



Traditional Archery Australia

Rules of Fair Chase.

- 1** Game must not be restricted by water, mud, snow, dogs, traps, snares, fences or any man-made object.
- 2** Game must not be shot with the aid of artificially projected light.
- 3** Game must not be shot from a power vehicle or boat, or from horseback, where their use would restrict the game, or aid the hunter, in any way.
- 4** Game must be shot in season and according to the law, as required.
- 5** Game must not be protected by law, but may be hunted under official permit, obtained from the appropriate authority.
- 6** Game must not be held in Game Reserves, Sanctuaries, or in any specially Controlled hunting environment, except as specifically prescribed for the taking of Closed Range Game, as provided.
- 7** The taking of young game is prohibited.
- 8** The use of poisons or drugs is prohibited, and the primary cause of death must be a mortal arrow wound; however, game may be quickly dispatched with the use of a hunting knife.
- 9** Game must not be taken with the use of a power vehicle, or horseback, for herding, driving or tiring the animal, or the use of aircraft or drones for spotting.
- 10** The use of electronic tracking devices, or dogs for tracking or locating game, is prohibited. However, game may be found and claimed up to 48 hours after it has been killed.
- 11** The use of a firearm in the harvesting of game is prohibited, except where required by law, or by the Association, subject to that should a firearm be used as so required, no claim for recognition will be accepted.
- 12** No animal harvested with the bow, under the Rules of Fair Chase will be recognised by the Association, unless the animal is utilised in some way, either by trophy, food, or photograph.



WATER GAME

This classification is divided into two categories:

a Bowhunting for Fish

b Bowfishing

Definition:

Bowhunting for Fish: the taking of water game by walking in the water

Bowfishing: the taking of water game from a boat, or other similar water-borne craft

The word 'fish' includes the categories of shark, stingray, and a general category of 'scaled fish'.

- 1 Game must not be restricted before the arrow connects, either by nets, traps or by any means or object, natural or man-made; but may be gaffed, drowned or dispatched thereafter.
- 2 Game must not be protected by law and must be shot in legal waters, and the methods used must be in accordance with the law pertaining.
- 3 Game must not be allowed to run free on a floater, except in the case of bowfishing, where the hunter in a boat could be described as a floater.
- 4 The game must be played by one hunter/bowfisherman and the line must be hand held throughout, except for bowfishing, where the line may be attached to a rod or reel.
- 5 A line of maximum breaking strain of 200 lbs (90kg) may be attached to the arrow.
- 6 For bowfishing only, a steel trace of a maximum 40 feet in length is permissible.
- 7 No power heads of any kind are permitted.
- 8 No firearm of any kind is permitted.
- 9 No artificial light of any kind is permitted.
- 10 No herding of game is permitted.
- 11 Only one line is to be used to play the game.
- 12 The use of burley or baiting of game is permitted.
- 13 The use of any method not considered to be in fair chase by the Association's Executive to be in fair chase is prohibited, for the purpose of awards.

Interpretations

- 1 The Association does not recognize the taking of "young game" for purpose of any awards. YOUNG GAME is defined as being the young of the species still reliant on their parent/s for survival.
- 2 In the case of a "joint kill", the Association will recognize the hunter with the first strike with an arrow as the "owner" of the kill, irrespective of where such first arrow hit.