



ROCHESTER ARCHERY CLUB

PO Box 6701, Rochester, Minnesota 55903-6701

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The rules and regulations, herein set forth, can be amended by a vote of 2/3rds majority of the members present at any meeting scheduled by notifying all members of the Rochester Archery Club either by mail, electronic mail or by telephone at least 3 days in advance of such meeting.
2. The purpose of this association shall be to foster, expand and perpetuate the practice of 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 strive to secure better hunting privileges and conditions for bow hunters. To cooperate with all conservation organizations in the propagation and conservation of game and to maintain a field course and conduct field tournaments and games.
3. Anyone of good moral character sincerely interested in archery and capable of abiding by all rules and regulations is eligible for membership in the Rochester Archery Club provided that he or she has fully completed a membership application..
4. Any member conducting himself in such a manner as to reflect unfavorable upon the Rochester Archery Club, bowhunting or archery in general may be expelled by 2/3rds majority vote of the Board of Directors or 2/3rds majority vote of the entire club membership if any member objects to the Board's recommendation of expulsion. Reinstatement of membership may be granted to expelled members after a period of suspension deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.
5. In order to have a vote in any club function the club member shall have attained the age of 18. Members must be 18 to have the privilege of holding an office.
6. The amount paid for dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors prior to January 1st each year, and shall consist of the following categories;
Annual Youth Single Membership up to 18th birthday,
Annual Adult Single Membership,
Annual Family Membership for all up to 18th birthday, and dependent children up to age 26 if they are in a post-secondary education program.
The Board of Directors may also offer Paid Lifetime Single Membership, and/or Paid Lifetime Couple Membership at anytime that they feel that it is in the clubs best interest.
7. Renewing membership dues shall be payable at the beginning April 1st of each year. A renewal notice and membership renewal form will be contained in the January newsletter. Reminders will be posted on the Rochester Archery Club website and contained in the February and March newsletters. Members that have not paid their dues by April 1st will receive a renewal reminder. Any renewing member that has not paid annual dues by April 30th will be dropped from the club's roster and club activities, but may be reinstated thereafter provided the full years dues are paid.
8. Club Meetings shall be held the 1st Wednesday of each month unless there is a conflict with holidays in which case the meeting shall be held the 2nd Wednesday of that month. Meeting times and locations shall be set by the board in advance and notification of these meetings shall be mailed no less than 3 days prior to the meeting.

9. Board of Directors shall consist of nine elected directors. The elected directors shall serve a 3 year term; said term to be arranged so that three directors shall be elected each year at the annual March meeting. Nominations of Directors shall be made from the floor at the February meeting and election of these directors will be determined by the use of electronic mail, or mail ballots sent out to all eligible voting members by February 22nd. These ballots must be returned either by electronic mail, mail or in person to the club Secretary by the March meeting to be counted. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected as directors and in case of a tie, ballots shall be taken from those eligible voting members actually present at the March meeting to make a final determination.
 - A. The Board of Directors shall guide and manage the activities, policies and property of the Rochester Archery Club and board recommendations and decisions shall be reviewed at each following club meeting.
 - B. At any meeting of the Board, five members of the board shall constitute a quorum.
 - C. All vacancies of the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors.
 - D. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a month at a time and place fixed by the Board.
 - E. Any Board member will be dismissed from the Board of Directors of the Club if he misses three consecutive Board meetings.
10. The first order of business for the board of directors at the first meeting following the March election shall be to determine which of the nine directors will serve as President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer for the next twelve months.
 - A. The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees and publicity chairman, and shall in general perform the duties incident to his office.
 - B. The Vice-president shall perform the duties of the President if he is unable to act; in addition the Vice-president will be in charge of organizing all demonstrations and archery instructions.
 - C. The Secretary shall keep all records of the Rochester Archery Club, serve all notices of meetings, conduct all correspondence, and present a written report of monthly meetings, and in general perform all duties incident to his or her office.
 - D. The Treasurer shall receive all money of the Rochester Archery Club. They will keep accurate records of the receipts and disbursements and make a monthly written report at the monthly meetings, and in general perform the duties incident to his or her office.
11. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Field Captain. The duties of the Field Captain shall be to direct and supervise maintenance of the field range, and grounds, to keep accurate records of all field range equipment and supplies, and to see that all butts and target faces are in good shoot-able condition throughout the spring and summer season. The Field Captain is empowered to make purchases of any necessary supplies or equipment with the approval of the club treasurer up to an amount of \$150.00 for any one order and the Board of Directors shall approve purchases in excess of \$150.00.
12. Big Game awards rule and regulation are as follows.
 - A. Eligibility for any game award.
 1. To be eligible for any game awards, the Pope and Young Fair Chase Rules must be abided by all Rochester Archery Club members.
 2. To be eligible for any individual or roving Big Game trophy the animal must be legally shot, and tagged with the tag issued to the individual claiming the trophy.
 3. One of the following verification requirements for game awards must be met and submitted in writing to Big Game Awards Chairman, a club officer, or a member of the Board of Directors.
 - (a) transportation tag
 - (b) visual sight of legal registration by a club officer or two Rochester Archery Club members.
 - (c) name of registrar; a state conservation officer or any law officer verifying legal registration of animal taken.

