

SUFFOLK ARCHERS INC. CONSTITUTION

Effective Date: January 1, 2020

ARTICLE I

1. The name of this organization shall be Suffolk Archers, Inc.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

1. The purpose of this organization shall be to foster, expand, and perpetuate the practice of archery in the spirit of good fellowship among archers, to encourage the use of the bow in all legal game hunting, to maintain a field archery course, and to cooperate with other organizations to improve the sport of archery.

ARTICLE III - Membership

1. Active membership shall be granted to anyone who has attained his/her 18th birthday, upon application and payment of established fees and/or dues, upon approval of the Board of Directors, and in conformance with the By-Laws relating to membership.
 - 1a. In the event a proposal or proposition comes before the Board of Directors and Club membership affecting the land assets of the Club, new members shall be admitted on an associate basis without voting privileges until the resolution affecting Club land assets is reached.
2. There may be an honorary membership bestowed in recognition of outstanding service to this corporation. Candidates for honorary membership can be nominated by any member and requires the approval of the majority of the general membership that casts a vote. The Board of Directors shall set terms for honorary membership.
3. Membership shall be limited to 500 primary memberships.
4. There is a Suffolk Archers, Inc Hall of Fame, selection to which shall be made by the Board of Directors. Any individual chosen shall be one who has furthered the sport of archery both in and outside of Suffolk Archers, Inc.; who has served in official capacity; who has been a member in good standing for at least five years; and who works consistently for the betterment of the club, its members, and archery. Hall of Fame members are granted lifetime dues relief. Upon the death of such members dues relief ends. Membership shall transfer in accordance with Article I, paragraphs 5c and 5d of the By-Laws.

Article IV - Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and five Board members. One Board member shall be designated as a two year Board member by the Board of Directors.
2. The Board of Directors shall control and manage the activities, policies, and property of the corporation.
3. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.
4. All vacancies of the Board or any office shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors.
5. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a month at a time and place fixed by the president.

ARTICLE V - Duties of Directors

1. Officers of the organization shall consist of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer
2. The president shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, and shall, in general, perform the duties of president incident to this office.
3. The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president if he/she is unable to act. The vice-president also oversees all committees.
4. The secretary shall keep all records of the corporation, serve all notices of meetings and, in general, have the power to perform the duties incident to this office.
5. The treasurer shall receive all monies of the corporation and make regular, written reports from accurate records kept of all receipts and disbursements and, in general, have the power to perform the duties incident to this office. The treasurer shall be required to post a fidelity bond in favor of Suffolk Archers, Inc., in amount satisfactory to the Board of Directors and the premium for the bond to be paid by Suffolk Archers, Inc, unless Board of Directors deems otherwise.

Article VI - Elections and Terms of Office

1. Once a year the membership shall elect a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and open seats on the Board of Directors.
2. The outgoing president shall serve on the Board of Directors immediately after his term of office for a period of one year. The members of the Board of Directors shall serve for a period of one year unless re-elected by the membership, except for the Board Member selected for a two-year term.
3. The nominating committee shall consist of five regular active members and shall be chosen by the Board of Directors in office. Two members of the nominating committee shall be on the current Board of Directors or shall have had prior experience as Board members of Suffolk Archers, Inc. This nominating committee shall be announced at the August general meeting.
4. The nominating committee shall make known by mail to the general membership the individuals selected to run for the Board of Directors of Suffolk Archers, Inc. Mailing must be done no earlier than five weeks or no less than two weeks prior to the scheduled election night. Mailing shall include at least one member for each position on the Board of Directors with that member being allowed to run for only one elected office during the calendar year.
5. Nomination for members of the Board of Directors shall be presented to the membership at a general meeting held in the month of October. The president shall accept nominations from both the nominating committee and the floor. In carrying out the elections at the December meeting, the president shall appoint at least two members to act as an election committee to count the ballots under the supervision of the secretary.
6. The president shall not serve more than two consecutive years in office.

ARTICLE VII - Dues and Fees

1. The membership dues for this corporation shall be fixed by the By-laws
2. The Board of Directors shall fix tournament and guest fees.
3. All members of the Board of Directors shall receive full dues relief providing they attend 70 percent of club meetings.

ARTICLE VIII - Fiscal Year

1. The fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December 31 each year.

ARTICLE IX - Tournaments

1. There shall be an annual tournament to determine the field archery championships of the organization. Other tournaments to be determined by the Board of Directors.
2. All championship tournaments shall be in accordance with the rules of the National Field Archery Association.
3. The Board of Directors shall determine the rules for the conduct of tournaments and making awards.

ARTICLE X – Amendments

1. This Constitution may be amended by using the procedures outlined in Suffolk Archers, Inc. By-Laws Article V, paragraphs 1,2,3,4, and 5

ARTICLE XI - Effective Date

Amendments to the Constitution have become effective on March 1, 1959, January 1, 1962, April 20, 1965, January 1, 1988, April 11, 2001 and January 1, 2010. The current amended date of the Constitution is January 1, 2020.