

Archery Australia Board News

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2015 World Para and VI Archery Championships.

In line with Archery Australia's long-term goal to establish a program to support Para and Vision Impaired archers toward international events, the Board decided to support the recommendations from the Para and VI Committee to send two VI Archers to accompany the five Para Archers nominated by the Committee. The 2015 World Para Championships will be conducted in Germany in August this year.

The Board also approved for Dr Tom Wild to accompany the team as the Manager for the Para and VI Championships.

We see this as an opportunity to develop our own programs and knowledge base and to provide support to World Archery for them in the running of this inaugural VI World Championships.

The team will be -

Jonathon Milne NSW - Open Compound
Jaymie Coleman ACT - Open Compound
Marek Steiner NSW - Open Recurve
Kyle Lyons-Clarkson Vic - Open Recurve
Kevin Faulkner TAS - W2 Recurve
Hazel Hockey VIC - VI Recurve
Dave Thomas NSW - VI Compound

Learn more about Para and Vision Impaired archery at the following links

Para

<http://www.archery.org.au/About-Archery/Events-and-Activities/Para-Archery>

Vision Impaired

<http://www.archery.org.au/About-Archery/Events-and-Activities/Vision-Impaired-Archery>

Classifier Training for Para and VI

As a part of the commitment of Archery Australia to Para and VI archery, we recently held with the help and cooperation of the Australian Paralympics Committee and the Essendon F.C. a training course to train and accredit National Para Classifiers at Essendon's home ground and Waverley Archery Club. This was held in conjunction with the recent Para and VI National Championships.

We now have three qualified National Classifiers who have completed their National level training.

They are now able to classify archers to a National Accreditation level and during the next National Championship in April 2016 we will be running an additional course with two World Archery Classifiers to lift their classification ability to International Accreditation level. In addition it is planned to quality additional classifiers from other states as part of the soon to be released Para and VI program.

Congratulations and thank you to those who completed the training. Archery Australia is now able to help our archers with this vitally important part of the process for them to be able to compete officially in national and international events.

Crossbow World Archery Championships

The Board approved the Archery Australia Team to compete at the 2015 World Crossbow Championships.

The team will be -

Stuart Atkins ACT
Deborah Upright SA
Mark Goodyear SA

The 2015 World Crossbow Championships will be conducted at Fort Lauderdale, Florida USA.

Club Hazard and Risk Assessments

The Board wishes to reinforce the need to protect our sport by maintaining a safe environment for Archers and visitors to our clubs.

In order to manage risks in the club and RGB environment it is important to conduct regular risk assessments.

It is considered that as a minimum, risk assessments should be undertaken every year, and controls reviewed by the Club / RGB Management Committee and remedial action taken where necessary.

These should also be done anytime the Club changes its activities or venues that are being used so as to keep an up to date register of the risks.

The Archery Australia's Risk Management Policy 1022 "Risk Management Resource for Clubs" can be found on the Archery Australia web site at the following link - <http://www.archery.org.au/Portals/22/documents/1022.pdf>

This document should be used to assist in undertaking these risk assessments.

Included in this Policy at page 15 is an Incident/Potential Incident Report Form.

All serious incidents, and in particularly those that may give rise to a claim against the Archery Australia's insurance cover, must be reported to the Archery Australia office at info@archery.org.au or by calling 02 9772 2995 as soon as practical after the incident.

Other important policies on the Archery Australia web site are Policy 1018 "Safety Guidelines" and Policy 1020 "Heat Stress". In undertaking your risk assessments refer to these policies.

Community Archery Instructor Training

The Community Instructor Program is aimed and has been developed for non Archery Australia members who can be accredited as a Community Archery Instructor.

This instructor level is aimed at businesses, schools, camps and community groups who undertake archery instruction for their customers and students.

The Board would like to remind everyone that only qualified Archery Instructors and Coaches with a minimum of two years experience are to conduct training for Community Archery Instructors.

It is necessary for those conducting these courses to both be qualified and have experience so that the standard of training remains consistent. Presenters are to do so using the training manuals and course presenters information located on the AA website.

Membership Terms and Conditions.

This long standing contentious issue concerning conditions around the backdating of late renewals in the Membership Terms and Conditions policy has been a continues point of discussion.

