



INTERNATIONAL ARCHERY ASSOCIATION (IAA)

***Flight Shooting archery* TOURNAMENT RULES**

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1. GENERAL

1.1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.1. The Board of Directors of IAA has prepared and approved following tournament rules.
- 1.1.2. Members (competitors and organizers) of IAA must act according to following rules, when organizing/participating on national/international tournaments.

2. TOURNAMENTS

2.1. EVENTS

2.1.1. IAA classifies following events:

- World and Continental Championships
- Historical Archery Festival

World and Continental Championships are organized every second year. World and Continental Championships are to be organized separate years.

3. ORGANIZATION OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS, NATIONAL COMPETITIONS, OTHER COMPETITION SERIES

3.1. ORGANIZATION OF TOURNAMENTS

- 3.1.1. The goal of IAA is to reach a standardized organization level in the different member countries. For this reason, only targets approved by BOD should be used at the following events.

- 3.1.2. Members organizing high quality national and international competitions according to IAA rules have privilege to organize international tournaments. IAA member countries can organize their own national competitions.
- 3.1.3. A request to organize any international tournament for the upcoming year has to be submitted to the General Secretary of IAA no later than one year before the event.
The decision to award an event will be made by the Board of Directors and listed in the tournament schedule of IAA.
- 3.1.4. After getting the permission from IAA to organize an international tournament, as latest 11 months prior to the event organizer has to sign a contract and pay a deposit fee according to the actual levy table decided by BOD to the bank account of the IAA. The deposit is deducted from the payable levy fee to IAA. If payment is not done till deadline the right to host the event is automatically cancelled without any warnings or decisions to be taken. If event is cancelled of any reason the paid deposit fee is given to organizer willing to organize the tournament with short notice as a compensation for additional costs and not realized revenues due to late bid and announcement of tournament.
- 3.1.5 IAA member organizations may organize an unlimited number of national tournaments. National associations may transfer the rights to organize these tournaments to their own clubs. These national tournaments have to be organized according to the stated and accepted rules to maintain the unique tournament standard of IAA.
- 3.1.6. IAA member countries should submit their own calendar of national tournaments for the upcoming year to the Secretary of IAA till 30th of November. The schedules of individual member countries will be properly sorted and listed in the official IAA website.

4. RULING AND SUPERVISION

4.1. JUDGES, DELEGATES

- 4.1.1. The presence of judges and delegates at tournaments is mandatory. They are to monitor the observance of the stated rules.
- 4.1.2. The IAA Committee of Judges assigns judges for World, Continental, GP-s and international tournaments. There must be at least one international judge at each of the tournaments above.
- 4.1.3. The IAA BOD assigns the technical directors (TD) for international tournaments. They are responsible for all questions regarding organization and supervision.
- 4.1.4. Judges and delegates are authorized to intervene and correct procedures of a tournament according to the stated rules of the IAA.
- 4.1.5 There is a possibility to protest against the decision of the judge. The protest committee has minimum 3 members, if possible, people that know the rules possibly from different countries named before the start of the competition. One of

the members is the TD, who's voice is deciding in case of equal votes. The committee's task is to decide whether the judge's decision was according to the rules or not. If yes, the protest is objected. If not, the judge's decision will be corrected.

Deadline for submitting protests: no later than 30 minutes after all score sheets have been received by the office. It is mandatory to submit the protest in a formal form.

Protest fee is set to 50 Euro. In case of rightful protest, the money is given back to the protester, if rejected the money is transferred to a foundation.

5. AWARDS

5.1. TROPHIES AND MEDALS AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

5.1.1. Organizers of World and Continental Championships have to do an award ceremony for the top 6 archers in each category. For archers coming first place medals, trophies and certificates are awarded, for the second and third places medals, and for 4-6th places just certificates will be given. IAA as the international body is keeping records on ranking and the longest distances. All official records are awarded by a recognition certificate.

5.2. TROPHIES, MEDALS AND RECOGNITION AT INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

5.2.1. Organizer of any tournament decides about the entry fee for the competitors and the type of award for the winners of the different classes. Invitations must contain information about entry fee and awards.

