

# CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS OF GATOR BOWMEN, INC.

## CONSTITUTION

### NAME

The name of this organization shall be “Gator Bowmen, Inc.”, henceforth referred to as GB. It shall be affiliated with the Florida Archery Association (FAA) and the National Field Archery Association (NFAA).

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the GB shall be:

- A. To safely promote and foster field archery, target archery, bowhunting, and the other varied activities in which archery can be incorporated.
- B. To cooperate with the federal and state governments in the propagation and conservation of game in its natural habitat with sportsmen and conservation officials.
- C. To maintain an archery field course and conduct tournaments in accordance with the rules of the FAA and the NFAA.
- D. To create and promote fellowship.

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership in GB shall require membership in a national archery organization and its state affiliate. In order to join GB, you will be required to:

- A. Pay current fees and dues as set forth in the By-Laws unless there is an amendment pending.
- B. Read and understand the Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules of GB.

### OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

The Board of Directors shall carry the executive power of the organization. It shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Range Captain, and 3-D Range Captain.

- A. The term of each officer and board member shall be one year. Election of officers shall be held at the September club meeting. Nominations for office will be made at the August club meeting. A simple majority of members present at the September meeting will elect the officers who will assume office as of 1 October.
- B. The term of an officer or director may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or for non-payment of dues. Any director missing three (3) consecutive meetings, either regular or called, may have his term terminated. The President may excuse members at his/her discretion.

## MEETINGS

The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of four (4) times per year. A quorum shall be three (3) voting members of the Board of Directors. The President or a quorum of the Board of Directors shall be able to call a special meeting if necessary. All meetings will be conducted with "Roberts Rules of Order" as a guideline.

## RESPONSIBILITY

Each archer is responsible for all of his/her conduct at any archery tournament or other activity sponsored in whole or in part by GB. This responsibility is to apply especially with regards to any accident(s) caused by an archer's bow and arrows. Each archer of GB must be required to abide by the Safety Rules set forth by the National Archery Association (NAA), NFAA, and the FAA as well as by the hunting rules and regulations of the State of Florida and the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

## ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

To alter, amend, add to, or eliminate any part of this Constitution; it shall be necessary for the membership to receive a written copy of the proposed change at least thirty (30) days prior to a Constitutional meeting. To alter, amend, add to, or eliminate any part of this Constitution requires a 2/3 vote of the membership present.

## FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the GB shall be 1 October through 30 September.

## **BY-LAWS**

### SYMBOLISM

The official colors of GB shall be Orange and Blue.

### DUES AND MEMBERSHIP

Membership fee for GB shall be:

- A. Single GB membership fee shall be \$10.00 plus either current FAA/NFAA, FAA/NAA, Archery Shooters Association (ASA), or International Bowhunting Association (IBO) dues.
- B. Dependent membership in GB shall be free so long as the first member of family's membership is current and either FAA/NFAA, FAA/NAA, ASA, or IBO dues are current.
- C. The Board of Directors may present life Membership in GB for outstanding service to the club. This membership shall be active so long as either FAA/NFAA, FAA/NAA, ASA, or IBO dues are current. With lapsed national/state dues, this membership may participate in club activities only.

## DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The main powers of the Board of Directors shall be to control and manage the activities, policies, and property of GB. The Board may, after a proper hearing, recommend to the membership the expulsion or resignation of any officer or board member found guilty of not performing his/her duties in the best interests of the club.

