

Greater Piedmont Archery Association – GPAA 2010

BY LAWS:

The Greater Piedmont Archery Association (GPAA) endeavors to promote the sport of archery, with an emphasis on bow hunting, by providing programs, tournament competitions, and other assistance to clubs and organizations involved in archery and related fields.

The Greater Piedmont Archery Association, hereafter known as the GPAA, consists of the following member clubs:

1. Big Buck Archery Club
2. JR's Archery
3. Forsyth Archery Club
4. Randolph Bowhunters
5. Rockingham Bowhunters
6. Montgomery County Archery Club
7. Stick and Wheel Archery Club - New

The GPAA will hold its annual meeting on the 1st Sunday of October, with the time and place to be determined by the current GPAA President. The annual meeting is open to any member of the GPAA or a GPAA club, but in the interest of order and functionality, there will only be (2) club representatives that will have voting and speaking privileges. Other meetings can/will be held as needed.

The meeting agenda will be as follows:

- A. Call meeting to order
 1. Welcome new clubs and visitors
 2. Identify (2) members from to be designated with voting and speaking privileges for the meeting - (1) vote per club.
- B. Old Business
- C. Induction of Associate Clubs. (Associate Clubs will be on probation for (1) year before being considered for full membership.)
- D. Open floor to new business
 1. Election of GPAA Officers by Board of Directors
 2. Installation of Officers
 3. Discussion of Tournament/Class rules
 4. Selection of tournament dates. (Once a club schedules a date for a weekend, whether it is Saturday or Sunday, no other club can schedule a tournament on that weekend.)
- E. Update club information (Representative names, contact numbers, addresses, and email information)
- F. Adjourn meeting

Election of GPAA Officers will be by nomination and a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The elected officers will take office immediately and will remain in office until the next annual meeting.

The GPAA Board of Directors will consist of the GPAA Officers and the Presidents of the member clubs. A club President may designate another person from their club to represent them on The Board of Directors.

Any situation that needs to be addressed prior to the annual meeting will be decided by a minimum of (3) members of the Board of Directors and the GPAA Officers.

TOURNAMENT RULES

MEMBERS CLUBS OF THE GPAA ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND SUPPORT THE TOURNAMENTS OF THEIR FELLOW MEMBER CLUBS!!

1. No broad heads are allowed on the range, unless specified for the competition.
2. A chronograph will be used to verify arrow speed at all GPAA events. Speed will be check before an archers round. The host club has the right to check speeds again at the conclusion of an archers round if they so desire.
3. Archers will shoot in groups of no less the (3) archers and no more than (5) archers. There will be an exception for a group of Traditional archers. The minimum for them is (3) archers, but the maximum is at the host club's discretion.
4. An archer is responsible for their scorecard and **MUST FILL IT OUT COMPLETELY!!**
5. Any archery starting a tournament round will be counted in flighting and payback. A refund for non-finishers may be given at the host club's discretion.
6. No limit on the number of pins on a fixed pin sight.
7. Overdraws are legal in all classes.
8. String walking with marks on the glove or tab will be considered an aid and will not be allowed in the Traditional Classes.
9. Any adjustment to the limb bolts during a round will result in a DQ.
10. Binoculars will be allowed, but may be checked for marks.
11. Rangefinders will not be allowed on the course, except for use in the "known 50" class. Any discussion of yardage will not be tolerated and will result in an immediate disqualification.
12. No littering will be allowed and an archer caught littering will be subject to a DQ.
13. No archer may approach the target until all members of the group have shot.
14. Archers shall not remove/alter vegetation from the shooting lane. Archers shall not move the shooting stake.
15. An archer will be allowed (2) letdowns. (A visible equipment failure or an act of nature – i.e. – insects, doesn't count against the archer.)
16. Unsportsmanlike conduct, profanity, and/or unsafe conduct will not be allowed. No alcoholic beverages or controlled substance shall be consumed

- at a GPAA event and no archer that is under the influence of such items will be allowed to participate at that event and, possibly, future events.
17. Normal registration time will be 9:00 am until 2:00 pm, archers must be on the course by 2:15 pm. The host club has the right to elect an earlier start time and a later finish time at their discretion.
 18. Payment of registration fees will constitute an agreement to abide by all GPAA rules and regulations.
 19. Any violation will result in a DQ for the tournament and ejection from the tournament. A second violation in the same tournament year will result in an ineligibility to participate in any GPAA events for the remainder of the season.
 20. No archer under the age of (18) is allowed to compete for money at any GPAA event.
 21. A GPAA tournament must consist of a minimum of (20) targets.
 22. All protests shall be made to the President of the host club.
 23. The use of any outside device to support the bow during the shot is strictly prohibited.