5.3. AWARDS GIVEN BY THE IAA

5.3.1. Special awards may be given to competitors by IAA for certain scores, reached during International Competitions.

6. PARTICIPATION IN CHAMPIONSHIP AND TOURNAMENT

6.1. PARTICIPATION

6.1.1. International IAA tournaments are open events. Organizers may limit the number of participants.

6.2. GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

6.2.1. All competitors must register for an international tournament at least 14 days prior to the date of competition (30 days before Championships) on the registration part of IAA webpage. The organizer is not obliged to accept any applications after the deadline. The entry fee for applications made after the deadline will be increased by 50%.

6.2.2. Competitors must be at waiting area at least 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the tournament till the call of the judge.

6.2.4. The use of electrical devices on the competition field is prohibited for both competitors and spectators (including headphones, radio telephones, distance measuring devices, etc.).

Competitors can keep their mobile phone at the field in mute mode or switched off. Use of mobile phones is only permitted in justified cases.

- In case of electronic scorekeeping (mobile app), electronic devices can be used for taking the scores.
- Use of cameras by the press and spectators is allowed in the areas permitted by judged and organizers.
- The use of a camera / camcorder is also allowed for competitors on the race track, but:
 - It can be used for shooting positions and targets if all members of their own team have shot the target,
 - Forbidden to disturb the fellow competitors / teammates and hold up the course of the competition.
 - It is forbidden to forward the recordings to another team or competitors during the competition.

The judges have the right to check the equipment and its accessories before the competition. Judges may instruct competitors to modify or replace equipment and accessories if they do not comply with the rules.

Judges may re-inspect the equipment or its accessories at any time during the competition to determine whether it's equipped and in a suitable condition for participation in the competition.

Competitors are expected to have their own equipment and may not exchange any equipment among each other.

6.2.5 A shooter will receive a warning by judges in case of any rule violation. Warnings have to be recorded on the individual scorecards. Three warnings will result immediate disqualification. A report on disqualifications will be filed by the Competition Committee till of end of competition day.

6.2.6. Scorecards must have room for the recording of warnings.

6.2.7. Littering the ground will not be tolerated. Anyone being seen littering will be immediately disqualified from the tournament.

6.2.8. Alcohol is strictly forbidden for all archers before and during the competition. Smoking including e-cigarette is forbidden except if the organizer prepares special smoking areas. Smoking in an unassigned place will result in immediate disqualification

6.2.9 The competition format:

The competition consists of 1 round. Competitors have 5 shots to execute in a category. A competitor can compete in as many different categories / strengths as he/she has previously entered and has yet paid the entry fee.

The longest shots shall be marked with flags with the name of the competitors. Only the longest shot of the 3 shots of each competitor is recorded.

The furthest shot of the 6 archers achieving the longest shots will be recorded.

7. SHOOTING Field

- 7.1 The field of play is easy to overview, well-trimmed flat area. When designing the field prevailing wind needs to be considered.
- 7.2. Considering the safety zones, the minimum dimensions of the ideal track are: both 30-30 meters wide and at least 700 meters long and at most 150 meters wide, to the right and left of the center line of the track.

7.3 Marking the field

- 7.3.1. The measuring and marking out of shooting field must be done with certified tools. The tools used must be noted in the judge's report.
- 7.3.2. Stapling stakes on both sides of the course, marking the shooting line between them with paint or ribbon. Mark a waiting line 5 meters behind the shooting line. Designation of a technical line 2 meters behind the shooting line. The edge of the range must be marked with a flag (at least 2 meters high) on every hundred meters and the distance line marked with paint or ribbon. On the center line of the track, the distances must be marked every on every 50 meters with a colored pole at least half a meter high.

8. CATEGORIES DEFINED

8.1. Technical control:

All bows and equipment shall be controlled and marked by stickers by the judges before start of competition. Stickers must be placed and kept on the bow during the competition making controlling of the sticker possible during the entire competition. Lack of sticker can result in disqualification. The shooter may request a new technical control in case of loss of the sticker, or any unforeseen event.

Before stepping to the shooting line the judges will check the equipment. If equipment is not according to rules archer can be disqualified.

In case of dispute the judges have the authority to brake arrows to ensure the trustworthy control of equipment (without compensation)!

