

## **Constitution and By-Laws**

### **ARTICLE I**

The name of the organization shall be:  
Joliet Archery Club

### **ARTICLE II**

- A. The purpose of the Joliet Archery Club shall be:
1. To foster, expand, and perpetuate the practice of archery.
  2. To encourage the use of the bow in hunting of all legal game.
  3. To cooperate with the National Field Archery Association, Illinois Archery Association, Archery Shooters Association, and International Bowhunting Organization in securing better hunting privileges and conditions for bow hunters.
  4. To inculcate the sound principles of conservation (protecting and developing Illinois resources in woods, waters, game, and wildlife - the term 'wildlife' now having the accepted meaning embracing fishes, mammals, birds, and the related association of fields, forests, and waters).
  5. To prevent waste and destruction of our game, fish, and other species of wildlife.
  6. To contribute to the codification and enforcement of game laws and regulations for sanitation and the prevention of pollution of our waters.
  7. To further conservation measures of the state.
  8. To maintain archery field courses and conduct tournaments in accordance with the rules of the National Field Archery Association wherever practicable.
  9. To promote the spirit of good fellowship among archers.

### **ARTICLE III COLORS**

- A. The colors of this organization shall be black and red.

### **ARTICLE IV**

- A. The emblem of this organization shall be a red griffin holding arrows on a black background with a banner over the top with "Joliet" and the lettering under the griffin with the words "Archery Club".

## **ARTICLE V**

- A. The Board will consist of a minimum of seven (7) members. The outgoing President will automatically become a member of the Board and serve for a term of one (1) year on the Board after they have completed their term.
1. The Board will consist of seven (7) elected officers and no more that than five (5) appointed Directors.
  2. The Board shall meet upon the call of the President or any three members on any occasion other than regularly scheduled Board meetings, subject to prior notice. Board members are required to attend at least 75% of all board meetings.
  3. There shall be a minimum of eight (8) Board meetings per year. A majority vote shall rule at all times at any regular or special meeting provided there is a quorum. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum. Board members should notify the President of the Board prior to the Board meeting if they will be unable to attend.
  4. The Board shall cause an audit to be made of the financial records of the Club annually. The Board can request an audit at any time.
  5. Management of the Club shall be entrusted to the Board consisting of seven (7) officers. The officers shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Chairman, Range Officer, and Membership Chairman.
  6. The Board shall from time to time make such rules and regulations for governing this Club as it shall deem expedient. All matters not provided for in the Constitution or By-Laws shall be controlled by the Board.
  7. The Board shall be accountable to the membership and shall follow the direction of the membership as dictated in votes held at the bi-annual membership meeting, providing the motion is not contradictory to the Constitution or By-Laws.
  8. The Board will have the authority to negotiate any contracts with organizations, clubs, etc. for the use of the club facilities.

## **ARTICLE VI**

A. The organization shall have the following elected officers:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Membership Chairman
6. Tournament Chairman
7. Range Officer

B. Officers:

1. The elected officers of this Club shall be elected to hold offices for the term of two (2) year or until their respective successors are installed.
2. The President shall be the chief executive officer of this Club. It shall be his duty to preside at all meetings of the Club and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertains to this office.
3. The Vice-President shall assume all duties of the President in his absence.

C. Elections:

1. The Board shall appoint a nominating committee by the July meeting. The nominating committee shall submit its recommendations for all offices and vacancies at the September meeting. The nominating committee shall select only one member for each elective office. Additional nominations shall be accepted from the floor at the annual membership meeting in September.
2. All elected offices with more than one nominee shall be filled by mail vote. Votes should be returned prior to the October board meeting. A majority of votes from the returned ballots of the Club members will determine the elected officers. Officers shall be placed in office at the January meeting.
3. One vote per family membership.
4. To be eligible to run for President or Vice President a member must serve a minimum of 2 consecutive years as an Officer on the JAC Board. The terms must be within the last 5 years, this is a rolling calendar.

**ARTICLE VII  
MEMBERSHIP**

- A. The number of members in the organization shall be governed by the Board.
- B. Steps for accepting new members:
  - 1. Completed application and fees must be submitted to the Membership Chairman.
- C. Membership Classifications:
  - 1. Family
  - 2. Honorary
- D. Active membership shall be for one (1) fiscal year.
- E. A new member must pay the normal membership fees, plus an additional initiation fee as set by the Board.

**ARTICLE VIII  
FEES AND DUES**

- A. The membership fee shall be fixed by the Board with prior notice.
- B. Target and tournament fees shall be fixed by the Board.

