



National Bowhunter Education Foundation

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To Whom It May Concern:

The National Bowhunter Education Foundation® (aka: NBEF®) is a nonprofit, 501C3 organization commonly referred to as a non-governmental organization created as an independent corporation. It was established in August of 1979 and maintains the status as a sole source and proprietary originator and distributor for various items which are used as the basis for program delivery.

The NBEF® administers a program curriculum termed the International Bowhunter Education Program® (IBEP®). The copyrighted IBEP® was written in the 1960's by Bill Wadsworth. As a business entity, the NBEF® was formed (bylaws created, US nonprofit status obtained, etc.), and became the holder (owner) and administrator of the IBEP®. A national and international network of instructors now administer the standardized IBEP® curriculum adding local or regional teaching points but not subtracting from the basic principles of the course. Early on in the program, Bill Wadsworth observed that instructors needed to be created from a structured, centralized program. Volunteers are afforded "Instructor" status only after attending classes and meeting basic criteria outlined by the NBEF®. Additional criteria may be established by local, state, provincial, or international agency or organization. Consistent doctrine delivery is essential not only to the IBEP® existence but ultimately the survival of bowhunting worldwide. For example, in the States, the program is overseen by the state fish and game agency or their appointed agent. In other countries, provincial governments or appointed organizations may oversee the program. For example, in Germany, the Deutscher Bogenjagd Verband e. V (DBJV e. V) is the only entity appointed by the European Bowhunting Federation (as designated by the NBEF®) to train instructors and ultimately carry out the duties of administering the IBEP® (training instructors, testing students,.....) in Germany.

For well over 40 years, the NBEF® has administered the IBEP® creating and distributing copyrighted materials designed to educate bowhunters and firearm hunters worldwide. The program succeeds when the established doctrine is conscientiously followed.

Sincerely,



Marilyn Bentz
Executive Director