8.2 Equipment

- 8.2.1. When a bow is strung the bowstring has to run along the middle line of the limbs, except for twisting of Historical bows made of natural material due to climate conditions. Only standard or other modern materials must be used as a string. Historical materials (such as flex and tendon) cannot be used. 1 or 2 nocking points are permitted on the string.

8.2.2 No accessories for the purpose of stabilization, levelling, aiming, draw-weight reduction or draw checking are permitted.

Thumb ring, finger protection, tabs and other protectors are permitted. The drawing finger must touch the nock.

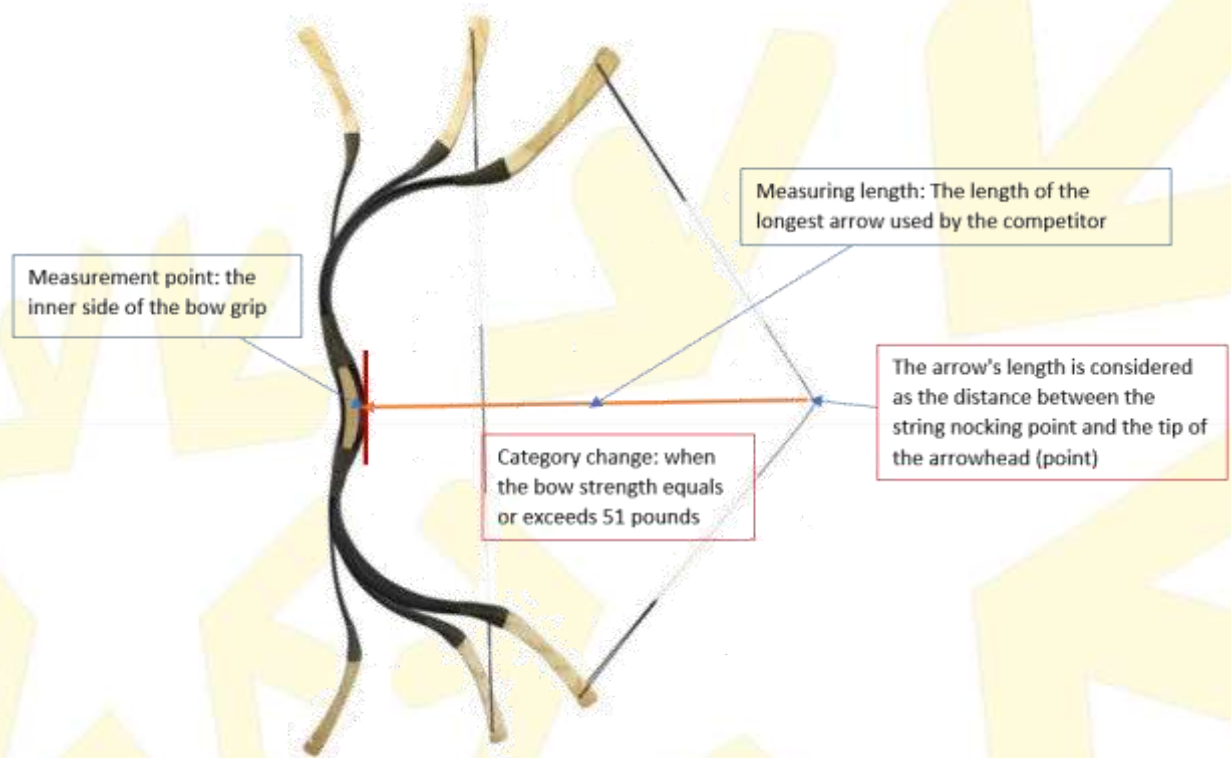
8.2.3. Arrows can be made of single or composite kind. Arrows shall be made of wood, bamboo, or cane fletching only with feathers made from natural materials (e.g. parts of bird feathers, fish scales, paper, horn plate..etc) the feathers cannot be stiffened. Plastic nocks may be used. Nock cut (hollowed) in the end of the shaft is only allowed if ensured with appropriate materials. No marks are permitted on the arrow that may help in draw checking. The following materials are not allowed in composite arrows: glass fiber, carbon, plastic fiber, plastic, metal. The arrow cannot be painted or covered on its entire surface (maximum 50% of the arrow measured from the nock). The owner's name shall be indicated on the arrow with latin letters.

