



Archery Australia Board News

March 2013

Archery Australia AGM and the Next Strategic Plan

The Archery Australian AGM is scheduled for 26th May in Melbourne.

The current Strategic Plan 2010 - 2014 is being reviewed and a strategic planning day was proposed for April to help develop the new strategic plan. However, in order to save money and minimise travel requirements the Board has decided to combine the AGM and the Strategic Planning session into one day which will now be held on Sunday 26 May in Melbourne.

All RGB Presidents will be invited to this important day.

A framework for the next Strategic Plan has been issued following feedback from RGBs and we have asked RGBs to consult widely with clubs so that the delegates to the Strategic Planning session will be well prepared to represent the views of the wider archery community. So please consider the current Mission and Vision of Archery Australia thinking about the need for change, modification or if it should be kept the same.

Current Mission is -

"Archery Australia will develop, foster and promote archery as a recreation and competitive sport"

Current Vision is -

"Archery Australia is recognised and represented as the National Controlling body for Archery in Australia dedicated to:

1. Providing its members and the broader community with access to well managed local clubs and accessible facilities providing a high standard of archery experience from beginner to elite athletes;
2. Promoting and marketing the sport of archery to government, community and its members to ensure greater participation;
3. Contributing internationally through participation in *World Archery* (formerly FITA);
4. Ensuring the policies and procedures governing the sport, including coaching and officiating, are of the highest standard to ensure a fair, inclusive and drug free participation for all.

The headings for the 4 Goals proposed for the 2014 – 2017 Strategic Plan are as follows:

- Participation
- Success and Excellence
- Sustainability
- Capacity

If you have ideas for the next Archery Australia Strategic Plan would you please pass them on to your RGB.

Membership Information

Financial Status

All members are reminded that they need to maintain their financial membership status if they intend to continue shooting or if they hold Office within their Club or RGB. Fees should be paid before your membership expires if you wish to ensure continuity of membership to allow you to shoot - not after you have become unfinancial. This also applies to all Judges or Coaches.

Remember that once you pay your fees then you need to be registered in the AA membership system so that a card will be sent to you and you will show as being a financial member.

This registration can be done in three ways:

1. Online membership paid by member via Credit / Debit Card - instant registration.
2. Paid to your Club and the Club processes the memberships online for you manually. (This is dependent on how quickly your Club processes its memberships.)
3. Paid to your Club and they pass this onto your State for them to process on their behalf (this is dependent on how quickly the Club sends them to the State and then how quickly the State processes them).

Refer to the chart at the bottom of this article for an explanation of the process.

If your Club's registration of its members is taking a long time this could result in you needing to renew earlier to avoid being shown as unfinancial in the system.

If you are shown in the system as unfinancial by more than 30 days your record will be marked inactive.

Renewal Notices and Reminders

To assist Members to keep track of their memberships and when they are up for renewal (especially easy to lose track now that we are all on our own anniversary date and not all up for renewal on the same date) Archery Australia has decided that it will send out a renewal notice to all members several weeks prior to when they come up for renewal. Some Clubs already do this and these notices will supplement them.

We will also be sending out a reminder notice several weeks after your membership has expired in the system to remind you. If you receive a reminder notice but have in fact paid your fees at your Club then this means that your renewal has not yet been registered with Archery Australia. If this is the case then please get in touch with AA to help us follow up with your Club to find out what has caused your membership not to be registered.

The notices will be sent by email if there is an email address in your record, so you can assist us by ensuring that your contact details in the Membership System are kept up to date. If you have your own passwords you can log in and update your own details or check your expiry date at anytime. If you do not have your passwords then they can be obtained by contacting your Club or Archery Australia otherwise you can have your Club membership officer update your details for you.

Membership cards

It is important to have your membership card with you whenever you are shooting as you can expect to be asked to show it at registration time for events and also a lot of Clubs are requesting cards to be shown to ensure that only current financial members are shooting and thereby protecting their insurance coverage.

If you have paid your membership to your Club but not received a card within 30 days of payment please contact AA to follow-up on this at info@archery.org.au as this would also mean your record may be about to be made inactive. Normally cards are issued within a couple of weeks of your membership being registered with AA.

Why might I be asked for proof of membership?

