

Staffordshire Archery Association

County Constitution.

1). **Title.**

The title of the Association shall be the Staffordshire Archery Association.
Hereinafter referred to as the Association.

2). **Aims.**

a) To encourage, promote and develop archery in all its disciplines as recognized by the Grand National Archery Society. Physically and/or Financially. Within the County of Staffordshire as delineated in January 1974.

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Regionally, Nationally or Internationally with the approval of the general membership. Proposals for financial assistance outside the County, must be Sent to the Secretary at least 21 days before the meeting, and sent to Club Secretaries at least 14 days before the meeting with a reminder to them to seek specific approval from their members as to such payments to be made.

The Association shall be autonomous except in so far as is required to conform to the Constitution and rules of the Grand National Archery Society.

3). **Membership.**

Members and Associate members of the Grand National Archery Society Who are resident in the County of Staffordshire (as delineated in January 1974) may become members of the Association on payment of the appropriate subscription.

There shall be senior members and juniors, who shall be persons who have not yet attained the age of eighteen years.

An applicant for membership must state if he/she is affiliated to the Grand National Archery Society through another County or Club, if so the applicant must declare his/her Named County or Club to the appropriate County or Club Secretary by the 1st of October in the year of application.

The Named County or Club shall be the one for which the archer shoots for in the current calendar year.

Only archers affiliated to the Association shall be eligible to compete for the County Trophies in the following events. >

- a) County Indoor Championships.
- b) County Outdoor Championships.
- c) The Association Indoor League. (If run).
- d) The Association Summer League. (If run).
- e) The Richard Court Invitation Shoot.
- f) County Field Championship.
- g) County Flight Championship.
- h) County Clout Championship.

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All Grand National Archery Society affiliated archers shall be eligible to compete for an 'Open' trophy in any of the above events.

4) Subscription.

There shall be an annual subscription agreed at the Annual General Meeting Which shall become payable on the 1st day of August in each year.

5) Finance.

a) The financial year shall run from the 1 st January to the 31st December.

b) The funds of the Association shall be under the control of the Officers But shall be administered by the Treasurer, who shall be required to keep proper books of account. The Association shall maintain a banking account in a recognized Bank, into which all monies shall be paid. All disbursements - Other than petty cash items - shall be defrayed by cheque drawn on that account. Related members shall NOT be authorized as signatories of the Association bank account.

c) Cheques drawn on the Association bank account shall be signed by Two of the three Officers, except in the case of related or cohabiting Officers in which case another signatory shall be appointed.

d) The Treasurer shall provide a financial statement at each General Meeting.

e) Audit - at the General Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting the Association shall appoint two of its members, who shall not be Officers, to Audit the accounts for submission to the Annual General Meeting.

6). Officers.

The Officers of the Association shall be >
Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

7) Council.

The Association shall elect annually a Council, which shall comprise;
* President/Chairman,* Secretary,6 Treasurer/Records Officer, Tournament Officer and two West Midlands Archery Society delegates, who shall all be elected at the Annual General Meeting together with the County Coaching Officer who shall be appointed by the County Coaching Group,.

The Council shall have the power to co-opt.

In the event of an Office or Council seat falling vacant a replacement shall be elected to fill the vacancy at the next General Meeting.

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8). The Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall consist of >

President, Chairman, Secretary and the Treasurer. Three members of this Committee shall form a quorum, in cases of emergency the committee shall have full power to take action, any action taken shall be reported as soon as possible to a General Meeting for ratification.

9) Meetings.

- a) All members of the Association may attend General Meetings; each senior member present shall have one vote.
- b) The Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- c) The Quorum for all General Meetings shall be TEN members of the Association, One of whom must be an Officer and including representatives from at least THREE Clubs.
- d) An Extraordinary General meeting shall be convened by the Secretary
 - i) On the instruction of the Council.
 - ii) On the written request of THREE or more Clubs in the County.
- e) General Meetings shall be convened by the Secretary on a regular basis.
- f) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in MARCH of each year.
- g) Notice of all meetings shall be sent in writing to each Council member and to the Secretary of each Club in the County.

The number of days notice shall start from and shall include the day Following the ' Post Mark ' date.

Fourteen days notice shall be given for a General Meeting and Twenty-one days notice shall be given for the Annual General Meeting and for any Extraordinary General Meetings.

11) Disciplinary Action.

If in the opinion of the Association any individual member or Club shall be deemed to have been guilty of conduct, which makes it undesirable for him/her/it to remain a member of the Association, the Council may expel him/her/it from membership, without being called upon to explain its reasons to any but the member or Club concerned. The individual member or Club shall be permitted to defend his/her/its conduct at a meeting of the Council convened to decide the case, the member or Club shall be permitted to appeal to a General Meeting, the decision of which shall be final. Notice of the appeal shall be circulated to all Club Secretaries fourteen days prior to the Meeting.

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12) Changes to the Constitution.

Changes to the Constitution shall be effected either at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting. (Arranged specifically for That purpose under the provisions of clause 9d).

Any individual member or Club in the County, proposing changes to the Constitution must send notice thereof in writing to the County Secretary At least twenty-eight days prior to the Month of the Annual General Meeting Enclosing a copy of the part of the Constitution as it will stand when changed by the proposed alteration. The County shall send a copy of the proposal to the Secretary of each Club in the County, not less than twenty-one days prior to the Annual General Meeting. To become effective the proposed changes must receive the support of at least two thirds of the vote of those members present. The revised clause or clauses shall take effect at the conclusion of the meeting in which the changes are effected.

13) Dissolution.

A Resolution to dissolve the County Association may only be submitted to an Extraordinary General Meeting convened specifically for that purpose. Such Resolution must set out the reasons for the submissions and indicate the circumstances giving rise for the action proposed.

To become effective the resolution must receive the support of eighty percent Of the votes presented at the meeting. On the dissolution of the Association its Assets shall be realized and together with any cash remaining in the Association bank account, after the payment of all outstanding liabilities, shall be held in trust by the Treasurer of the West Midlands Archery Society until Such time as the Association may be re-formed on a basis acceptable to the Grand National Archery Society. The interest on such funds held in trust, shall Accrue exclusively for the benefit of any such future Association.