, it must be re-inspected.
- d. The host will use their existing field course. Additional ranges may be set up as required, provided safety requirements can be met.
- e. The host shall provide 16 each of the 20 cm faces per target butt, 4 each of 35 cm faces, 1 each of 50 cm faces, except for 2 faces on the 35- and 36-yard fans, and a single 65 cm target face for appropriate target distances. Sufficient backup faces of the appropriate size should be available at each butt to be posted when the targets become worn out.

7. Target bid requirements:

- a. The host of the WSAA Target Championship must have a current NFAA charter and the NFAA Outdoor Target Range inspection must be current. If the course has been modified since the previous inspection, it must be re-inspected. (Self-Guided inspection is authorized for Target ranges).
- b. The host must provide a tournament site that allows the competitors to shoot from South to North. A maximum deviation of 45° is permitted.
- d. The tournament site must be large enough to allow regulation rounds, with allowance for an equipment area and a waiting area behind the shooting line.
- e. There must be an adequate number of targets for all Divisions and Classes.
- f. If not held at a permanent course, the tournament site must be approved by the WSAA Tournament Vice President prior to acceptance of the bid.

ARTICLE III – CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY

1. The host for a WSAA Championship Tournament must hold a current WSAA Charter. In addition to the WSAA charter, the hosts for the WSAA Indoor Blueface, Field, and Target Championship tournament must also hold a current NFAA Charter.
2. Competitors in the WSAA 3-D, Safari, and Multi-Color Tournaments must be current WSAA members.
3. Competitors in the WSAA Indoor Blueface, Field, and Target Championship Tournaments must be members of WSAA AND members of NFAA.
4. We invite archers attending schools in the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) to compete in the Indoor Blueface, Indoor Multi-Color, Safari, and 3D Championships regardless of WSAA membership, competing in the NASP equipment style and their NASP age category.
5. In all WSAA Championship Tournaments, archers who do not meet the membership requirements above may participate as Guests but are not eligible for awards.

ARTICLE IV – TOURNAMENT FEES AND ACCOUNTING

1. Registration fees:
 - a. All State Championship Tournaments shall offer pre-registration. Pre-registration forms must be postmarked a minimum of 10 days before the tournament starting date. A \$10 late fee will be charged for registrations mailed after that date and for on-site registrations.
 - b. Registration fees include all standard fees collected from all participants. Late fees are not considered registration fees and are kept entirely by the host club.

- c. Entry fees for the Multi-Color, Blueface, Safari, Field, 3D, and Target shall be \$30 for Adults, Seniors, Silver Seniors, and Master Seniors; \$25 for Young Adults; \$20 for Youth; \$10 for Cubs and \$5 for Peewees. Family maximum shall be \$65, and husband and wife shall be \$55. NASP fees shall be \$5 for all age groups.
 - d. Entry fees for Mail-in Tournaments shall be \$10 for Adults, Seniors, Silver Seniors, and Master Seniors; \$8 for Young Adults; \$5 for Youth and Cubs. Peewees are free. Family maximum shall be \$25 and husband and wife \$17.
 - e. For all State Championships, one-day shooters are allowed, with fees set at the discretion of the host but no less than half of the two-day rate. Fees collected for one-day shooters shall be totaled with the Guest fees and entered in the appropriate box on the Accounting Sheet.
2. Monies and accounting sheets are due to the WSAA Treasurer no later than 10 days after the end of the Tournament. A late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed after 10 days, with an additional \$25.00 per month thereafter. Accounting report sheets are available on the WSAA website.
 3. Expenses:
 - a. The hosts of all WSAA Championship Tournaments, except the 3-D and Target (outdoor) shall receive 50% of the registration fees after the cost of target faces has been deducted. For Field and Safari faces, which are available as paper or corrugated, only the cost of paper faces will be allowable. If the host chooses to order corrugated targets, the extra cost of the faces and the shipping shall be borne by the host.
 - b. The host of the 3-D Championship shall receive 80% of the registration fees.
 - c. The host of the WSAA Target Championship shall receive 80% of the registration fees after the cost of the targets faces has been deducted.
 - d. The costs of target butts, mats, and 3D animals for all WSAA and Washington Championships are host expenses, not a WSAA expense.
 - e. Payment of tournament expenses over and above those mentioned shall be determined by the WSAA Tournament VP.