8.2.4. Middle-Age or earlier, national-folk historical clothing should be worn so middle age or earlier feeling is reflected (peasant, noble, aristocrats similar). No clothes or accessories can be worn that are undoubtedly modern (e.g., sunglasses, jeans, trainers, boots, printed T and Sweat-shirts, mobile phones, electronical devices, watches, bags, chares etc.). Organizers are obliged to wear historical clothes. Technical crew can have clothes free of choice but must have identical T-shirt's shirts that indicates they belong to the organizing staff.

8.3. Bow styles defined

Bows are divided in 2 different poundage limits. Maximum of 50 pounds draw weight-and over 51 pounds, so called unlimited bows.

Draw weight is weight checked with the longest arrow to be shot if arrows are of different length. The point of the arrow will be drawn over till arrow falls from grip, ensuring equal measurement for all.



General definition

The shape and form of the bows shall align to historical bow types (e.g., egyptian, greek, hungarian, turkish, tatar, mongolian, english, yumi etc) In case of disputation proving that the bow is historically correct is the task of the archer.

The bow can be symmetric or asymmetric constructed from a single piece or a maximum of two parts at the grip. The bow cannot have a window or arrowrest and the arrow has to run out on the holding hand. Maximum one layer of textile or leather is allowed between the grip and the holding hand. No aid at all is allowed on the grip to hold or support the arrow. The grip must be symmetrical sideways and is at least 15mm thick. There are no distinctions concerning the length of the rigid tip.

8.3.1. Historical bow made of modern materials

The bow can be made of only one material or mixed materials that contain modern material (for example; adhesive, fiberglass). Its forbidden to use any devise or accessory for the extension of the draw (overdraw).

8.3.2. Historical bow made of natural materials

The bow can be made of only one material or mixed materials that contain only natural materials (e.g., wood, horn, bone, tendon, jelly, natural polish, bamboo). Plastic nocks are not allowed! Only carved or hollowed nocks or nocks made from natural materials (e.g., horn, bone etc....)

The authenticity of the bow must be certified by a manufacturer or maker (the bow can be self-made)!

Its forbidden to use any devise or accessory for the extension of the draw (overdraw).

8.3.3. Historical longbows and other stick bows:

The bow can be made of only one material or mixed materials that contain modern material (for example; adhesive, fiberglass).

A bow of any material, at least 135cm long, which can be either an one piece bow or a bow that can be taken down in two parts at the handle (separation of parts can only happen at one place at the handle) and put together again as a one piece bow, When unstrung the grip may not be further away than 5cm from the imaginary line drawn between the 2 ends of the bow. When strung the bow displays one continued unidirectional curve, which is measured as follows: when the strung bow is placed with the bowstring in a vertical position, the angle as measured between the tangent of any point on the limb and an imaginary horizontal line must always decrease as this point is moved further away from the bow grip (continually decreasing limb-string distance from the grip). In case of any doubt as to the continuing curve of the limb then a string-line laid from the end of the riser (or the grip) fade out to the commencement of the tip overlays (or if there are no overlays then the point at which the bow string is held in the nock groove) on the back of the strung bow shall show no gaps between the string line and the bow limb. The tip reinforcing may not exceed

20mm in height, measured from the surface of the back of the bow limb and may not exceed 50mm in length, measured from the end of the tip. The outside of the grip may not be further back than the inside of the limb. The length of the grip may not be larger than 2 times the width (sideways dimension). The bow cannot have a pistol grip, an arrow shelf or a window. The arrow has to run out on the holding hand. No aid at all is allowed on the grip to hold or support the arrow.

