

PROPOSALS

Read through the proposals below then if you wish to make a vote on any of these, please do either by completing the postal form or by visiting the NFAS website where you can use the eVoting link.

There was quite a big discussion at the AGM regarding MOTION F. Bradley did an excellent job of presenting it, answering all the questions raised. This motion has also been discussed at great length on the Facebook page where, from what I read, the main criticism seems to be either that we don't need another style or that it is too similar to HT or BB classes.

I like to think that the NFAS and its members would be welcoming to all forms of archery. We have in recent years seen the introduction of the Primitive class and I remember at the time there were similar comments made about that proposal. But a few years on, it has become a well attended class with some close competition which those archers seem to revel in.

I am also told that when Compound Limited was proposed, there were again comments of a similar nature. Compound Limited has seen a decline recently but it is not that long ago that it was a hugely attended and close fought class.

I personally think that it would be a shame that this proposed class loses votes because members can't have an open mind to new styles. Both PV and CL are now part and parcel of the NFAS, I don't see a reason why Traditional Bowhunter could not be the same in a few years.

It's your vote, it affects all of the society.

Malcolm Arnott, General Secretary

MOTION A

Change all reference of "2014" to "2018"

"The rules below are current from 1st April 2018 and may be subsequently changes following the procedures set out in the NFAS Constitution."

Pages 2, 10 & 21

Additional comments - None

Proposed by: NFAS Committee

Supported by: NFAS Committee

MOTION B

This proposal is to tidy up where "should" has been use instead of "must";

Page 4, Rule 8

Scoring arrows must not be touched by any archer until every score has been recorded for all archers in the group. The only exception is if another arrow needs to be removed before the score of an arrow can be determined. The removal of an arrow can only be done with the consent of all the scorers.

Page 5, Rule 16

All arrows must be marked to show the order of shooting (first, second and third) by having rings or other markings that are visible from all angles to scorers.

Page 13, Rule 15d

On hearing the emergency signal, any other persons on the shooting site (such as caterers, trade stalls etc) must stay where they are until told otherwise by the shoot organiser or a marshal.

Page 14, Rule 16

No one must be on an NFAS course under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Archers must not be under the influence of any medication which causes drowsiness whilst shooting. Advice can be sought from a medical practitioner or pharmacist if there is any uncertainty about whether an medication affects an archer's ability to shoot safely.

Page 14, Rule 17

The NFAS Child and Vulnerable Person Policy is available to ALL members on the NFAS website (www.nfas.net). It is the responsibility of parents/guardians, shoot organisers and clubs to ensure that the policy is followed. Any person coaching or involved in coaching must hold a current DBS (previously CRB) Certificate. This is available at dbs@nfas.net.

Additional comments - None

Proposed by: NFAS Committee

Supported by: NFAS Committee

MOTION C

Page 41, Governance rule 2.3

Change

“The membership of all shooting members is provisional until they are certified as competent to shoot by an NFAS Coach, a NFAS club official or a member of the NFAS General committee and registered as such by the membership secretary”

to

“The membership of all shooting members is provisional until they are certified as competent to shoot by an NFAS Coach or Sign off Appointee and registered as such with the membership secretary / DBS Administrator.”

This is to bring it into line with the current sign off procedure.

Additional comments - None

Proposed by: NFAS Committee

Supported by: NFAS Committee

MOTION D

Add the statement on inside front cover

“It is NFAS' members responsibility to ensure ALL equipment used complies with current NFAS rules.”

to SHOOTING STYLE RULES – 2014 before the first paragraph.

Additional comments - None

Proposed by: NFAS Committee

Supported by: NFAS Committee

MOTION E

Creation of Guidance/Advice.

Pages 16, 17, 19 & 20 contain lettered guidance from a to v which looks confusing and untidy. Guidance is not a rule and therefore does not belong amongst rules. To make this clearer it is proposed that these references removed from their current location and moved to a new section after Page 49, 9. Insurance but before the Amendments pages. These guidelines would be renumbered G1 – G22. Where they are removed from, a statement “See guidance section” would be put in each place for reference.

Additional comments - None

Proposed by: NFAS Committee

Supported by: NFAS Committee

MOTION F

2017 AGM PROPOSALS: PROPOSAL TO AMEND, ADD OR DELETE AND NFAS RULE.

A. Which section of the rules (i.e. Safety Rules, Constitution etc) does your proposal apply to? If you are proposing changing any of the bow class rules, please indicate which one. (i.e. Hunting Tackle, all bow classes).

Shooting Styles

B. What number rule is your proposal amending or replacing? OR Please indicate if you are proposing an entirely new rule or to remove an entire rule:

New Rule – Traditional Bowhunter

C. The exact words of your proposal:

A bow of any draw-weight, but not a compound bow or crossbow, may be used. The bow may be of one-piece construction, or a 2 or 3-piece takedown. The Arrow must be shot from the bow shelf or hand, no sight, rest, or button of any description can be used. Only one nocking position is permitted (which may be indicated by nocking points both above and below the arrow). No other knots or attachments in addition to the string serving (excluding silencers), that could be used for sighting or location purposes, are allowed. One anchor point must be maintained throughout the shoot with the index finger on the nock, be it split finger or 3 under or thumb loose. Face walking and string walking are not permitted. No draw-checks of any kind are permitted. No internal or external stabilisers are allowed (this does not include bow quivers that attach to the side of the riser, be it by bolts or limb grippers). No form of release aid is permitted. No deliberate marks can be added to the bow or arrow that can be used for aiming. Arrows shafts must be of non-wooden and non-bamboo materials, fletched with natural feather. The handle may incorporate a cut-away of any depth to provide an arrow-shelf. The shelf, and where the shelf meets the inside of the sight window, may have a protective cover, for example, felt, fur, feather etc. Olympic recurves that have been altered to shoot from the shelf are permitted, but all attachments such as clicker screws and additional bolts/screws that are not required MUST be removed.

D. What are the benefits of your new proposal? (Max 100 words)

With this style of shooting increasing in popularity, it separates from barebow making it more accessible.

E. Are there any issues that need to be overcome for your proposal to be effectively enforced?

No

F. Will your proposed change require any changes to other rules to work properly? If so please complete another proposal/s to amend/delete other rules.

No

G. Will the proposal require additional funding? If yes, please give details.

Yes. Trophies for both Champs will be needed. This is estimated at £150 for each Champs with a further £30 at the National Champs should a team entry be submitted.

H. Will the proposal require additional people or resources to implement or police? If yes, please give details.

No

I. Is the proposer (s) willing to provide resources for the proposal if required (e.g. 3Ds / Nationals)?

N/A

J. Each proposal requires signatures of the proposer AND four supporters. For a change to the Constitution actual signatures of 50 members are required.

PROPOSED BY: JIM (GRIZZLY) KENT
CLUB: FORREST OF ARDEN BOWMEN
BOW CLASS: BAREBOW
SUPPORTED BY #1: ROBERT COOK
CLUB: LYME VALLEY
BOW CLASS: BAREBOW
SUPPORTED BY #2: MATHEW O'CONNELL
CLUB: WINDRUSH
BOW CLASS: BAREBOW
SUPPORTED BY #3: JAMES TURNER
CLUB: FORREST OF ARDEN BOWMEN
BOW CLASS: BAREBOW
SUPPORTED BY #4: BRADLEY HUNT
CLUB: HARLEQUIN BOWHUNTERS
BOW CLASS: BAREBOW/HT/CUL/AFB