**ARTICLE IX  
GUEST PARTICIPATION**

- A. A 'shooting' visitor may be a guest of any member of the Club but is limited to three (3) visits to Joliet Archery Club. All visitors must be accompanied by their host. After (3) visits, a non-member must join the club to continue using JAC facilities. Prior members cannot use the visitor pass without JAC Board Approval. The only exception to this rule will be participation in scheduled invitational tournaments and social functions.

**ARTICLE X  
FAILURE TO PAY DUES**

- A. Annual membership dues date shall be April 1st. Any member failing to pay his or her dues prior to the May board meeting shall lose his or her seniority. After a termination of his or her membership in this way, reinstatement will consist of payment of the initiation fee plus the prorated membership fee.
  - 1. Any person who is unable to comply with the above paragraph must contact the Membership Chairman prior to the dues date. Otherwise the initiation fee will be charged.

## **ARTICLE XI EXPULSION FROM MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Any member who, by his or her conduct, violates any of the rules of this Club may be expelled from membership by a majority vote of the Board, provided the individual has been given a reasonable notice of the proposed action, and is given an opportunity to be heard before the Board. (The Board will determine what will constitute a reasonable time).
- B. Any member who gives the combination to the Joliet Archery Club to a non-member shall be subject to expulsion by the Board.
- C. Any member who is expelled from the Club. An expelled member must come before the board to re-join the club. A majority vote, to allow reinstatement, must be taken before they can re-join JAC.

## **ARTICLE XII RULES**

- A. No contributions shall be solicited at any meeting of the Club unless authorized by the Board.
- B. Since the policy of this Club is non-political and non-sectarian, no subject of a political or religious nature shall be discussed from the floor during an open meeting.
- C. NO Smoking and NO Vaping inside the clubhouse. Smoking and Vaping shall be permitted everywhere else on the property including (outdoor ranges, yard area, parking lot, etc). Discretion is advised on the outdoor ranges when conditions are extremely dry.
- D. No dogs are allowed on club property on days of shoots and or special events.
- E. Dogs are not allowed in Clubhouse.
- F. Hunting is NOT allowed on club property, surrounding park, or forest preserve district properties.
- G. Broadheads, Practice Broadheads and Broadhead tipped arrows are PROHIBITED being shot on ALL ranges and only permitted at the designated Broadhead target areas outdoors.
- H. Broadheads, Practice Broadheads and Broadhead tipped arrows are always PROHIBITED inside clubhouse.
- I. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the club property.
- J. Do not give out the combination for the clubhouse door or main gate to non-members.
- K. All vehicles must display the Joliet Archery Club membership and expiration stickers.
- L. Guests are allowed only if accompanied by a member. They are expected to join JAC after their third visit. All guest vehicles must display the members guest badge. Invitational and open to public shoots, such as club 3D shoots, are NOT considered as a guest visit.
- M. Keep the indoor and outdoor ranges clean. No littering on any range or club property. Pick up after yourselves.
- N. Turn off all heaters and lights before leaving the clubhouse
- O. Do not remove any club property without the JAC Board of Directors approval.
- P. Members wishing to shoot at 20 yards have priority over other distances on the indoor range.
- Q. Close and lock the main gate if you are the last person to leave the property at any time.

- R. Crossbows can shoot on all ranges, But you must use your own bag target. Crossbows are not allowed to shoot at JAC targets and target bails. The only exception is, they can be shot into the designated Broadhead/Crossbow target range target.

**ARTICLE XIII  
DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS**

- A. The Board will approve all bills, either as a reoccurring payment or single disbursement. Reoccurring payments, once authorized by the Board, will not be reviewed at the monthly Board meetings unless the rates have increased.

**ARTICLE XIV  
TERMINATION OF CLUB ACTIVITY**

- A. As a non-profit organization, if the property is reclaimed by the Joliet Park District, the Board will initiate a vote to continue in another location.
- B. If the general membership votes to discontinue the organization, all money in the Treasury and money received by sale of property shall be donated to another non- profit organization recognized by the tax guidelines.

**ARTICLE XV  
QUORUMS**

- A. Fifteen (15) voting members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any bi-annual general meeting.

**ARTICLE XVI  
AMENDMENT**

- A. All proposed amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws will be submitted to a Constitution Committee. The Committee will be appointed by the Board and subject to the approval by the Board. The Committee will consist of as many members as is deemed necessary. The findings of this Committee will be given to the Board for their review and action.

**ARTICLE XVII  
DISBANDING**

- A. At no time will Joliet Archery Club and its properties be disbanded without first having made a reasonable attempt to locate a suitable area to carry on the Club functions. The time involved to carry out such a search shall be in accordance with corporate law.