

Minnehaha Archers

JOAD LEAGUE

Junior Olympic Archery Development

We'd like to welcome the Minnehaha JOAD league members and their parents to our archery club. As a JOAD league shooter, you will also become a club member with all of the privileges and duties that go with that membership. Here are some of the benefits:

- 24/7 access to the best indoor range in the region (for practicing on your own)
- an opportunity to join other leagues (spot league, 3D Bow-hunters league)
- a true sense of ownership and club pride

This club has been in existence since the 1950's. It is one of the principle mandates of our Charter to be involved in sport archery education and for over 55 years, the club has been teaching lessons to beginning archers through a class known as "Charlie's class" named after its long-time teacher Charlie Bledsoe. We will still be offering a separate version of Charlie's class, but the JOAD league is really the most natural and far-reaching extension of Charlie's archery education tradition.

Once the basic principles of how to hold, pull, and aim a bow are mastered, archery is primarily conducted within one's mind. It is one of the most cerebral sports on the planet. Mastery of archery encompasses far more than developing strong arm and back muscles. Your child will learn more than how to shoot arrows. They will learn mental discipline and learn to master doubt and anxiety. They need not be the fastest or the strongest or even regard themselves as an "athlete" to be successful in archery. There is tremendous potential for personal growth and confidence and maturity simply by participating in target archery. It is our goal to guide each child along to their fullest potential as an archer and the personal benefits will naturally follow.

JOAD stands for Junior Olympic Archery Development. Does this mean that every participant is expected to compete at the Olympics? Probably not, but it is a structured series of classes taught by certified instructors designed to take a novice archer and help them become proficient and accomplished to their highest potential. In some communities, JOAD is a stand-alone "club", however, our JOAD program will be considered an official "league" run under the authority of Minnehaha Archers, Inc.

Structure:

- Each JOAD “Session” will be 8 weeks long.
- The JOAD classes will be taught once a week for about 2 hours.
- Students will all start at the beginner level.
- Ages are between 8 and 20
- Recurve and Compound shooting can be taught
- Each archer will have a lanyard upon which they will attach their achievement pins and a lanyard upon which they will attach their Xperience pins.
- Minnehaha Archers will provide the lanyards and up to two achievement pins per session. After the first two pins additional ones are \$7 each. The Xperience pins are complimentary as they earn them.
- Each archer will be provided a Beginners JOAD shooting shirt that should be worn to the classes and any competitions to represent your team. As with the pins, there is a progression of shooter shirts than can be earned. Intermediate, Advanced and Elite shirts need to be purchased.
- Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced/Elite groups may not always meet at the same time. Advanced students will take part in instructing Beginners.
- Classes will focus on proper stretching, range safety and etiquette, arrow handling safety, bow mechanics and care, proper shooting form from the ground up and as the archer advances, mental mastery of this mentally demanding sport.
- Students will earn Xperience pins as they advance in their understanding of the sport.

Our JOAD instructors all share the enthusiasm and joy of archery and come from diverse backgrounds of education and employment. Some have State, Regional and National Championship hardware on their shelves. Most of them, however, are just recreational archers and bow-hunters that enjoy the personal satisfaction of a perfectly performed archery shot. Each instructor has had a background check and is a member in good standing with the NFAA or USAA or both.

Our current instructors/coaches and their current USAA Certification Levels are:

		Certification Level			Certification Level
Jorge	Aramayo	II	Brian	Klatt	III
Charla	Aramayo	II	Patrick	McGowan	II
Hayes	Carter	I	Moulton	Jack	III
Brian	Christiaansen	I	Rod	Mullen	III
Todd	Dathe	II	Rob	Murray	II
Ryan	Dokken	I	Bryce	Neu	II
Doug	Ellis	III	Jennifer	Raddatz	III
Paul	Feterl	II	Tom	Reel	I
Blaise	Fogarty	I	Justin	Riswold	II
Tom	Fullerton	II	Jim	Riswold	II
Micah	Grimm	II	Alan	Rogers	II
Cole	Heying	I	Sheila	Rogers	II
Danielle	Heying	I	Jeff	Russo	II
Chris	Hofer	II	Matt	Schrader	III
Dennis	Husman	II	Mark	Smedsrud	II
Jesse	Javers	II	Amy	VanderVorste	I
Jennifer	Javers	I	Matt	Witt	II
Brad	Judstra	II			

Membership Costs:

Each Eight Week JOAD Session cost: \$75 (mandatory)

Membership to Minnehaha Archers: (mandatory)

*First year JOAD only:

Youth - \$35 (\$25 + \$10 card fee)

Family - \$105 (\$95 + \$10 card fee)

*Following years are at regular Minnehaha Archer's prices:

Youth - \$50

Family - \$120

Membership to NFAA and SDAA: (optional)

NFAA is the National Field Archery Association. It is the sanctioning body for our club's archery activities. Our liability insurance is through the NFAA resources.

SDAA is the South Dakota Archery Association which oversees tournament archery in this State.

It is the goal of our JOAD program to have as many JOAD archers participate in local and regional tournaments, so in addition to being a requirement for official JOAD status, membership in these organizations will be practical to participate in the upcoming tournaments.

Membership to USAA: (optional)

USAA is the United States Archery Association. Membership is needed to be recognized for achieving a Bronze, Silver and Gold Star Olympic pin. It is also needed to participate in any USAA sanctioned events such as JOAD Nationals and USAA Nationals.

Currently you have the option of being members of none, one or both of these national organizations to participate in this local JOAD program. However, as stated above, in order to compete and events sanctioned by either one of these associations you must be a member of the program. Both can be signed up for online. There is also more information on family memberships etc. available online.