

Archery Australia

BOARD NEWS

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Board Elections

Following the recent Board elections by the RGB's, the existing Board welcomed Tom Wild as a newly elected Board member and Brian Hagaman as a returning Board member.

As this was the first meeting of the new Board following an election, one of the tasks of the Elected Board members was the appointment of a President and Vice President from amongst themselves.

John Hyde was elected President and Sue Gliddon was elected Vice President.

The Board have reappointed James Park and Mark Brothers as appointed Board Members.

This in no way indicates a change in direction or disharmony of the Board. Rather the opposite as it is the Board that sets its direction and that task is not left to any one person.

This change merely reflects a sharing of the workload and a desire to build in succession planning into the Organisation at all levels.

The Board would like to thank Brian for all his efforts in the role previously and look forward to his continuing help and guidance to both the new President and the rest of the board as we go forward together.

Archery Australia Committees Chair's

Following the recent Archery Australia Board Meeting, we wish to advise the following Chairpersons to the Archery Australia Committees.

Constitution and Rules Committee – Bruce Lang

Officials Committee – Karen O'Malley

Appeals Committee – John Chaplin

High Performance Committee – James Park

Tournament & Records Committee – Fiona Hyde

Awards Committee – Jeff Nicoll

Policy & Procedure Committee – John Hyde

Para & Vision Impaired Committee – Tom Wild

National Ranking List Co-Ordinator – Fiona Hyde

IT Committee – Michael Shilling

National Member Protection Officer – John Hans

Database Administrator – John Hyde

Crossbow Committee – Stuart Atkins

Expressions of Interest are sought for the Chair of the Youth Development Committee.

As the World Youth Championships are being held in 2015, it is important to keep the momentum going in support of our Youth Archers and to build on the strong foundation laid by the former Chairperson.

Please send your EOI to info@archery.org.au

Judge and Coach Seminar

The Archery Australia Board approved in principal the running of a joint Judges and Coaches seminar midway through 2015 that was proposed by the Officials Committee, to allow experienced and willing Archery Australia judges to move to the Continental Judge level of accreditation.

The Committee will now develop a full proposal for the Board.

It would provide a development opportunity for National Judges wishing to progress to Continental Judge level, including sitting for Continental accreditation examination.

This would be open to judges from around the world seeking Continental accreditation.

The second role of the seminar would be to allow a vehicle to educate Coaches about finer points of the Archery Rules - their purpose, intention and application in tournament situations.

We hope this will be of interest and be helpful to coaches and enhance their knowledge on rules and procedures to avoid extraordinary stress on their archers.

Keep your eye out for further information as this develops.

Ordering of Medals

Archery Australia is currently setting up to allow RGB's to order their badges and awards via a separate AA online shop. This will be setup to allow them to start using it from 1/1/15.

This is to simplify and streamline the ordering process and to remove the workload from volunteers. The RGB recorders will be issued with log in details shortly.

High drawing

The Board noted that World Archery is placing much greater emphasis on archers drawing their bows in a safe manner. They have given notice that this will be policed much more strictly in future.

The Board noted that this is a very important matter and have asked that clubs, RGBs and Judges watch archers very carefully and police this rule strictly.

Archers wishing to join international teams will be ineligible for team selection if the manner in which they draw the bow is not satisfactory and considered unsafe.



Not sure if you are using a high draw, always best to consult a Judge. To be sure take a short video of yourself shooting and send it to the Archery Australia Office at info@archery.org.au and the Office will have the Officials Committee review the video and provide you with feedback.

Camouflage Equipment

For people considering trying for selection to an international team, be aware that World Archery has advised that the use of any equipment or personal items that is camouflaged coloured or has a camouflage pattern is not permitted at World Championships and World Cups. This includes all equipment that is taken onto the Field of Play i.e. bow, clothing, quiver etc even items such as a carry bag, armguard, scope tripod or binocular strap.

Archery Australia takes a slightly different view of camouflage coloured equipment. For tournaments conducted in Australia it is accepted that camouflage coloured equipment in particular bows are permitted, as they are generally cheaper to purchase than coloured bows and we do not want to disadvantage people.

Our rules only restrict the wearing of camouflage clothing. Refer to Archery Australia rule 7.10.7 that states –

The following items of clothing are not permitted:

- Clothing with inappropriate or offensive images, slogans or advertising.
- Untidy, unclean, damaged or torn clothing.
- Camouflage style clothing or clothing intended to break-up or hide a person's image or blend into the bush, such as green or green-based camouflage.

Longbows

Recently there was a discussion paper being circulated on longbow rules. A proposal has been presented to the Archery Australia Board. After discussion the Archery Australia Board decided at this time that no changes will be made to the longbow rules.

National Matchplay Series

Event 1 - South Queensland - 22 and 23 November 2014

Event 2 - South Australia - 10 and 11 January 2015

Event 3 - Western Australia - 7 and 8 February 2015

Event 4 - Tasmania - 7 and 8 March 2015

Event 5 - New South Wales - 21 and 22 March 2015

Event 6 - Archery Victoria (April date to be finalised)

Event 7 - FINALS - Adelaide- 2 May 2015

Electronic Cigarettes

World Archery has recently changed its smoking policy to ban the use of electronic cigarettes at all World Championships and World Cup venues.

The Archery Australia Board has subsequently decided to also amend our smoking policy to include electronic cigarettes. RGBs and Clubs should also adopt the World Archery and Archery Australia revised smoking policies.

New National Events

2015 PARA and VISION IMPAIRED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Date: 18th and 19th April 2015

Location: Waverley City Archers, Melbourne Victoria

Contact: paracommittee@archery.org.au

2015 AUSTRALIAN FIELD OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

This is a new annual event being introduced from 2015 for all Field Archers that the Board approved. The Australian Field Open Championships is based on World Archery World Field Championships.

Date: TO BE FINALISED

Location: Sherbrooke Archers, Melbourne Victoria

Contact: 2015austfield@archery.org.au

Proposed Program:

Friday - Practice

Saturday - 24 targets Unmarked WA Field

Sunday - 24 targets Marked WA Field

Sunday - Top four shoot out

Divisions: Recurve, Compound and Barebow Recurve

Para Archery Classifier Training

The Archery Australia Board is currently looking into the possibility of running a training course to provide qualifications to suitable personnel to establish a pool of local Para Archery Classifiers.

Archery Australia Para and VI Committee with the support of the Australian Paralympic Committee is seeking interest from suitable qualified people to undertake Para Archery Classification training.

What is the role of a Classifier?

Classifiers are trained and certified, and assess athletes impairments to determine their sport class and sport class status, according to the International classification rules for their sport.

Classifiers have either medical or technical qualifications, combined with sport specific expertise. In Australia, they are trained and certified by the Australian Paralympic Committee and sports federations, and work as volunteers at a state, national and international level.

Are you interested in becoming a Para Archery Classifier? Contact the Archery Australia Para Committee at para-committee@archery.org.au

2015 National Tournament Calendar

Australian Open Championships – 6 to 8 March 2015

National Crossbow Championships – 7 to 9 March 2015

National Youth Archery Championships – 7 to 11 April 2015

National Para and VI Championships – 18 to 19 April 2015

Australian Field Open Championships – TBA

National Indoor Championships – 18 -19 July 2015

National Archery Championships – 23 to 27 October 2015