

CONSTITUTION
OF
COUGAR MOUNTAIN ARCHERS
REVISED 2/7/2023

ARTICLE I
Name

The name of this organization is Cougar Mountain Archers.

ARTICLE II
Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to foster, expand, and perpetuate the practice of field archery and the spirit of good fellowship among all archers; to encourage the use of the bow in hunting of all legal game, birds, and animals, and cooperate with the National Field Archery Association in securing better hunting privileges and conditions for bow hunters; to cooperate with all conservation organizations in the conservation of game; to maintain a field course and conduct field tournaments and games in accordance with the rules of the National Field Archery Association, CBH and SAA.

ARTICLE III
Membership

1. Active membership shall be granted to anyone who has attained his/her eighteenth birthday, upon application and payment of regular fees and dues as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.
2. Junior membership shall be granted to anyone under the age of eighteen years upon payment of such fees and dues as may be fixed by the Board of Directors and sponsored by a member in good standing. Junior members shall be accompanied at the range by a parent, legal guardian, or sponsor. (Revised 5/7/2002)
3. By a vote of a 2/3 majority, the Board of Directors may suspend or expel any member for conduct detrimental to the interests of the organization. (Revised 5/7/2002)
4. A guest may shoot 3 times with a member before being required to join the club, with the exception of club shoots. Guest fee shall be \$5.00 per visit and guests are required to sign a waiver at each visit. The accompanying member shall collect the fees and waivers and submit them to the Treasurer in a timely manner. Members of other clubs are excepted. Club shoot Sunday fees are \$2.00 for any adult shooter who did not attend the previous monthly meeting. (Revised 7/11/2015)

5. Members must attend a total of or any combination of four (4) club meetings, work parties, or club hosted invitational shoots each calendar year, excepting those members who obtained a life membership prior to May 1, 2002. (Added 5/7/2002)
- 5a. A member not participating pursuant to Article 5 will no longer be considered a Member in good standing. Membership renewal may be rejected. Reinstatement will be determined by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors. (Added 5/4/04)
6. Honorary life membership may be granted by the Board of Directors to anyone for exceptional merit and service to Cougar Mountain Archers by a 2/3 vote of all delegates present and such membership shall be exempt from all future membership fees and dues. (Added 5/7/2002)

ARTICLE IV Government

1. The Government of the club shall consist of 6 Directors: the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasure, Recording Secretary the immediate Past President and Past Vice President. The President of the club shall act as the Chairman of the Board and will have no vote except in case of a tie vote of the Directors present.
2. The officers of this Archery Club shall be elected in the manner prescribed by ARTICLE VII of the Constitution and shall hold office for the period of one (1) year, or until their successor(s) are duly elected and qualified.
3. At any meeting of the Board, five (5) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
4. All vacancies of the Board, of any office, shall be filled by the Board of Directors within the month.
5. The Board of Directors shall meet at the discretion of the President or at the request of two (2) or more Officers.

ARTICLE V Officers

1. The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Range Master, Secretary/Treasure, and Recording Secretary.
2. The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, and shall in general perform the duties incidental to the office.

3. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, and shall act as tournament, club shoot, and special activities coordinator.
4. The Range Master shall be in charge of the Field and Hunter Ranges, and be in charge of any work parties for the upkeep of the range. He/she shall also be in charge of the range for the Open Tournament and serve at meetings as President in the absence of the President and Vice-President.
5. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep all records of the organization, conduct all correspondence, and present a written report at the monthly meetings. He/she shall receive all monies.
6. The Recording Secretary shall oversee taking minutes at the meeting and distributing copies of the minutes to the membership.

ARTICLE VI Amendments

1. The Constitution of this Archery Club may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, or a special meeting; provided that a written notice of the proposed amendment or amendments has been mailed to the last known address of each member at least ten (10) days prior to the proposed meeting.
2. Only members in good standing may vote on any amendment or amendments presented to the membership.

ARTICLE VII Election and Terms of Office

1. The annual meeting of this organization shall be held in January.
2. At the October meeting the floor shall be open for nominations of offices of President, Vice President, Range Master, Secretary, Treasure and Recording Secretary. In the event the current President is unable to remain on the Board there will be another nomination for a fifth Board Member.
3. At the November meeting nominations for all offices shall be re-opened. Following nominations, elections shall be held.
4. The term of office for all offices shall be for one (1) year. The term will run from the annual meeting in January until the following annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII
Fiscal year

1. The fiscal year will begin in January at the installation of new officers and run until the following installation.

ARTICLE IX
Fees

1. The membership fee for junior members shall be \$15.00, for an individual, \$30.00, for couples, \$40.00, and for families, \$50.00. (Revised 5/7/2002)
2. All dues are payable January 1st of each year. Dues are considered delinquent on February 1st. Members will be dropped from the membership roll February 28th. For any new member joining after January 31st, dues will be pro-rated based on the number of months remaining in the year (in whole month increments), using the fee schedule described in Article IX, paragraph 1. This is a one-time proration for new members only. (Revised 5/7/2002, 7/13/2014)

ARTICLE X
Committees

1. The President shall appoint committees of three (3) persons as follows: Constitution, Publicity, and Special Committees as may be necessary. He/she shall also appoint the Legislative Representative.

BY - LAWS
COUGAR MOUNTAIN ARCHERS
REVISED FEBRUARY 2023

1. Club meetings shall be held the first Tuesday of each month.
2. Club tournaments shall be held on the second Sunday of each month.
3. Juniors shall be accompanied by at least one adult club member.
4. Dues shall be paid by the year. (See Article 9, Paragraphs 1 and 2)
5. Club tournaments shall be shot by the NFAA handicap system.
6. Monthly shoot awards are First, Second and Third places using the NFAA handicap systems.
7. In January of each year the club will hold an installation dinner or meeting at which time the following awards will be given:
 - A) Largest deer
 - B) Most game (different species)
8. All game taken shall be reported to the Vice-President by December 1st.
9. Club members will not purchase raffle tickets at any club sponsored shoot and will not shoot at the Clubs open shoots, except as noted in paragraph 16.
10. No firearms or crossbows are to be used on the range.
11. There will be no practicing during work parties.
12. While at the range, members shall abide by the range rules set forth by this club.
13. ~~The range shall be open the public. A fee of \$10.00 per day will be collected for each archer shooting the range. Active and life members excluded. (Deleted 4/1/2003)~~
14. Life members who do not wish to be obligated will have full privileges of the range.
15. Each member shall be responsible for determining and recording their own NFAA handicap.

16. During their first year of membership, new members are eligible to shoot our invitational shoot. If a member should quit the club or let their membership expire and then rejoin Cougar Mountain Archers, they would not be eligible ~~to shoot at any invitational shoot~~ *to shoot our invitational shoot until their second consecutive year of membership.* (Revised 5/7/2002 & 2/7/2023) *Members may shoot every other year provided that the member is a member in good standing per the current bylaws and work the Saturday before the shoot. If possible, help Sunday morning before the shoot and help with cleanup after the shoot. This revision will be a three (3) year trial.* (Added 2/7/2023)
- 16a. The Board of Directors, by a 2/3 vote, may grant permission to any member to shoot any invitational shoot based on a case-by-case petition to the Board. (Added 5/7/2002)
17. The club shall reimburse each officer for their annual CBH/NFAA dues. As these dues become due at unscheduled times, it will be the individual officer's responsibility to notify the treasure for their reimbursement. (Added July 1999, Revised February 2012)