



HERTFORDSHIRE ARCHERY ASSOCIATION (“HAA”)

Chairman’s Junior Fund

Background

At one time, HAA-run tournaments would not always cover their costs from entry fees. To address such shortfalls a raffle was introduced to be held at the tournament and clubs were asked to donate two raffle prizes each. Raffle prize donations from individuals were also encouraged. In recent times, HAA-run tournaments have largely covered their costs fully from the tournament fees paid by entrants, with the raffle proceeds going into the HAA’s bank account for general usage. Since the HAA is a ‘not-for-profit’ organisation and exists for the promotion of archery within the county, it has been suggested that instead of going towards unspecified HAA expenditure, the raffle proceeds be earmarked for expenditure to assist nominated junior archers within the county. Examples of such assistance are coaching expenditure, training and equipment. Junior archers who might benefit from this must be nominated and demonstrate how they have contributed in a positive manner to archery in the county, over and above just turning up to shoot. For instance, they might help out at HAA events or give up their time to help with HAA equipment on a regular basis. Alternatively, they might be ambassadors for the HAA at elite events nationally or internationally. There may even be some hardship cases, though these are not always easy to establish.

The fund will be modest – the latest raffle in 2024 made £300, so we are not talking about substantial funds being disbursed, and of course, the level of the fund is entirely dependent on the success of the individual raffles.

Rules

- i. All proceeds from HAA-run tournament raffles are to be paid in to the HAA bank account. The HAA Treasurer is to maintain a record of those funds such that they are readily identifiable;
- ii. Nomination for awards from the fund may be made on behalf of any Junior archer who is affiliated to the HAA;
- iii. Junior archers qualify for nomination until 31st December in the year that they become 18 years of age;
- iv. Nominations for awards from the Fund are to be made by the parents/guardians of the Junior archers concerned, either directly to the HAA Secretary or to the HAA Secretary via the archer’s club, outlining the amount requested, the purpose thereof and the rationale (i.e. why the archer concerned is deserving of the award);
- v. The HAA Secretary will acknowledge nominations, forward to the Chairman for consideration and place them on the agenda of the next available HAA Committee meeting;
- vi. Nominations will be considered from time to time at HAA Committee meetings and a majority vote of the Committee will be required for approval of individual awards;

- vii. Awards may be made either for the full amount requested or for part thereof, and is subject to funds being available. In circumstances where an award cannot be fully made because of unavailability of funds, the Chairman may, in his discretion, carry over the balance sought until such time as funds become available. However, there is no obligation on the Chairman to do this;
- viii. In the event that no awards are made prior to the next tournament, the Fund will continue to grow and benefit from future tournament raffle proceeds;
- ix. It is preferable for payments from the Fund to be made directly to the supplier of the item, course, etc. but if this is not possible then payment may be made to the parent/guardian of the archer concerned, who must produce the relevant receipts to the HAA Treasurer within 30 days of the award being made. [In the event of any discrepancy or non-production of receipts the archer concerned risks being unable to shoot at future HAA events.]
- x. The balance in the Fund from time to time shall remain an asset of HAA and is not formally ringfenced;
- xi. The Fund may be wound up following a majority Committee vote on a resolution to do so, following which no further awards will be made and any balance shall be usable as part of the HAA current account.

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