



TAA Tomahawk and Knife throwing competition guidelines

These event guidelines were formulated by TAA, with the sole purpose of promoting good sportsmanship and fair play. We invite and encourage others to join in and test your skills in this challenging fun event.

Come on have a go!



Tomahawk guidelines

1. Minimum age

Juniors 13 to 17. Adults 18 and above.

2. Target quality

Target block must be of reasonable quality and the score lines must be visible and the score able to be made. The block is normally constructed of pine blocks 90x90 or 100x 100 the end grain is used so the axe or knife can stick when thrown.

3. Warm up practise throws

Players may practice before the commencement of the competition.

4. Qualifying round.

All players must qualify to compete.

To qualify 3 throws from the 3-metre mark and a score of 1 point or more must be achieved to proceed into the main competition. If this is achieved the player will continue to throw and this score will be totalled for the six throws, then player will move back to the 5-metre mark and complete the last 6 throws to finish the round.

5. Game guidelines

Each player will throw a maximum of 12 throws, the qualifying round starts from when the first tomahawk or knife sticks and scores one point or more, this score is recorded, and the thrower will complete 11 more throws to complete the round. 6 throws from the 3-metre mark, and 6 throws from the 5-metre mark to complete the round.

The player can throw from anywhere behind the throw line. The feet must not step over the line during the throw.

If any part of the foot goes over the line during the throw, then this throw will be counted as a non-scoring throw.

6. Divisions

There will be 4 divisions. Adult Male, Adult Female.

Junior Male, Junior Female. Age for a junior will be 13 years and up to 17 years old.

The tomahawk and knife maximum throwing distance for Junior Male and Female will be from the 5-metre mark.

Juniors will also start at the 3-metre mark for their 3 qualifying throws. All other rules apply.



7. Equipment

All tomahawks and knives must be in a suitable condition for throwing.

No double, half or full axes permitted.

All tomahawks are to have a primary blade.

A balancing blade or spike is allowed.

Only the primary main blade will score.

All blades shall not exceed 100mm/10cm in length.

The handle shall not exceed more than 450mm/45cm in length.



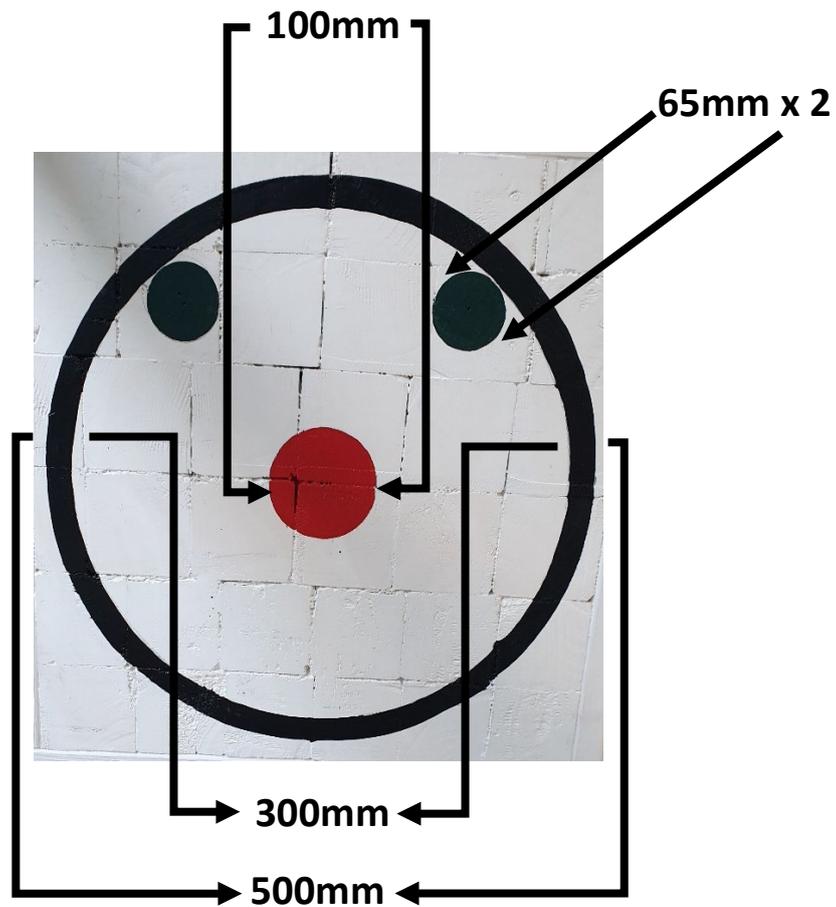
5. Target height and dimensions

The target centre, from the centre of the bull shall be set at a height of 1300mm from the ground.

The scoring areas shall comprise of the bull 100mm in diameter,

The inner ring of 300mm in diameter and the outer ring of 500mm in diameter.

The kill shot rings shall be 65mm in diameter and 260mm between the centres of the kill shot circles.



8. Marker distances

Adult male and female tomahawk event, 3 and 5 metres.

Adult male and female knife event, 3 and 6 metres.

Junior male and female tomahawk and knife event, 3 and 5 metres.

7. Scoring

The bull will be worth 10 points.

The inner ring will be worth 5 points.

The outer ring will be worth 1 point.

The kill shot circles will be worth 15 points.

The tomahawk or knife must penetrate through the line to receive the higher score.

The kill shot rings can be thrown at any time and at any of the 2 distances, you are allowed two throws only and the thrower needs to nominate a left or right kill shot circle, your intention should be made clear to the score recorder before the throw. If the kill shot is nominated and missed and the tomahawk or knife is thrown in any other scoring part of the target, then thrower will be awarded 2 points only.



7. Knife throwing guidelines.

The knife blade may not exceed a total length of 350mm.

No double ended knives are permitted.

The throwing distance will be 3 metres and 6 metres, respectively.

All other guidelines for this event are the same as the tomahawk event please refer above.



8. Safety

No one is allowed forward of the throw lines once the competition has begun, other than the score recorder to adjudicate a decision.

Spectators need to be 10 feet behind the throwing lines.

There needs to be a buffer or drop zone of 10 meters behind the target and to the left and right side of the target.

If there is more than one target butt 12 meters minimum is required between each butt.

The throwing area shall be free of all obstacles and trip hazards.

The throwing range captain is responsible for the safety of this event. And will exercise control of the throw line.