ARTICLE V – STATE CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

1. Official Rules: The official rules of the NFAA shall govern the Multi-Color, Blueface, Safari, 3-D, Field, and Target Championships, except as noted in these rules and in the specific rules for each tournament.
2. In all tournaments, archers will be separated into age, gender and equipment categories based on NFAA and/or NASP regulations, depending on the tournament. The specific rules are listed in documents for each tournament. They are described in detail in the NFAA By-Laws: <https://nfaausa.com/files/nfaa-constitution-amp-by-laws-211222202758.pdf>.
3. Detailed rules for each of the State Championship Tournaments and the Mail-in Tournaments are found in the Attachments to these General Rules. The individual tournaments are:
 - a. Mail-in tournaments:
 - (1) The Multi-Color Mail-in Tournament comprises six Multi-Color rounds shot over a period of two months, usually December and January. Tournament rules are in Attachment 04.
 - (2) The Blueface Mail-in Tournament comprises six NFAA Indoor Rounds shot over a period of two months, usually February and March. Tournament rules are in Attachment 05.
 - b. The Indoor Multi-Color Championship comprises two rounds of 30 arrows each on the Vegas face, shot over two days. Tournament rules are in attachment 06.
 - c. The Indoor Blueface Championship comprises two NFAA Indoor Rounds of 60 arrows each on the NFAA Indoor Blueface target, shot over two days. Tournament rules are in attachment 07.
 - d. The Safari Championship is one 70-target round shot over two days. Tournament rules are in Attachment 08.

- e. The 3-D Championship is one 60-target known-distance 3-D round shot over 2 days. Tournament rules are in Attachment 09.
 - f. The Field Championship comprises one 28-target Field Round followed by a 14-target Animal Round on Saturday, and a 28-target Hunter Round on Sunday. Tournament rules are in Attachment 10.
 - g. The Target Championship comprises two American 900 Rounds, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. Tournament rules are in Attachment 11.
4. Non-shooting participants are welcome to attend and observe the tournaments, provided there is no disruption of or interference with the competition. Team and individual coaches must follow the same rules as observers.
- a. The following assumes that proper adult supervision is arranged by the tournament host for Youths, Cubs and PeeWees:
 - b. Observers may assist in scoring but may not be official scorers or sign scorecards unless they are members of the WSAA, NFAA for the appropriate tournaments.
 - c. For Indoor, and Outdoor Target, tournaments, observers must always remain behind the waiting line.
 - d. For all trail shoots, observers are allowed at the discretion of the tournament director and with the consent of the entire group.
 - (1) Observers must comply with all range safety rules.
 - (2) Observers who disrupt, distract, or delay the progress of the shooting group may be required to leave the group at any time, upon request by any archer in the group.
 - (3) Observers must remain at least two yards behind archers at the shooting stake.
 - (4) Observers may not advise or otherwise coach the archers while they are at the shooting stake. Assistance in preventing rule violations is acceptable (e.g., shooting from the wrong stake, target order, etc.), provided it is done with impartiality and no one in the shooting group objects.
5. Dogs may be allowed, but they MUST be always on a leash, and consent of the entire shooting group is required. Owners of dogs that are off leash will be asked to leave the course immediately. No warning will be given.
6. **Records:** A score shot in a WSAA Championship Tournament will be considered a WSAA record if it is the highest score for that event to date. Tied records will not be added to the record book unless it is a perfect score, including the X count where applicable, and unable to be beaten. An archer may also apply for records based on scores shot at a NFAA Sectional or National Championship held in the State of Washington. It is archer's responsibility to submit a WSAA Record Claim Form to the Tournament Vice President with a copy of the score card. The Tournament VP will update records annually.

ARTICLE VI – TOURNAMENT AWARD SYSTEM.

1. Awards shall be presented to the Champions in each Division and Style.
 - a. Awards will be presented according to the Unit Rule. The unit rule determines the number of archers receiving awards in each Division and Style. One award for 1-3 shooters, two awards for 4-6 shooters, three if there are 7 or more. Places (1st, 2nd, 3rd) will be determined by the number of awards allowed and whether there are ties.
 - b. Scores that are tied after the relevant tie-breaking rules for each tournament have been applied will receive equal awards and the number of places shall be reduced accordingly. The number of awards presented may be increased if there are ties for the last place allowed by the unit rule. Tie-breaking rules are in the rules for each specific tournament.