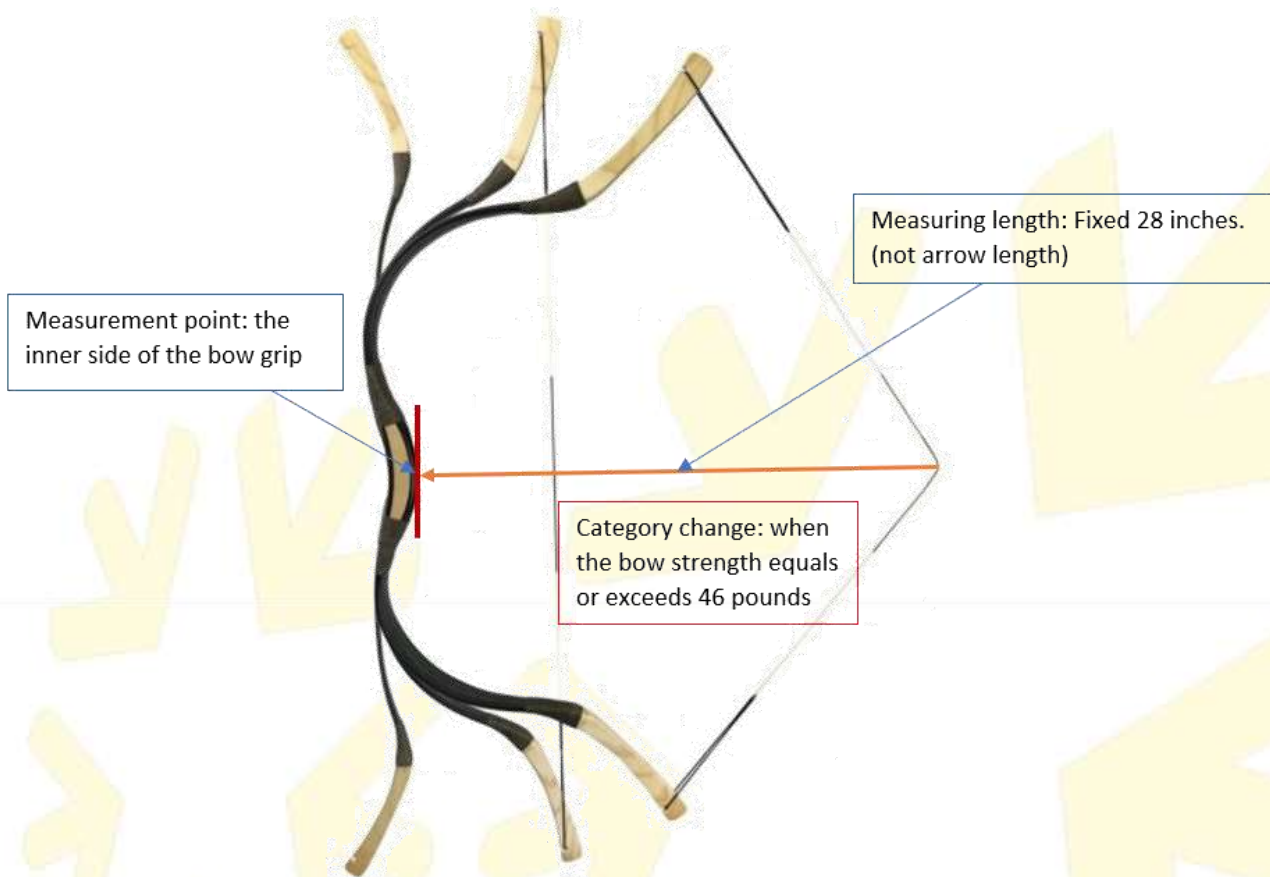
It's forbidden to use any device or accessory for the extension of the draw (overdraw).

8.3.4. Unlimited

Any kind of bow (recurve, longbow, self-bow, etc) of any material that complies with the general description of the Historical bows can be used in the Unlimited category. There is no limitation for the strength of the bow (poundage). Devices and accessories for the extension of the draw (overdraw) can be used with the further conditions: they may not be attached to the bow in any way and shall be according to historical designs.

8.3.5. Maximum 45 pounds bows measured on 28 inch

The bow may be made from one material or a composite of several materials including modern and natural materials (fibreglass, epoxy resin, horn, wood, sinew, natural glue). It is not permitted to use any device for draw extension, or for the arrow point be drawn beyond the grip of the bow.



