



**The Abilene Bowhunters
Association
P.O. Box 6492
Abilene, Texas 79604**

Constitution

Revised - January 2010

Preamble

To unify Archers at a local level for purposes designed to:

Promote, encourage, and foster the sport of Archery; Bowhunters' education; act as a liaison for the improvement of Bowhunters; to function as a clearing house for essential Archery information; to assist and foster the conservation of bowhunting.

Article I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Abilene Bowhunters Association.

Article II

PURPOSES DEFINED

1. To promote ASA and IBO Archery shoots, at the Local, State and National level; to assist youth organizations for the promotion and encouragement of archery and bowhunting; to promote and endorse bowhunting education; National Bowhunters Education Program (NBEP), Texas Bowhunter Education Program, and International Bowhunters Education Program (IBEP) projects.
2. To also endorse and lend assistance to the "Lone Star Bowhunters Association", the International Bowhunters Association", and similar organizations for the purpose of fostering bowhunting.
3. To foster, expand, and perpetuate the sport of bowhunting; to cooperate with all conservation and law enforcement organizations in the propagation and conservation and management of game. To maintain an up-to-date target course dedicated to the sport of archery and bowhunters.

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By-laws

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The Constitution and By-laws of the association shall serve as the rules under which the association shall operate.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in this association consist of the following categories:
 - a.) Family Membership **\$75.00**
 - b.) Individual **\$75.00**
 - c.) Military **\$50.00**
 - d.) Out of area membership **\$35.00**

1. A Membership shall be granted to anyone who has attained his/her 18th birthday along with their spouse (if applicable) and all dependent children living within the family household upon application and payment of the yearly dues of **\$75.00**. Military Memberships will be \$ 50.00. Out of area meaning if you live outside a 50 mile radius of the Post Office located on Buffalo Gap Rd in Abilene TX, membership will be \$35.00. After June 30th Membership rates will be \$35.00.

2. The term or membership shall run from January 1 to December 31 of the calendar year.

3. The Board of Directors may suspend or expel any member for conduct detrimental to the interest of the association. The suspension will be binding and requires a majority vote of the Board.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS AND DUTIES

1. The Executive Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, past President and the Web Master.
 - a) The Executive Board of Directors shall manage the activities, policies, and property of the association.
 - b) At any meeting of the Executive Board of Directors, any four (4) members present shall constitute a quorum.
 - c) Vacancies of an office or on the Executive Board shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Board of Directors by majority vote.
 - d) The board will determine a budget each year for the following fiscal year.

- e) President, Vice President, Treasurer shall be on the bank signature card
2. Meetings of the Executive Board of Directors shall be held at the time and place deemed necessary by the members of the Executive Board.

CLUB OFFICERS AND DUTIES

1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President and the Web Master.
 - a) The President shall preside at all meetings, and in general, perform the duties required of that office.
 - b) The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence and shall be responsible for additional duties as determined by the President.
 - c) The Secretary shall keep all records of the association, serve all notices of meetings, and compose all correspondence of the association. The Secretary will also serve as recorder for all meetings. The Secretary will also be in charge of registration for tournaments.
 - d) The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the association, keep accurate records of receipts and disbursements of all funds, and present a written report of those records to the officers each month.
 - e) The Past President shall serve as a resource of knowledge, experience, input of club's direction and best interest as presented to the board.
 - f) The Web Master will be in charge of score keeping, and for the annual club shoot awards at the end of each year.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

1. Elections for officers will be held at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the year. This meeting shall be known as the annual meeting.
2. The term of office shall run from the first day of the new fiscal year October 1, until the last day of the same fiscal year September 30.
3. The fiscal year of the association shall begin October 1 and end on September 30.

COMMITTEES

1. The Board shall appoint all committees as deemed necessary from the ranks of the association, for the operation and management of the association.
 - A) Range Captain(s): Will be responsible for all duties required to complete each monthly club tournament. Setting the targets, placing water coolers on range, removal and storage of targets after each shoot and clean up after their assigned tournament.

- B) Safety Committee: There should be at least 2 to 4 members of the Safety Committee.
They will be responsible for assuring that the range is safe and ready to shoot.
The Safety Committee shall report to the President or Vice President that the range is ready for the tournament.

CLUB RULES

KEEP GATE LOCKED AT ALL TIMES

NO BROADHEADS-- FIELDPOINTS ONLY except on special shoot in September!