After requesting feedback from Clubs and RGB's on a possible change to the Membership Terms and conditions policy regarding backdating of late renewals, the AA Board has agreed to make the following changes.

If a member has been unfinancial for a period of more than 4 months and has not shot or participated in any coaching or judging activities then they will as from the 1/7/15 have two options.

1) They can renew their membership and have it backdated as per the current 12 month rule and in so doing continue their membership without recording a break in membership. This will be the default position if an Archer does not indicate otherwise.

2) They can fill out a form requesting to have their membership processed as being financial from 12 months form date of rejoining, the new joining date will become their future anniversary date, similar to a new membership. This will record a break in service for any awards etc and so this should be taken into consideration at the time.

The forms and processes around this change will be developed in the coming weeks and distributed prior to the 1/7/15.

Until that date the existing rules and conditions apply regarding membership renewals as shown in the extract from the current policy below.

RE-JOINING AFTER BEING REMOVED FROM ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DATABASE.

Irrespective of when the individual renewing member pays their fees, all fees shall be backdated to their annual anniversary date.

If an individual members re-joins 12 months or greater after their anniversary date the new joining date will become their future anniversary date.

Membership Financial Status.

The Board would like to remind all Clubs and RGB's of the need to ensure that all people shooting at their events are current financial members of Archery Australia.

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If they are visiting Archery Alliance members taking part in a cross participation event then they must comply with the conditions and be financial members of that organization and provide proof of their financial status with them, along with filling out a temporary membership form.

It is essential to ensure financial status of those shooting to ensure that all Archers are covered by the appropriate insurance policies that membership provides. This not only protects the Archers but the Club, Club Executive Officers, Volunteers and Public.

The easiest way to ensure this is to sight an Archers membership card at the time of registration or prior to shooting.

Athlete Residential Status

To be eligible to compete in any event or tournament at Club, Regional or National level an athlete must

- (a) be able to meet the entry requirements of the event or tournament
- (b) subject to 7.3.1.1, be a financial member of the Association and have been a resident in Australia for at least three months
- (c) sign in and present proof* of current membership prior to the commencement of competition.

(* Proof means a current membership card issued by Archery Australia (or relevant organisation - refer 7.3.1.1) or (if the card is yet to be received) an interim receipt or letter from the athlete's Club certifying that the relevant subscriptions have been paid)

If an event or tournament provides for cross-participation, 7.3.1(b) will not apply to World Archery affiliates or affiliates of other organisations within the Archery Alliance of Australia.

Continuing development of sponsorship

The Board continues to develop information and packages for possible sponsors of Teams, Specific Events and the sport overall. To enable us to support and fund the various programs and events we recognise the importance of seeking and obtaining sponsorship for our sport.

Continuance of the National Matchplay Series for 2016

After the success of the recent 2015 National Matchplay Series the Board decided to continue this event for 2016, RGB's have been asked to submit dates to Archery Australia for 2016.

The finals that were held recently in Adelaide were run to world class standards and were on an equal par to any World Cup events. Congratulations to all those who competed and many thanks to those involved in the organisation that goes into the running of events such as this.

The Board recognises the efforts of the many volunteers involved in putting an event such as this together and are very grateful.

We would also like to thank the sponsors of the event, **Hoyt, Easton, Fivics, Pats Archery, Danage, Titan, Adelaide City Council and Coates Wines.** Their assistance both financially and with equipment supplied made it possible for us to hold a finals in such a great area as in the middle of one of the countries capital cities.

Upcoming Major Events

2015 Australian Field Open – 29th to 31st May - to be held hosted by Sherbrooke Archers in Victoria.
2015 National Indoor Championships – 18th and 19th of July.
2015 National Championships – 23rd to 27th of October, to be hosted by Twin City Archers in Victoria.
2016 National Youth Archery Championships – date to be set.
2016 Australian Open – 4th to 6th of March, to be hosted by Samford Valley Archers in Brisbane.
2016 Para and VI Championships – date to be set.
2016 Australian Field Open – date to be set.
2016 National Matchplay Series - dates to be set
2016 National Indoor Championships – 16th and 17th of July.
2016 National Championships – date to be set and to be held in Adelaide.

As you can see when added to the RGB and Club calendars it is shaping up to be a busy next 12 months.