SHOOTING RULES

1. Targets will be set at unmarked distances, up to a maximum that is determined by the color of the stake. All targets must be visible, with the entire "8" ring clear of all vegetation and debris. No extreme angles or extreme distances will be permitted. *Error for yardage: maximum (3) yards.*

Shooting Fees:

- Jr Cub / Cub Free
 - Youth Classes \$10.00
 - Trophy Classes \$10.00
 - All Money Classes \$15.00
 - Fun Rounds \$10.00
 - A family maximum may be set by the host club
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- Blue 10 yards Classes – 1
 - White 20 yards Classes – 2,3,4
 - Yellow 30 yards Classes – 5,6,7
 - Green 40 yards Classes – 8,9,10,11,12,13
 - Orange 50 yards Classes – 14,15

2. An archer must touch the stake while shooting.
3. An archer is limited to a peak bow weight of (80) pounds and must be able to draw his/her bow in a controlled manner.
4. Classes with speed rules will have a 3% margin of error.
5. If an archer starts the round, he/she must finish the round with their group. If there is an equipment malfunction, the archer must finish any unshot

targets with a group of no less than (3) archers or the host club may elect to send a range official to score the remaining targets.

6. In classes with age restrictions, an archer's age as of January 1st of that year will determine which class he/she may shoot.

SCORING RULES

1. Scoring will be 12, 10, 8, 5, 0
2. "12" location will be at the discretion of the host club, **BUT MUST BE CLEARLY DEFINED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SHOOTING LANE IF "12" LOCATION VARIES THROUGHOUT THE RANGE.**
3. The Traditional Classes will score the center "12" at all events.
4. All arrows touching or cutting lines will be scored to the higher points.
5. For 3D targets, all arrows that are deemed to be pass thru's or glance offs will be scored if they are witnessed by the group. (Glance offs do not count, except in the Jr. Cub class)
6. Any target deemed illegal by the Board of Directors will be scored a (0) on every scorecard for the tournament.
7. After you set your sight and draw your bow, if you let down and readjust your sight, you will receive a (0) for the target.
8. A controlled letdown must be verbally announced. An arrow that falls from the bow and is not shot may be retrieved and shot. It is the responsibility of the archer to maintain control of the bow during a letdown. Pointing the bow at the ground directly in front of the archer is extremely dangerous and should not be attempted.
9. An archer is permitted to receive assistance from (1) shooter in their group. (i.e. – holding an umbrella to shield the sun)
10. An embedded (robinhood) in another arrow, will be scored the same as the arrow it embedded.
11. An arrow rebounded (a robinhood that strikes and damages another arrow) will be scored the same as the arrow it damages.
12. An arrow that is deflected by contact with another arrow already in the target, provided that the damaged arrow can be identified and damage is proven, will be scored the greater of:
 1. Where it lies in the target
 2. A maximum of (5) points if the arrow is not in the target.
13. **ALL JR CUB AND CUBS ARE TO RECEIVE AN AWARD.**
14. **ALL ARCHERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE FUN!!!!**

RULES FOR RODNEY CATER MEMORIAL GPAA COALITION SHOOT

1. There will only be 3 stakes set. 45yds, 35yds, and 15 yds. The class breakdown will be as follows:
 - a. 45yds
 - i. Open
 - ii. Seniors
 - iii. Known 50
 - iv. Open/outlaw

- b. 35yds
 - i. Youth
 - ii. Hunter
 - iii. W. Hunter
 - iv. Young Adult
 - v. W. Open
 - vi. Hunter Pro
 - vii. Limited
 - c. 15 yds
 - i. Cub
 - ii. Youth Traditional
 - iii. Traditional
2. No scores from an archer shooting the blue stake will count toward a clubs scores.
 3. The top (5) scores from each club will be added together to determine the winning club.
 4. The top Traditional score from each club will receive a handicap of an additional 30 points.
 5. If an archer is a member of more than (1) club, he/she must determine at registration, which club they are representing.
 6. The winning club will have the privilege of hosting the Coalition Shoot the following year.

RULES FOR THE GPAA CHAMPIONSHIP

1. An archer must shoot (1) tournament at each club (including our new Associate club – Stick and Wheel) prior to the Championship to qualify to participate in the Championship.
2. A fun round does not count toward an archer qualifying; an archer must shoot a **COMPETITIVE ROUND**.
3. A list of those “qualified” will be kept on the GPAA website.
4. The GPAA Championship will be a (1) day tournament with all classes represented.
5. Awards will be given in all classes with at least (3) archers participating. All Jr. Cub and Cub will receive an award.
6. The site for the GPAA Championship will be determined by a rotating schedule and will be as follows:
 - JR’s Archery 2010
 - Montgomery County Archery Club 2011
 - Big Buck Archery Club 2012
 - Rockingham Bowhunters 2013
 - Stick and Wheel 2014
 - Randolph Bowhunters 2015
 - Forsyth Archers 2016

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