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## **Traditional Archery Australia Inc.**

# **National and State Title Guidelines**

The following guidelines outline the procedures and requirements needed to hold a TAA National or State Title Shoot. They are designed to assist TAA clubs through the nomination process.

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## Introduction

TAA National and State Titles are an excellent way of demonstrating all that is great about Traditional Archery. TAA was born when several archers felt it was time to gather together like-minded folk for the purpose of enjoying the skills, equipment and stories that take us all back in time. The history surrounding all the myriad of components that make up Traditional Archery are discussed around many a camp fire, as older members recount and teach to the ever growing number of children that are drawn in by this martial art. *Developing and promoting the profile of Traditional Archery in all forms.*

TAA Title Shoots are a good humoured way of allowing all of us to put our pride on the line. Archers follow a set of TAA shoot guidelines that see ranges set out in a similar way for each event. Arrows are shot at free standing, cleverly arranged targets that are within a maximum distance range of 28 metres. This allows for every archer to experience some degree of success. Each archer's equipment must fall within the TAA equipment guidelines to keep things fair and equitable, not to mention traditional.

TAA National and State Title results are as valid as we can make them considering the different terrain each club has to work around. Comparisons from year to year and state to state are then possible. Records are kept, not just for bragging rights, but also to inspire others to reach greater heights, all in good humour of course.

In amongst the nick-names and friendly heckling one finds a supportive, welcoming community of people all using traditional archery equipment. Some tell great hunting stories, others prefer to remain at a club and shoot at different targets, many love showing off their latest bow or superbly self-crested and fletched wooden arrows. Traditional archers use skills handed down through time for making bows, arrows, leather work, knives and any other item related to archery.

Above all else TAA Title Shoots are about gathering together and having fun doing something we all love.

# 1. Club Requirements to hold a Title Shoot

A TAA club may consider nominating for a Title Shoot if the following requirements can be met:

- Range(s) than can be set out safely for the field rounds. The range must hold 20 targets as indicated in the shoot guidelines.
- Minimum of 34 x 3D targets of varying size and style. 20 targets for the field rounds, 7 targets for the speed round, 7 targets for the hunt round. TAA do have some targets for loan but transport is often cost prohibitive.
- Rolling disc channel and safety barrier. Five rolling discs that meet the diameter requirements of 30cm.
- Running target, with safe shooting area and running equipment.
- Hunt Round space for 7 targets. Stop watch.
- Speed Round space for 7 targets. Step for elevation no more than adult knee height, this can be a sturdy log. Stop watch.
- Canteen area and some shelter.
- First aid kit. First aid officer.
- Camping area or close-by suitable arrangement for travelling archers.
- Hygiene facilities: toilets, showers and hand washing.
- A willing group of members who don't mind a bit of hard work.
- A supportive Executive Committee willing to help organise the shoot.
- If a National Title shoot an enclosed area suitable for holding the AGM. This may include an area off site such as, a hall or room.

## 2. Nomination Process

- Nomination is made through submission of the form found at the end of this document or on the TAA website under Documents. The completed form may be posted to the TAA mailbox or scanned and emailed to the address on the form.
- The form must be submitted no later than the TAA Annual General Meeting in October of the previous year. This gives everyone involved enough time to make decisions and prepare the next year's calendars.
- Each club submitting a nomination will be answered. If unsuccessful the club's submission will, with the club's permission, move to the next year.
- TAA clubs may nominate for both the National Titles and State Titles in their state.

### 3. Fees

Fees are a balancing act between charging too much, resulting in archers not attending, or, charging too little and not covering the cost of the shoot. The following is a list of expenses usually incurred at a traditional shoot. These need to be factored in to the entry fee. This list may not be complete as unforeseen expenses can arise during the course of the shoot.

- Targets: with a potential of four arrows hitting into the range targets from each archer, damage can be very noticeable. The worst affected targets are the small/cheap targets. Larger targets with a small surface area (stubby/round) usually fair the best. It would be reasonable to estimate anywhere up to \$30 for replacing targets from each archer, this amount being negotiable. TAA can supply targets, however the transport costs to some areas may be cost prohibitive.
- Equipment used in relation to the targets such as metal stakes used to make targets secure, pegs etc. These can be reused many times.
- Signage: Safety, directional and other information signs. These can be reused.
- Trophies: Trophies include TAA's National perpetual trophies (no ongoing cost except for a plaque) and individual trophies that need to be purchased. TAA arranges and supplies the National trophies. TAA can help clubs organise the State title trophies.
- Hygiene requirements: Portable toilet hiring, paper towels, toilet paper, hand wash etc. Clubs needing to hire toilets and/or showers will have higher costs.
- Fuel and other energy needs: Petrol/diesel for vehicle to transport targets around the range and for generators. Gas for BBQ etc.
- Waste management: Skip bins or other waste management removal.
- Advertising and Stationary: Scoresheet and other printing.
- Wear and tear on equipment.
- Food
- Hiring of facilities if required.