8.4. IAA age groups defined

8.4.1. There are no age groups only different genders defined.

9. SHOOTING RULES

- 9.1. Only those competitors may enter the waiting area and the competition field who already completed the equipment check. Each competitor can be accompanied by 1 trainer or technical assistant to the waiting area. The trainer/technical assistant may not approach the shooting line nor enter the competition field. In case the competitor left the assigned waiting area without the permission of the judge, or his/her trainer/technical assistant approached the shooting line or entered the competition field, the competitor may be disqualified. Spectors, trainers shall stay outside the competition field.
- 9.2. Its not possible to make any modification on the bow and equipment after the equipment check. The equipment shall be stored in a visible way in open containers/halters in the waiting area and at the shooting line.
- 9.3. With the exception of the Unlimited category it is forbidden to draw the arrow point beyond the grip of the bow. Any attempt may result in disqualification of the competitor.
- 9.4. 5 shots can be executed from shooting line. Any arrow, which is dropped, slipped out from the bow string and landed inside the technical line can be reached/collected without trespassing the shooting line.
- 9.5. A shooter must be behind the shooting line and touch it with first leg when executing the shots.
- 9.6. One shooting group is maximum 15 archers. Archers are not allowed to change from assigned group to another one.
- 9.7. As a courtesy to fellow competitors, archers have to wait for their turn in a certain distance, behind shooting line (5m) from the shooter till the shooting position becomes vacant.
- 9.8. Time limit for shooting the 5 arrows is 300 seconds. The judge decides the start of shooting for each group. Shooting line must be left immediately after the last shot.
- 9.9. All archers must stay behind the waiting line till all shooters of the group has finished shooting.
- 9.10. After all shots completed and upon the signal of the judge, the competitors may walk up to the 200meters line without taking any equipment with them. The competitors shall wait at the 200meters line for the next instruction of the judge.
- 9.11. For safety considerations and to ensure a timely competition, searching for lost arrows only allowed after end of competition.

- 9.12. If the equipment failure occurs during the act of shooting, Familiar must be reported to a judge. The shooter will have up to 5 minutes for repair on place. If the failure cannot be resolved within the time limit the competitor has 25 minutes to solve it. In this case the group leaves the shooting area (waiting and shooting line) and waits at a place decided by the judge. The time is starting when the judge makes a note on the competitors score card. A shooter may change his/her bow to an inspected reserve bow one time in a tournament in. Only 1 bow is allowed to be carried during competition.

10. SCORING RULES

For all sanctioned IAA Shooting events, the scoring is as follows:

- 10.1. If arrow is found inside the marked field and over the 200 meters line the arrow counts as a valid shot. If more than the allowed number of arrows are shot the best score or scores are deleted. Name of the competitor (given name and family name) must be clearly written on the arrows to make identification possible for judges. Non identified arrows do not score.
- 10.2 Scorecards are handled by the judges and after the scoring signed by the competitors.
- 10.3. The shot distance of the arrows is evaluated and recorded on the course at least by 2 judges. The shot will be measured at the point of landing. In case the landing point is not clearly identifiable, because the arrow landed broken, the shot shall be measured at the position of the competitor's name on the arrow.
- 10.4. Scoring and starts when all archers in one category has finished shooting. Competitors shall remain behind the 200meters line and wait for signal of the judges. The scoring judges identify the 6 longest shots and mark them with flags. Distances will be measured in the presence of the competitors to whom the arrows belongs. The competitor validates the scorecard with his/her signature.
- After the scoring finished and upon the signal of the judge the competitors shall collect their arrows. The time limit for arrow collection is 15 minutes or until the signal of the judge for leaving the competition field.
- 10.5. The 6 best scorecard results (longest distanced arrow) in each category will be scored.
- 10.6. In case the further shot was not clearly identifiable, and repeated distance measurements result in the same distance for various shots, the judges have the following options:
- Higher ranking shot which is properly landed into the ground with its arrowpoint (arrowhead).
 - Higher ranking shot is the arrow which landed without any damage (one piece) within the competition field.
 - In case both (all) considered arrows are in the same quality (all landed on their

point, all laying, or broken) the judge may ask for a new shot.

- 10.7. The scorecards filled out properly are handled to the competition office after signing by both judges and competitors. No adjustments can be made after the signatures have been made.

Any person in violation of the above said rules can be disqualified from that event and may be suspended from membership.

Any person suspended from membership will not be allowed to shoot any sanctioned IAA event that shooting year or as directed by the IAA board of directors.

Anyone that is suspended from membership, and violates this rule, could be permanently suspended from IAA membership and all of its sanctioned events. Any shooter who disobeys shoot officials' orders, will be disqualified from that event and may be suspended from membership.