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Member associations

The national World Archery Associations of Denmark, Finland, Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden will together be World Archery Nordic. WAN for short in English.

Purpose

The purpose of the union is cooperation with the overhead idea and goal to make the included nations to a higher international standard. It would also give us, together, a higher influence in WA and WAE. The union shall work for at better archery in the Nordic area.

The cooperation would include everything which bring us positive things towards the goal, as education, camps, coordination before and during international meeting and competition.

Organization

The Union's work is coordinated by one of the member federations, in one-year terms. Coming year organizer of the meeting and their secretary general will be secretary general for the full Nordic union. Secretary General follow up the new "To Do list". Coordination and responsible of the program will be made by the federation which have resources for it. (*Attachment 1*)

It means for example yearly meeting, facilities for meeting, make sure NUM is organized, make sure minutes is made of meeting and communication.

WAN-meeting

At least one meeting a year shall it be organized, during February or March, invitations by the coordinating federation. The physical meeting can be substituted by online conference or such if needed. Either way notes shall be taken, by coordinating federation.

Every federation participate with the number or people they prefer.

If voting on a proposal, 2/3 majority needed for of a decision by the attending federations. All federations have one vote.

Finances

The unions cost for meeting is allocated as:

Each nation, travel and accommodation, and extra besides 24h meeting

Other cost, invitation, meeting room and lunch for a 24h meeting is on organizer of the meeting.

Dinner is on attending nations cost.

Competitions shall be financed by registration fees and such.

General rules

These guidelines tell the general rules for the Nordic Cooperation within the union. According to competition rules is WA-rules the ground but can be exceptions, specially mentioned in these guidelines.

The guidelines are written in English since 2015 and will be updated by staff in Swedish Archery Federation. Guidelines can be found at www.bagskytte.se – Ungdom - WAN

Exceptions from WA-rules

Clothing rule

- All archers shall wear either club shirt or team shirt (NUM)
- Women shall wear dresses, skirts, divided skirts, shorts (these may not be shorter than the athlete's fingertips when the arms and fingers are extended at the athlete's side) or trousers, and blouses or tops (covering the front and back of the body, be fixed over each shoulder while still covering the midriff when she is at full draw); (WA)
- Men shall wear trousers or shorts (these may not be shorter than the athlete's fingertips when the arms and fingers are extended at the athlete's side) and long or short sleeved shirts (covering the midriff when at full draw); (WA)
- Clothing may not be of camouflage, including headwear. Camouflage equipment is allowed. Denim and jeans are allowed. (NUM)
- Due to weather conditions, protective clothing such as sweaters, track suits, raingear, etc. may be worn (NUM)
- Headwear is optional. (WA)
- Sport shoes shall be worn by all athletes and officials except for disabled athletes when included on their classification card. Sport shoes may be different styles but shall cover the entire foot. (WA)

Coaches

According to WA-rules Book 3, 18.1.2. One coach per four archers per club, at least one per club.

Open Nordic Championship (NUM) for youth

Open Nordic Championship (NUM) for youths, older than 13 year, or who will be 13 the same year up to 20 year, as in WA-rules, will be held yearly for age classes U16 13-15-year, U18 16-17 year and U21, 18-20 year.

The reason for rule on 13 year age limit is social and fair (some countries cannot compete before 13 year) and have nothing to do with the knowledge or level of archery. No exceptions.

The schedule for NUM is revised every year at the Nordic meeting. NUM shall be at week 27. (Attachment 1)

Team Event

Team competitions are gender neutral, girls and boys combined. All age classes and disciplines should have their own team event, if enough participants. Smaller classes should be joined to make team event possible for everyone. By default, all archers are divided automatically into teams with the following method:

- For each event all archers from the same nation are sorted by the qualifier results into teams. First three archers of the nation make up the first team (for example Sweden 1). Each subsequent 3 archers make up the following teams.
- Archers that cannot form a full national team are moved into Nordic pool. This pool is also sorted by qualifier results to form Nordic teams.

