



Archery Australia Board News

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Strategic Plan

The 2014-2016 Strategic Plan that was developed by the Board and RGB Presidents at the May 2013 Strategic Planning Day in Melbourne was approved by the Board at its last meeting.

Following the consultation period of June/July/August, feedback has been received on the archery operational Action Plan 2014 - 2017. The Action Plan has now been updated and approved.

Both the 2014-2016 Strategic Plan and the Action Plan can be viewed on the Archery Australia website, RGBs and Clubs should use these plans when developing their own Strategic and Action Plans.

RGBs at the Strategic Planning Day in May 2013 agreed to implement these plans. There is a lot of work to be done and the clock is ticking and we are asking all RGB and clubs to use these documents as templates for their plans so as to set up a series of similar cascading plans, and also to start working on the actions.

Indeed we are asking all RGBs to take a lead role in helping to coordinate this activity.

A further Strategic Planning Day is planned for early next year, and this will be most likely be held in early March 2014. All RGB Presidents will be invited to this meeting.

On this day we will be able to review how well we have all gone in starting to implement these plans and assess the future.

2014 National Tournaments

2014 Australian Open	7-9 March 2014
2014 National Youth Championships	14-19 April 2014
2014 National Indoor Championships	19-20 July 2014
2014 National Championships	19-26 October 2014

2014 Indoor Championships Format

After a review of the 2-year trial the rounds to be shot at future National Indoor Championships will be one World Archery Indoor Rounds (60 arrows at 18m) shot to WA Rules and Double Australian Indoor Rounds (2 x 30 arrows at 18m).

There will be slight modifications to the current rules for the Australian Indoor Round. The maximum arrow shaft diameter will remain at 10.72mm with the maximum diameter for the point being 10.82mm.

Athletes shooting on the lower faces will always shoot first. When shooting a double round, athletes will change their faces from top to bottom and vice versa after 10 ends, i.e., after the first Round.

Full details will be provided to each Organising Committee in the published 2014 Guidelines but these are the main ones in essence.

National Championships Team Format

At the 2013 National Championships a revised format was trialled for the Team Event. At the last Board meeting it was agreed to introduce this format into future National Championships.

Membership Cards

The Board accepted a proposal relating to changes to the AA Rules Chapter 7 Management of Competitions Section 7.3. All future entrants in Club, State or National events will need to provide proof of current membership to Club, RGB and AA prior to shooting.

Why is this required?

To ensure that all people shooting are covered by the AA insurance policy and are eligible to claim awards and prizes as current financial members of their Club, State and Archery Australia.

This also removes the burden from the event organisers of having to check the financial status of all entrants and places the onus on the actual archer.

What does this mean to the archer?

At sign in or before commencement of shooting you will need to provide proof of membership.

This proof can be in the form of a current Archery Australia Membership Card or in the interim whilst waiting for an AA card, a recent receipt showing your membership payment at your club .

When does this come into effect?

The associated rule changes will come into effect as of the 1st of January 2014 but Clubs should already be asking for proof of membership to ensure that they and their members are protected by the AA Insurance Policies.

What if I have not received my membership card?

AA issues membership cards within 14 days of your membership being processed by your Club or RGB into the Membership System. If you have not received your card within the two weeks of paying your fees at your Club then you should follow up with your Club to see whether your membership has been processed.

The receipt of payment from your Club will be accepted whilst you are waiting for your card. It should be noted some Clubs have chosen not to process their own memberships in the Membership Database and this can result in extensive delays as they need to forward your information onto the RGB for processing.

Online renewals processed into the AA Membership system either directly by the club or paid directly by the member will result in your records being instantly updated.

NOTE: It is very important that the address shown on your membership record is correct to ensure that your card is sent to you. We currently have a lot of cards returned due to address errors.

What if I am a member of an Archery Alliance organisation competing in a cross participation event ?

Show your current membership card from that Organisation showing you are a current financial member of an Alliance organisation.

AOC President and IOC Vice President visits Archery Australia Team

During the recent World Championships in Belek Turkey we were pleased to have John Coates Australian Olympic Committee President and International Olympic Committee Vice President spend a number of days with the Australian Team at the championships.

He was very interested in the workings of the Archery Competition taking great interest not only in the recurve but also compound events.