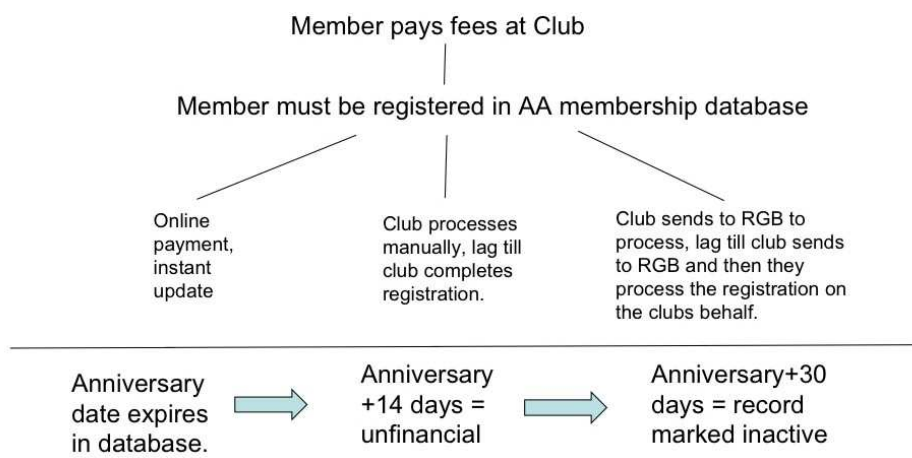
To protect the Archers, Club Executive, Members or the public, and the Club by ensuring that all shooters are registered as financial and covered by insurance prior to their shooting an arrow. Also anyone who may have shot whilst they are unfinancial, besides the insurance issues, cannot place or use any scores for records, awards, or ratings purposes.

More information about membership and renewal matters will be included in the Quarterly Newsletter from AA coming out shortly.

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Archery Australia Membership Database

Membership Process

(Refer also to Membership Terms and Conditions Policy 1010)



(taken from AA constitution)

Clubs shall register their total shooting membership. Failure to do so will render all members of such a club ineligible to participate in Archery Australia Inc. or Recognised Governing Bodies activities.

Youth Development News

Clint Freeman has relinquished the Chair of the Youth Development Committee due to the pursuit of his Coaching interests. Clint will remain on the Committee and still actively contribute to Youth matters. The Board has approved the appointment of Dave Sutton as new Chair. We thank Clint for his work to date and congratulate Dave on his new role within the group.

The Committee consists of Dave Sutton (Chair SQAS), Clint Freeman (AST), Dave Wray (AWA), Alec Potts (AV), Steve Salmon (ASNSW) and Sue Gliddon (Board Rep)

A number of issues have been flagged by the Youth Committee but we are always interested in hearing from our members.

The call for Applications for Coach and Manager for the World Youth Championships will be distributed shortly. For the latest list of Qualifiers please see:

<http://www.archery.org.au/customdata/index.cfm?fuseaction=CustomItem&ItemID=49232>

The Youth Committee would like to congratulate Youth archers Jess Greenstein and Ella Hugo who have been selected for the 1st time to represent Aus in the Open Division at World Cup 1, China in May.

National Indoors Organizing Committees & Archers please note

The Board has decided that there will be one small change to last year's event – SO – we will go with a WA 60 arrow round for the first flight followed by 2 x 30 Australian Rounds shot to AA rules a la Vegas.

Check out the rules on the '**About Us**' section on the **AA website** under "**Constitution & Rules - Indoor Rules – 10.1.2 and 10.1.3.**"

The only change will be that points can be no more than 0.1mm larger than the shaft diameter (10.72mm or 0.442" or 27/64"). These rules mean no difference for archers except for the arrow dimensions for the AA Round. Recurve archers will still utilize only the whole 10 scoring zone for both rounds.

Remember that faces are changed from top to bottom and vice versa after 5 ends for the AA Round.

2013 CALENDAR—Important Dates

- 13th May to 19th May - World Cup 1 Shanghai, China
- 26th May - Archery Australia Board Meeting and Strategic Planning Meeting
- 26th May - 2013 Archery Australia AGM
- 10th June to 16th June - World Cup 2 Antalya, Turkey
- 30th June to 7th July - 2013 National Youth Championships
- 25th July to 4th August - World Games, Cali Columbia
- 20th to 21st July - National Indoor Championships
- 2nd to 11 August - World Masters Games, Torino Italy
- 3rd and 4th August 2013 -2013 Australia Open, Armidale NSW
- 19th to 25th August - World Cup 3 , Poland - **NOTE Change in date**
- 31st August to 1st September - Archery Australia Board Meeting
- 21st and 22nd September - World Cup Final, Paris France