2. When plaques are used, the color and size (in inches) for each of the award plaques will be as follows:
 - a. Multi-Color mail-in: Green, 4¹/₂ X 6
 - b. Blueface mail-in: Red, 4¹/₂ X 6
 - c. Indoor Multi-Color: Dark Red, 7 X 5
 - d. Indoor Blue-face: Light Blue, 7 X 5
 - e. Safari: Purple, 7 X 5
 - f. Field: Blue, 7 X 5
 - g. 3-D: Black, 7 X 5
 - h. Target: Light Green, 7 X 5

ARTICLE VII – WSAA CALENDAR

1. All requests for events to be listed on the annual Calendar must be submitted in writing to the Tournament VP, postmarked by September 1st of the year prior to the year being scheduled (January 1 through December 31).
 - a. A \$10 fee is required for each event requested and must be included with the request submission. A weekend event will count as one shoot.
 - b. The request should include preferred and alternate dates. It should also indicate if the date is "traditional", i.e., held at the same time every year, or in conjunction with another event.
 - c. A Calendar Shoot may not be listed on the same dates as the same type of State Championship event.
2. The Tournament Vice President will select dates as close as possible to dates requested by the clubs. Preference in scheduling will be given to types of shoots leading up to the next State Championship.
3. Events submitted after the September 1st deadline may be added at Convention. The fee for late additions will be \$20 per event.
4. All WSAA Championship tournaments, NW Sectional Championships, NFAA National Championships, and USA Archery National Championships will be included on the Calendar without charge. Other events, (e.g., Senior Games, State Games), may be included if a club, shop, or individual sponsors the event by paying the \$10 fee.
5. The WSAA Calendar will be finalized at the Annual Convention. The Tournament VP will arrange for the printing and distribution of Calendar Cards. The WSAA Editor will list all Calendar Shoots in the Quiver. The WSAA Webmaster will post the WSAA Calendar on the WSAA Website.

ARTICLE VIII – ARCHER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

1. All WSAA members who shoot in the Indoor Multi-Color, Indoor Blueface, Safari, 3-D, Field, or Target tournaments are automatically entered in the Archer of the Year Competition.
2. There will be two Archer of the Year Awards. A Junior Archer of the Year for archers under the age of 18, and an Adult Archer of the Year for archers 18 and older.
3. For each of the above tournaments in which an archer participates, he or she is awarded points based on their score as a percentage of the record score for their Division and Style in that championship. Where no prior record exists, the archer is awarded 0.95 points. The individual with the highest total points at the end of the competition year will be named Archer of the Year.
4. In the case of an individual who competes in multiple age categories or in different Styles during the competitive year, points for each event will be computed based on the records relevant to the Division and Style involved.
5. In the case of an individual who competes in an Indoor event (Multi-Color or Blueface) in two or more Styles, the score which earns the archer more points will be used to compute the total points. This might not be the higher score, depending on the previous records or competition status for that Division and Style.
6. The award for Archer of the Year is a trophy, which will be presented at the Annual Convention.

ARTICLE IX – DIVISION CHAMPIONS

1. All WSAA members who compete in the Indoor Multi-Color, Indoor Blueface, Safari, 3-D, Field, or Target tournaments are automatically entered in the Division Champion competition.
2. For each of the above tournaments in which an archer participates, he/she is awarded points based on their score as a percentage of the perfect score for that championship. The individual in each Division and Style (category) with the highest total points at the end of the competition year will be named the Division Champion.
3. In the case of an individual who competes in multiple categories during the competitive year, points earned will be aggregated separately for each of the categories. An archer could be a Division Champion in more than one category.
4. To be eligible for the Division Champion Award for a category, an archer must compete in that category in at least three State Championship Tournaments.
5. The award for Division Champion is a medal, which will be presented at the Annual Convention.

ARTICLE X – SPOUSAL COUPLE

1. The Spousal Couple Award recognizes couples who share the sport of archery.
2. All WSAA couples who compete in the Indoor Multi-Color, Indoor Blueface, Safari, 3-D, Field, or Target Championships will be entered in the Spousal Couples competition for that event, provided they indicate at the time of registration that they are registering as a couple.
3. For each of the above tournaments, each partner is awarded points based on their score as a percentage of the record score for their Division and Style for that championship. The couple with the highest total points is named the Spousal Couple Award winner for that event.
4. The Spousal Couple Award will be presented at the event.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS AND EFFECTIVE DATE

1. The WSAA Tournament Rules and Procedures may be amended by a simple majority of the Tournament Committee at a regular meeting or by 2/3 majority at a special meeting of the Committee.
2. Tournament rule changes adopted by the committee, including those required by changes in NFAA regulations, will be published in the Quiver at least 30 days prior to the State Championship to be held that year, under a separate article titled "Tournament Rule Changes".