After the fee has been established by TAA and the hosting club, a breakdown of who is supplying each item, TAA or the club, needs to be noted. The ratio of the fee to each body is then agreed upon. A club who can supply most of the above requirements in (1) would keep most of the fee.

## 4. TAA Looking into the Future

TAA has a vision that lies at the heart of many a traditional archer. At traditional shoots and club days one doesn't need to look too hard to find:

- 'old timers' and experienced archers giving a generous helping hand to beginners, children and those with disabilities,
- talented archers dreaming of competing against world class competition,
- archers grouping themselves to form a team such as at the Nationals,
- and unfortunately way too many families not being able to afford the equipment needed for their children to enjoy our wonderful sport.

TAA are now setting up a special fund that will help us to:

- ensure families can acquire basic archery equipment to make things equitable for their children. This will be a private undertaking between TAA, the nominating club or member and the family.

Further into the future as this fund grows it is the vision of TAA to:

- subsidise talented TAA archers to compete in world class traditional competitions, and
- subsidise TAA archers to attend world class team events.

All TAA executive committee members are volunteers who freely give their time. TAA rely on income contributions from National and State Title shoots to help equip the association with the items it needs to function. TAA keep membership fees to a minimum. A large portion of these fees are used to cover the public liability insurance that ensures TAA archers are protected if something unforeseen happens.

**Strategy:** After the shoot fee is decided upon in item 3, TAA are asking that ten dollars be added. Of this five dollars will go towards the first underlined cause above. The remaining five dollars will go towards the second underlined cause. All TAA income, purchases and expenditure can be viewed at a member's request as stated in the TAA Constitution Clause 45 subclause (1a).

**Examples:** At the Inaugural QLD state title in 2020 Chevallan Archery Park supplied every item listed in 1. They therefore retained 100% of the shoot fee of \$45. Chevallan has kindly added \$5 to this fee towards TAA's special fund, total \$50. Southwest Bowman WA also follow this same shoot fee pattern for the WA state title. This five dollars will increase to ten dollars from 2021.

## 5. Distribution of Title Shoot Income

Traditional shoots are an excellent way of raising funds for the hosting club. As stated in point 3 (fees) some of this money will be required to replace targets. Club maintenance is another area where extra funds help a club. Title shoots are a joint effort between TAA and the hosting club. The following itemisation is a breakdown of fund distribution.

### Club:

- All profits from the club run canteen.
- Pick of the Table/Raffles held and organised by the club.
- Extra novelty events with a small entry donation organised by the club.
- Agreed portion of the shoot fee (point 3).

### TAA:

- Merchandise sales: TAA shirts, caps, patches and stickers.
- TAA raffle if run.
- Agreed portion of the fee (point 3).
- \$10 special fund raising (point 4).

## 6. Flyer and Advertising

The advertising flyer should be informative and easy to read. It will be placed on the TAA calendar in a timely manner so that archers can plan their travel timetable.

The National Title Flyer is prepared by the TAA Web Manager/PR Officer.

State Title Flyers are prepared by the host club and must contain the following:

- TAA and Club Logo
- Title of the shoot
- Date
- Contact details for nomination
- Contact details for general questions
- State that competitors must be a TAA financial member. Non-members will be able to join at the shoot
- Club address
- Fee
- Canteen arrangements
- Outline of the shoot guideline events
- Reference to equipment guidelines for accepted traditional equipment
- Notice of fund raising activities
- Camping availability details
- Inform whether dogs are allowed in the camping area

All flyers are to be approved by the TAA executive committee prior to being uploaded onto the TAA website. The flyer must be in PDF format for the TAA Calendar.

Flyers are to be emailed to the TAA Web Manager.