- A. To remove any officer of GB, the Board of Directors must vote unanimously (excluding the vote of the officer in question). The Board must then direct the Secretary to issue a majority vote of the membership, to be turned in within thirty (30) days. If passed, the vacancy will be filled accordingly.
- B. **PRESIDENT:** The President shall preside over all meetings of GB. He/she shall appoint all committees, remove appointments, relieve over worked committees as he/she sees fit, and act as 'ex-officio' of all committees. He/she shall perform the duties relative to his/her office; and he/she shall represent GB in all matters dealing with the FAA and the NFAA.
- C. **VICE-PRESIDENT:** The Vice-President shall act for the President, either individually or collectively, whenever designated by the President. The Vice-President shall actively aid the President in promoting and fostering all GB, FAA, and NFAA activities.
- D. **SECRETARY:** The Secretary's duties shall be to keep minutes of all the meetings, order of business and all club records; perform all secretarial duties, and keep on file all permanent records to be made available at any given time to authorized persons. He/she shall contact the membership for GB, and he/she shall put out the club newsletter. He/she shall handle all club correspondence and be responsible for publicity for GB.
- E. **TRESURER:** The Treasurer shall keep, in ledger form, an accurate account of all moneys of the club, pay all bills, and keep a petty cash fund, a checking account, and an interest earning account. He/she shall submit a quarterly financial statement, be authorized to sign on all GB accounts, and act as membership chairperson for GB.
- F. **RANGE CAPTAIN:** The Range Captains are responsible for maintaining the range and making sure it is in top condition at all times. They shall maintain a sufficient supply of targets to keep shootable ones on the field at all times and have the targets for all shoots and put them on the course on the day of the shoot. They shall have the authority to close the range in the event they feel an emergency work party is necessary. A sign will be posted at the range according to the nature of the emergency. They shall have the authority to settle any disputes in scoring or rules interpretation with the aid of the Tournament Chairperson.

## WORK RESPONSIBILITY

Each and every member is responsible to do his/her share to keep up the range and help with all club activities.

## ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

To alter, amend, add to, or eliminate any part of these By-Laws, it shall be necessary that the membership receive a written copy of the proposed change prior to a club meeting. To later amend, add to, or eliminate any part of these By-Laws requires a 2/3 vote of the membership present. Supplement for all By-Laws and Constitution changes to be published in the club newsletter prior to the meeting.

## **STANDING RULES**

### RANGE MAINTENANCE

- A. Targets, pavilion areas, and practice areas will be assigned to specific members of the club for the purpose of maintenance.
- B. The Range Captains will have the responsibility of assigning areas to club members to maintain in the condition specified by the club.
- C. Work may be done at any time the members have to spare, but the area must be in top condition for all shoots.
- D. The Range Captains will evaluate the areas and report to the Board of Directors any areas that are not being maintained properly.

### WORK PARTIES

The Range Captains and/or Board of Directors shall call Work parties if the need arises.

### RANGE SAFETY

- A. Always leave one member of the group or some other warning of your presence if you are behind a target. Example: Leave bow in front of the target butt.
- B. Never release an arrow when you can't see where it will land. Never "flight shoot" an arrow in the woods. Never shoot straight up in the air.
- C. Never shoot a Broken Arrow. Inspect them as you retrieve them.
- D. Remember...at all times a bow is a deadly weapon, just like a gun. Treat it as such.
- E. Never demonstrate your skill by using a person as a target or permitting another to hold an object at which you shoot.
- F. Never handle or draw another's bow without permission.
- G. Protect your sport by being careful and sure when you shoot.
- H. Never run with bow and/or arrows.

### RANGE RULES

- A. Littering is prohibited! Please use refuse cans.
- B. No bottles on the range.
- C. Don't molest the animals or plants.
- D. If possible, use the practice areas to sight in and practice.

- E. No shooting of blunts or broadheads on the range at any time or place except the broadhead sand pits.
- F. No bows in excess of 80 pounds pull are allowed on the range.
- G. No firearms or crossbows are allowed on the range.
- H. No ungentlemanly or unladylike behavior on the range.
- I. No drugs or alcohol of any kind will be allowed on the range.

#### GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES

- A. NFAA rules will be followed unless otherwise specified.
- B. No one family shall compose a shooting group.
- C. Any equipment deemed unsafe by the Range Captains will not be permitted on the course.
- D. No practice on the course on the day of a shoot.
- E. No shooting at anything but designated targets on the range.
- F. The shoot begins with the sounding of a device.

#### ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING CLUB RULES

To alter, amend, add to, or delete any art of these standing rules requires a 2/3 vote of membership present at any club meeting.

#### DISPOSITION OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION

In the event the club shall cease to exist as an archery club; any and all assets, land, equipment, bows, targets, butts, etc. Which have been bought and or donated to the club shall be assigned by the proper officers of the club and at the director of the Board of Directors, to any club, educational, charitable, or non-profit organization. It is the specific intention that the members of this club shall in no way profit from their membership.