Given the current push by World Archery to have Compound included in the 2020 Olympic Games his presence can only enhance the future inclusion of compound.



Dennis Carson

John Coates

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Jim Larven

Brian Hagaman

Jim Park

Tournament & Records Committee

Fiona Hyde has agreed to accept the position as Chair of the Tournament and Records Committee.

Clare Barnes who has been the Chair of this committee for the past 8 years has stepped down but expressed a wish to remain as a member committee.

The Board has expressed its thanks for the hard work and dedication exemplified by Clare over the past 8 years.

Para Archery & Visual Impaired Committee

We are pleased to formally announce the creation of this Committee which will be chaired by Dr Tom Wild from Archery Tasmania and include Kevin Faulkner and Hazel Hockley as members.

We urge any clubs who have involvement in these aspects of our sport to provide details to the Archery Australia Office to enable a picture to be formed of the current status within Australia.

Management Support for the AA Office

The work load in the Archery Australia office is ever increasing with greater demands due to government regulation and requirements, growing membership numbers, and our desire to increase the services to our members.

The Board recognises that if we do not want to offer less we must increase the resources available to assist the CEO and AA Office on a volunteer basis or paid staff.

The Board and CEO are actively addressing this work load issue by implementing more efficient systems, but in addition the Board is determined to explore the possibility of advertising for a Chief Operating Officer to assist the CEO on a trial basis.

National Matchplay Series and State of Origin

The Board agreed it would like to explore the concepts of establishing both or either a National Matchplay Series and State of Origin competition and has moved to set up a working party who will look at options to develop these concepts.

When this working party is in place they will be seeking ideas and undertaking consultation.

The broad concept for a National Matchplay Series is an event based on the ArcheryGB National Archery Series with events in each RGB where athletes can obtain points, the athletes with the highest points then meet at a central location for a finals.

The concept of a State of Origin competition is a short competition season based on a Mixed Teams Matchplay format conducted in each RGB culminating in a Finals in a central location.

It is thought that these competitions have the potential to revolutionise how the public view the sport and provide a product that will be attractive to sponsors.

Now there is the vision; it was agreed in the Strategic Plan as the way forward to develop our sport and all these concepts now need developing. So it is over to the Working Party. The key will be to work with RGBs and clubs to determine what they are happy to host.

World Archery Congress

Brian Hagaman and James Larven attended the recent World Archery Congress in Belek Turkey. Other than the usual Congress held every two years in conjunction with the World Championships it was also a celebration of the great progress made by World Archery in growing and promoting the sport.

Archery has recently been elevated to a level 2 Olympic sport which is a significant recognition of the current status of Archery worldwide.

This was particularly evident with the attendance of senior IOC officials during Congress and the World Championships.

The key outcomes from Congress were -

Elections

Prof Dr, Ugur Erdener was re-elected as President of World Archery.

Rule Changes

The name of awards and rounds have now been changed to reflect the World Archery name, FITA Stars, Arrowheads etc will now be called WA Stars, WA Arrowheads etc.

The 144 Arrow Target Rounds which never really had official names have now been officially named WA 144 Rounds.

The WA 144 Arrow Round will no longer be used as a Ranking/Qualification Round for future World Championships. Currently the WA 144 arrow round is used by Recurve for Ranking/Qualification while the 50m 720 round is used by Compound.

For future World Championships the Ranking/Qualification Round will be Recurve 70m 720 and Compound 50, 720.

This does not mean the WA 144 Arrow Rounds will be abandoned and no longer be shot, it is still a recognised round but will NOT be used in the future for World Championships.

The other significant change has been the method of scoring Matchplay for Indoor Championships and Team events.

Current for Outdoor Individual Matchplay Recurves shoot the "Set System" while Compound shoot "Accumulative Scoring System". For Indoor everyone shoots the "Set System" and for Team matchplay everyone shoots the "Accumulative Scoring System".

The change for Indoor Matchplay will see Compound now using the "Accumulative Scoring System" while the Recurve will continue to use the "Set System".

For Team events where everyone shoots the "Accumulative Scoring System" now Recurve will shoot the "Set System".

In short form the 1st April 2014 for Matchplay events both Individual and Team Recurve will shoot "Set System and Compound the "Accumulative Scoring System".