Email: [web@traditionalarcheryaustralia.org](mailto:web@traditionalarcheryaustralia.org)

## 7. Catering

The hosting club is to supply canteen facilities. All expenses and profit raised is handled by the club. Clubs usually find this a good fund raising adventure. Food may include breakfast and lunch each day. Drinks and perhaps snacks can also be sold. The menu is entirely up to the club.

Saturday dinner for a state title shoot is often, but does not have to be, supplied by the hosting club e.g. BBQ or spit roast, vegetables or salad and sometimes dessert. Some clubs bring in pre-cooked meals from take away food outlets. If dinner is being supplied, the archer will fill out a form and pay for dinner with their shoot nomination. This allows the club a chance to cater for the correct amount of food. For the National shoot TAA have traditionally held a dinner after the AGM. This has not always been on club grounds.

## 8. Trophies/medals

National and State Title Shoots reward the top scoring archers with trophies and/or medals.

### National Titles

Trophies/medals are arranged by TAA.

- They include individual medals in each bow division and age group. Medals are supplied by Chevallan Archery Park. Gary Maile has designed a special Title Medal to be used only at TAA Title Shoots.
- Perpetual Shields that have been hand crafted by archers for:
  - a. Top Team at the shoot: Trophy made and donated by Tully Bowhunters
  - b. Top Point Scorer: Trophy made and donated by Keith Mattson
  - c. Top Score for Hog Hollow: Trophy made and donated by Perry Jackson in honour of Cleve "Shrek" Wood.

### State Titles

Trophies are arranged by the host club. TAA can help with this.

## 9. Teams Event at the National Title

At the National Muster TAA has encouraged TAA clubs to enter as a team. In 2017 and 2018 this event was won by South Coast Archers capably led by Glenn McMahon. The winning club was presented with a beautiful perpetual shield hand crafted and donated by Tully Bowhunters. In 2019 this event morphed into a rivalry that was both hilarious and unplanned as Kurwongbah Lake entered their huge team of handpicked archers, led by El Presidente Peter Van Der Molen. Then, out of the forest appeared another team made up of TAA folk, who either lived too far from a TAA club to be an official part of the action, or, who were the only member of their TAA club to be present at the muster. This team were kitted out in their Brotherhood of Bowman shirts and followed team leader Keith Mattson. Glenn McMahon saw this as an opportunity to boost his numbers. He very quickly declared several long time archers honorary South Coast Members. Two other smaller club teams joined in. Five teams in all, this event was proving popular!

Apart from Kurwongbah Lake winning the 2019 shield, the other big win was allowing the children present to be part of a team. Most of their chatter was related to how their team was doing. It has also let TAA know that ALL TAA members would like to be part of the fun, not just those whose archery club just happened to be affiliated with TAA.

The guidelines for entering this event are as follows. Each team entering must:

- consist of at least eight members.
- have a team name. This can be their club name or another name that reflects their passion in Traditional Archery.
- have an identifying garment or decoration. This may include a club or team shirt with logo, a cheap same coloured shirt with hand drawn/written club name, the same style hat/headaddress, the same themed costume, a chosen coloured ribbon worn around arm or somewhere else e.g. quiver/beard, or, other garment that is appropriate.
- apply safety when choosing their team identifying feature. For example hats with horn decorations may catch bow strings, onesies may be worn but might cause the archer to overheat.
- have their team name and members' names in to the score recorder by the Friday evening before the start of the shoot, see entry form below. If less than ten members the team can add from a list made up of TAA members who do not have a club but would like to be part of a team. Members will nominate to be on this list either with their original nomination form or by the Friday evening.
- keep a friendly and good humoured eye on other teams by mingling amongst groups on the range.

Each year there will be a special auction with the takings split fifty/fifty between the hosting club and TAA. The top scoring archer from the previous year will have their archery talent auctioned at the muster on Saturday morning before the start of the shoot. This archer will then be entered as part of the team who have won the auction. The archer will be supplied with the identifying garment/decoration. If the previous top scoring archer is not present another chosen experienced archer will take their place. It will be considered an honour to be chosen for auction. This can be expanded to include the top male and female archer.

How is this scored you might ask? Well that is secret executive women's business. You will just have to trust the magical mathematical formula devised by the women on the executive committee.

The coveted trophy is presented on the Sunday as part of the official presentation.



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## Team Nomination Form

**Team Name**

**Team identifying garment/decoration**

**Captain**

Team member	TAA No.	Team member	TAA No.
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