- Countries may register archers to individual clubs for the team event. These must be registered before a date set by the competition organizers. Club teams are considered similar to national teams, extra archers are moved to Nordic pool.
- If there are not enough archers in the Nordic pool to form full teams (not divisible by 3) the last 1 or 2 teams will have 2 members. In two member teams an archer may shoot at most two arrows in a row before rotating.
- Nations can switch one member of a team up to a time set by the competition organizers (published latest when qualifying round ends). Switching a team member will not affect the qualifying score of a team.

NUM should, to maximize participation, be organized in a suitable geographical place.

LOC use their national judges and at least one would be international.

To support young judges every nation could send one young (under 30 year) judge. The cost for them is on their nations.

Distances and round by NUM: rules as WA50/70 m + finals (set system in R, B, L and cumulative score in C), in all divisions and ages, distances as below:

Age class	Recurve (R)	Compound (C)	Barebow (B)	Longbow (L)	Instinctive (I)
U16 (age 13-15)	40 m	30 m	30 m	30 m	30 m
U18 (age 16-17)	50 m (NEW)	40 m (NEW)	40 m	30 m	30 m
U21 (age 18-20)	60 m (NEW)	50 m	50 m	30 m	30 m
WA U21 (age 18-20)	70 m				
Target face	Recurve (R)	Compound (C)	Barebow (B)	Longbow (L)	Instinctive (I)
Size	122cm	80cm	122cm	122cm	122cm

The age of the athlete is measured by the **YEAR OF BIRTH**. Example: An athlete born in 2010 is 13 years old in the year 2023 (date of birth does not matter in the calculation of age for age classes).

Athletes are allowed to compete in a higher age class if they prefer.

The reasoning for the change in distances in 2023 is to make the difficulty level increase evenly with the age of the athlete in the youth classes. To protect the physical and mental health of athletes at all levels, as much as possible, and give them a chance to develop at a more reasonable pace.

As an example: It was very difficult for many recurve athletes in the previous rules because the difficulty level was increased from 40m in U16 to 60m in U18 (50% increase in difficulty level at 16 years of age). All those athletes would see their scores and performance fall dramatically and many would have very negative feelings because of that towards their performance, decreasing their self-confidence and mental health. Many athletes moved to higher draw weights before they had the proper technique to wield it, because of the fast increase in difficulty level, also putting some athlete's physical health at risk.

NUM is an event for Nordic youth athletes at all levels, so we must also consider that the rule changes accommodate the higher-level athletes, as well as the lower and average level athletes.

Higher level athletes that want to compete at the longer distances can of course still sign up to a higher age class to compete at the same distances as where in the earlier rules.

This change in the rules should therefore be a positive development, physically and mentally, for all athletes, whatever their skill level is.

Medals

Sweden has a storage of medals and will be completed when needed. Order is made to sbf@bagskytte.se.

LOC nation handle medal bands with their country colour.

It's always a competition of the medals, always one archer more than medals in a division except for a single archer who cannot be moved shall have a gold

Event Records

From 2023 WAN shall award NUM event records for the highest scoring individual and team in each age class, division and gender. (Like is done for Olympics (OR) and many other events)

These guidelines for the World Archery Nordic are fixed by the meeting of **March 2023**

NUM should be registered in WA event calendar.

Attachment 1

Year	WAN meeting Responsible	Date	NUM (Target) Responsible	Weekend in week 27	Nordic Field	Senior + Junior Team Challenge
2005	Denmark	9.-10.4				
2006	Sweden	25.-26.2	Sweden	X		March/April
2007	Faroe Islands		Norway		X	March/April
2008	Norway		Denmark	X		March/April
2009	Denmark		Sweden		X	March/April
2010	Sweden		Norway	X		March/April
2011	Faroe Islands		Denmark	X		March/April
2012	Norway		Sweden	30.6 – 1.7		March/April
2013	Denmark		Finland	X		
2014	Sweden		Norway	X		
2015	Iceland		Sweden	X		
2016	Finland		Denmark	X		
2017	Denmark		Finland	X		
2018	Norway		Norway	X		
2019	Faroe Islands		Denmark	X		
2020	Sweden	22.-23.2		3. – 5.7		
2021	Iceland	20.2	Sweden	3.7		
2022	Finland		Finland	15-16.7		
2023	Denmark		Norway	X		
2024	Norway		Denmark	X		
2025	Faroe Islands		Sweden	X		