



State Archery Association of Massachusetts J.O.A.D. Newsletter



What is the JOAD Newsletter?

Ever wonder what is going in with other JOAD clubs in Massachusetts? Here is your chance!

This newsletter is to bring together JOAD clubs, archers, coaches, and parents from across Massachusetts. Here you will also find updates from USA Archery, reminders for JOAD kids & parents, upcoming tournaments, tips & tricks to earn your next pin, & so much more!!!

Upcoming Tournaments

February 10-11, 2018
Indoor Nationals Warm-up
Located at Buckley Family Archery

February 23-25, 2018
49th U.S. National & 2018 JOAD Indoor National Championship
Hosted by S.A.A.M. located at Tantasqua High School

March 9-11, 2018
10th Annual Indoor Archer's Cup
Located at Ace Archers

**SAAM is now
holding their 1st
JOAD Virtual
Tournament!!!**

**January 15, 2018
to
March 31, 2018**

**See website for
more details...**



How to prepare for your first tournament...

Going to your first archery tournament can be an overwhelming experience. You're nervous, you only know your teammates, and you have to call and score arrows. There are also lots of rules to learn before a tournament. Here are a few tips to get you through your first tournament:

- Have a practice night at your club scoring & calling arrows (don't forget to use the timing system)
- Tell the judge this is your first tournament and they will explain all the rules and timing system
- Make friends! The best part of archery is the people you get to meet from all over. You'll see the same people at every tournament and it makes the experience that much more fun!
- You're not going to have a perfect day. Be ready for that. It's your first tournament and there are going to be some ups and downs!
- Ask for help! Anyone you ask will be happy to help!

Are you ready for the 49th U.S. National & 2018 JOAD Indoor National Championship???



Nationals is right around the corner, can you believe it? If you're a seasoned pro or if this is your first Nationals there are several things you can do to get ready.

First things first, have you signed up? If not, log onto massarchery.org and you'll find a registration link right on the home page! Warning: there are waitlists on some shooting times. Also, don't forget to book your hotel room!

Don't forget to practice on those vertical 3 spots. Please note that there will not be triangle 3-spots at any locations.

Good Sportsmanship

While tournaments can be stressful, remember to bring your best self. Good sportsmanship can make or break a tournament for you and your fellow archers. Remember to be courteous, friendly, and helpful on and off the line.

The Judges
are cracking
down!!!

Safety in Archery

"AKA" Sky draw & Blind draw

When drawing back the string of his or her bow, an athlete must not use any technique which, in the opinion of the judges, could allow the arrow, if accidentally released, to fly beyond the safety zone or safety arrangements (overshoot area, net, wall, etc.).

If an athlete persists in using such a technique, he or she will, in the interest of safety, be asked by the Chairperson of the Judges Commission and/or the Director of Shooting to stop shooting immediately and to leave the field.



DRESS CODE CORNER

Each Newsletter will highlight a section of the USA Archery Dress Code Policy!

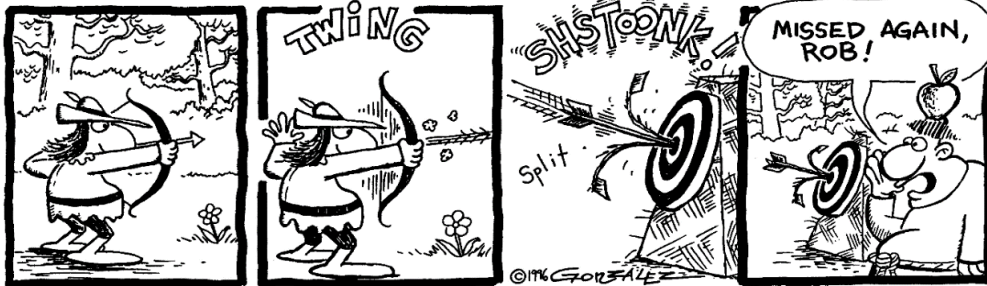
Policy #3: Shorts, skorts, and skirts must not be shorter than fingertip length while standing normally. Leggings (tight fitting/yoga type stretch pants) may be worn with compliant shorts, skorts, or skirts.



JOAD CLUB SPOTLIGHT!!!

Each Newsletter will spotlight a JOAD Club in Massachusetts. Please send an article highlighting your club and a photo. Examples include: customized pin programs, special team practices, team fundraising ideas, etc. The possibilities are endless.

Submit articles and photos to the SAAM JOAD Committee at joad@massarchery.org



Be prepared for Bow Inspection

- Keep your draw weight below 60 pounds
- Mark your initials on your arrow shafts
- Make sure your attire matches dress code
- Is your release or finger tab regulation?
- Is your arrow shaft diameter regulation?
- Don't forget to get your back up bow inspected if you have one.

SafeSport

SafeSport is a required set of three courses for all instructors, coaches, volunteers, and any other individual who has routine access to minors within a USA Archery or Club event or activity.

If you act an archer's agent, help score at tournaments, or assist at practice – this is a required course for you!

Learn more:

<https://www.safesport.org>

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