MUST HAVE MEMBERSHIP ID CARD VISIBLE ON PERSON AT ALL TIMES

MEMBERS MAY BRING ONE GUEST ONE (1) TIME: *There after they are expected to join the club.*

PRACTICE AREAS: Static Line and Designated Practice Range. **ALL OTHER AREAS CLOSED.**

SHOOT THE STATIC LINE FROM THE DESIGNATED MARKER (no more than a step behind or in front of the marker)

NO CROSS SHOOTING ON STATIC LINE (Shoot the 20 yd target from the 20 yd marker, and so on.)

RESPECT OTHERS SAFETY AT ALL TIMES

NO SKY DRAWING

NO FIRES

NO ALCOHOL NO EXCEPTIONS

NO HUNTING DO NOT SHOOT WILDLIFE w/exception of poisonous snakes

PICK UP YOUR OWN TRASH

Do Not Give Out The Combo to Others.

Membership Stickers on Vehicle.

Violation of these rules may result in cancellation of your membership!

Club Meetings

- A. Meeting dates are to be determined by the Board of Directors. There will be a minimum of two regular meetings per year.
- B. The Board of Directors will meet as necessary at a time and place to be determined by the Board.
- C. **Club Meeting Start of year - Jan 5th**
- D. **Club Meeting End of year - Aug 21st**

Club Shoot

- A. **Club shoot are two day invitational events held on the 3rd weekend of each month January - June (No shoot in July), with the last shoot in August. The shoot will be governed by ASA rules, except for shooting classes, which may vary due to participation. Some shoot dates may vary from the 3rd weekend. Members will be notified ahead of time, but are expected to check the posted schedule of events.**
- B. **Registration will open at 8:00 AM each day, and close at 9:30 AM. The shoot will begin by California start. All shooters shall complete and have score cards signed and turned in by 2:30 PM for the score to count. All shooters shall complete the 30 target course on the same day they start it.**
- C. **No Make up shoots will be allowed. (All shoots are rain or shine)**
- D. **Scoring is to be as follows: 12 points for 12 ring, 10 points for center ring, and 8 points for vitals, 5 points for remainder of animal (touching body color), 0 points for hooves or horns.**
- E. **Annual Awards: Annual awards will be a cumulative score of the best 3 out of 5 shoots. The two lowest scores out of the five will be dropped. Members may therefore miss two shoots without penalty. The top shooter in each division will be awarded at the annual meeting, but only members in good standing will be considered for annual awards.**
- F. **Fees for the Club Shoot will be as follows:**
 - 1. **Adult members** \$ 10.00
 - 2. **Youth members** \$ 5.00 17-9 yrs old

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| 3. 8 and under | Free |
| 4. Non-members adult | \$ 15.00 |
| 5. Non-members youth | \$10.00 17-9 yrs old |
| 6. Non-members 8 and under | Free |
7. Members who choose to enter both a compound class and a traditional class will be permitted to do so; however, the compound round must be completed and the score card turned in before the traditional round can begin. You will be required to pay the appropriate entry fee for each class. Both scores will be entered into the record for the annual awards presentation. Both score cards must be in by 3:30pm
 8. Shooter groups must have a minimum of 2 adult score keepers. If this requirement is not met the score will be considered as a fun round only.
 9. All adult classes will be a money pay back with \$6.00 to the club, \$4.00 to the shooter. Winners must be present to receive money pay back: if winners are not present the winnings will go back into the clubs account.
 10. Abilene Bowhunters will not host any type of shoot on the same weekend as an ASA Qualifier, or ASA State shoot, within a 100 mile radius of Abilene TX.
 11. ASA or IBO Shoot Fees for Members – If a monthly club shoot falls on a ASA or IBO shoot club members may elect to shoot for monthly club score only, for the regular club shoot fee. The score will not count in the trophy, or money division for the tournament, but will be entered into the annual ABA awards.
- G. All club shoots will consist of 30 targets. 15 Targets known yardage, 15 Targets unknown yardages.
- H. Clarification for ties.
1. Ties for end of year awards.
 - a. The competitors will be named Co-champions and both receive awards.
- I. Questions and/or grievances will be reviewed and a ruling issued by the Board of Directors within 30 days. A \$25.00 fee paid to the Abilene Bowhunters.

WORK DAYS

- A. The Board of Directors will determine the dates and time of workdays. Club members will be notified by the Email, website, or by telephone.

INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- A. A tournament Director will be appointed by the Board to schedule and oversee the planning and operation of the invitational tournament.
- B. The Board of Directors will determine the date and time of the Invitational Tournaments. (TBOT or others).
- C. Dates for ASA or IBO shoots may be different due to scheduling conflicts and ASA or IBO will have the final say on the dates for all ASA or IBO qualifiers. The shoot will be governed by ASA or IBO rules.