4. The Board of Directors shall determine the type awards to be made each year to successful club members; the approximate cost of the awards and the supplier from whom the awards will be purchased. This information will be established no later than the December board meeting and then will be brought to the January club meeting to be approved.
5. One trophy will be awarded for each of all Big Game species; such as deer, bear, elk, moose, antelope, turkey and wolf.
6. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to investigate and verify any kill, or resolve any question as to whether any given animal taken by bow and arrow is eligible for a big game award or any other award.

B. Big Buck Roving Trophy;

1. The same requirements apply to both the big game awards and big buck awards.
2. The big buck roving trophy will be awarded to any member on an annual basis. The recipient will retain this trophy until a member takes an eligible buck in any successive year.
3. An eligible buck may be a mule deer, blacktail deer, coues deer or whitetail deer having antlers measuring 3" or more per side. The Big Game Awards Chairman or his assistant must score the antlers by January 15th after the current season. The one that exceeds the Pope and Young minimum by the greatest amount wins.

C. Big Bear Roving Trophy;

1. The same requirements apply to both the big game awards and big bear awards.
2. The big bear roving trophy will be awarded to any member on an annual basis. The recipient will retain this trophy until member takes an eligible bear in any successive year.
3. Any legal bear is eligible for the big bear award. The Big Game Awards Chairman or his assistant must score the skull by January 15th after the current season. The one that exceeds the Pope and Young minimum the by the greatest amount wins.

D. Big Gobbler Roving Trophy;

1. The same requirements apply to both the big game awards and big Gobbler awards.
2. The big Gobbler roving trophy will be awarded to any member on an annual basis. The recipient will retain this trophy until a member takes an eligible Gobbler in any successive year.
3. Any legal Gobbler is eligible for the big Gobbler Award. The club Turkey score sheet must be completed and submitted by January 15th after the current season. The turkey with the greatest score wins.

13. Small Game awards will be given for the following small game; fox, coyote, raccoon, Canadian lynx, pheasant, bobcat, and javelina.

14. Lifetime membership:

- A. Any Rochester Archery Club member who has a minimum of 25 years of membership and is 65 years of age or older shall be awarded a vested lifetime membership.
- B. The Board of Directors may award lifetime memberships under other conditions with a 2/3rd majority vote of approval of members present at any regular club meeting.

15. Any club member in the military service for not more than four years shall have free membership and benefits as if he were an active club member.

16. The Executive Secretary is a special position, appointed by the Board of Directors. It is not a voting position on Board of directors, but it is hoped that the person would attend board meetings on a regular basis. This person will be familiar with the operations of the Rochester Archery Club. They will store the permanent records and archives, assist and instruct the treasurer and secretary, have their name on the signature cards at the bank for all accounts and be available for members to contact for problem resolution.
17. The Rochester Archery Club property shall not be used as collateral for any loan or financial obligation.
18. Crossbows will not be allowed on Rochester Archery Club property except for special events with board approval.
19. Firearms will not be allowed on Rochester Archery Club property for recreational purposes.

Amendments Added and Retyped:

06/15/1965	03/03/1971	03/15/1972	07/24/1974
01/24/1977	03/07/1979	03/16/1982	05/04/1983
07/06/1985	04/01/1987	05/01/1987	03/17/1988
08/17/1988	12/02/1991	03/02/1994	09/02/1996
07/02/1997	01/01/2000	03/06/2002	04/03/2003
12/03/2003	04/05/2006	12/8/2014	12/02/2015
05/16/2019	08/05/2020		