



Traditional Archery Australia Inc.

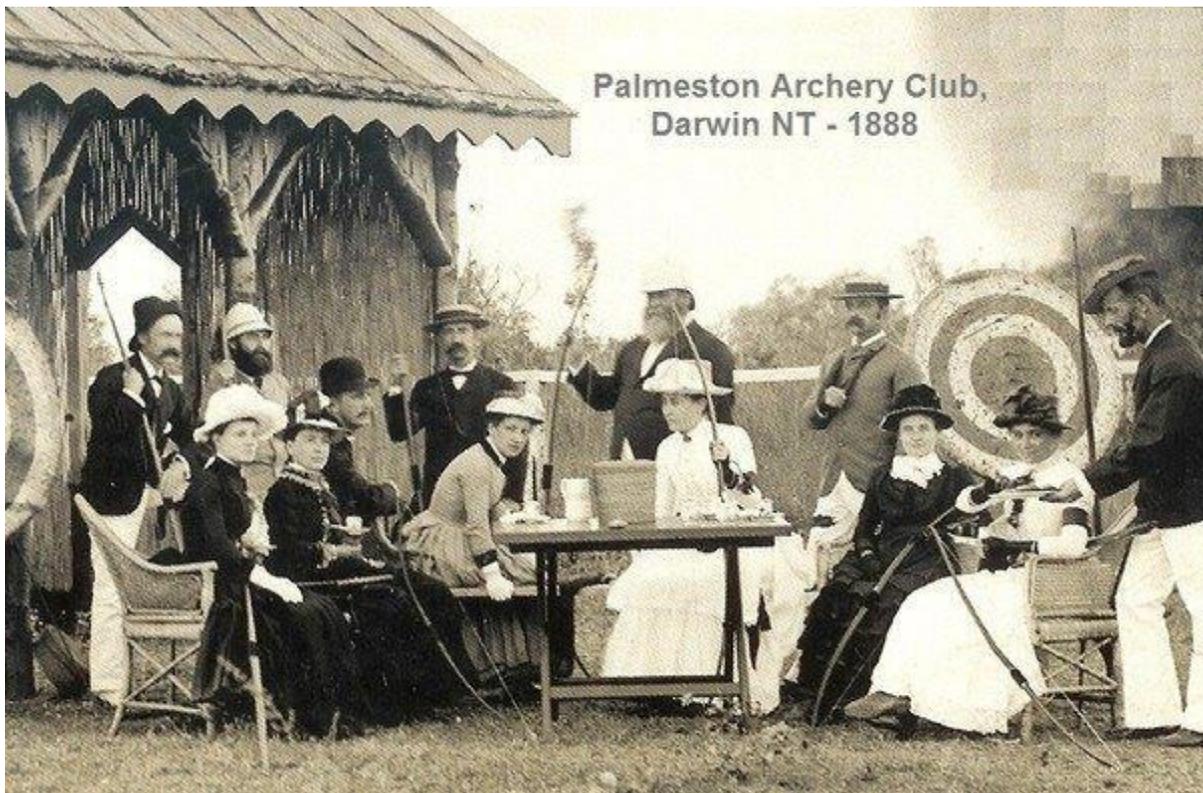
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Archery Crafters Guild

Australian Traditional Equipment Guidelines

The following information contains guidelines regarding the different styles of traditional bows commonly used in Australia. It is hoped these guidelines will help shoot organisers prepare their divisions appropriately.

It is up to each participant in a shoot or tournament to check whether their equipment set up will be acceptable for that particular event.



Longbow

The longbow refers to the traditional, straight end style longbow. When **strung**, the profile of a longbows limbs shall show a single continuous curve at brace height, the string will not touch the belly of the bow at all and if a string was laid along the back of the bow from handle to knock, it is to have no areas where light shows between.

The longbow may have a shelf cut into the handle, but it must not be centre shot.

The bow can be of any material or use any modern glue in its construction.

A locator or semi pistol grip is permitted. A reverse handle grip is also permitted.

The minimum length for longbows will be 66" for men and 62" for women and juniors.

Cubs' bows may be of any length.

The longbow can be of takedown construction but **two piece only**. Three piece construction is not permitted. Three piece construction, ILF etc., will be considered as hybrid bows and should be placed in that division accordingly.

No sighting aids, draw check or release aids are permitted.

No stabiliser or hand slings are permitted.

No adjustable or mechanical arrow rests are permitted.

Recurve

The recurve may have more than one curve direction in its limbs. When strung and at brace height, the recurve will have its string touching the belly of the limb.

The recurve can be of one piece or any take down construction.

The riser can be of any material.

The shelf/window can be cut to any degree of centre shot.

No sighting aids of any kind can be used.

No draw check or release aids of any kind can be used.

No stabiliser or hand sling is permitted.

Arrow rests, pressure buttons etc. are permitted.

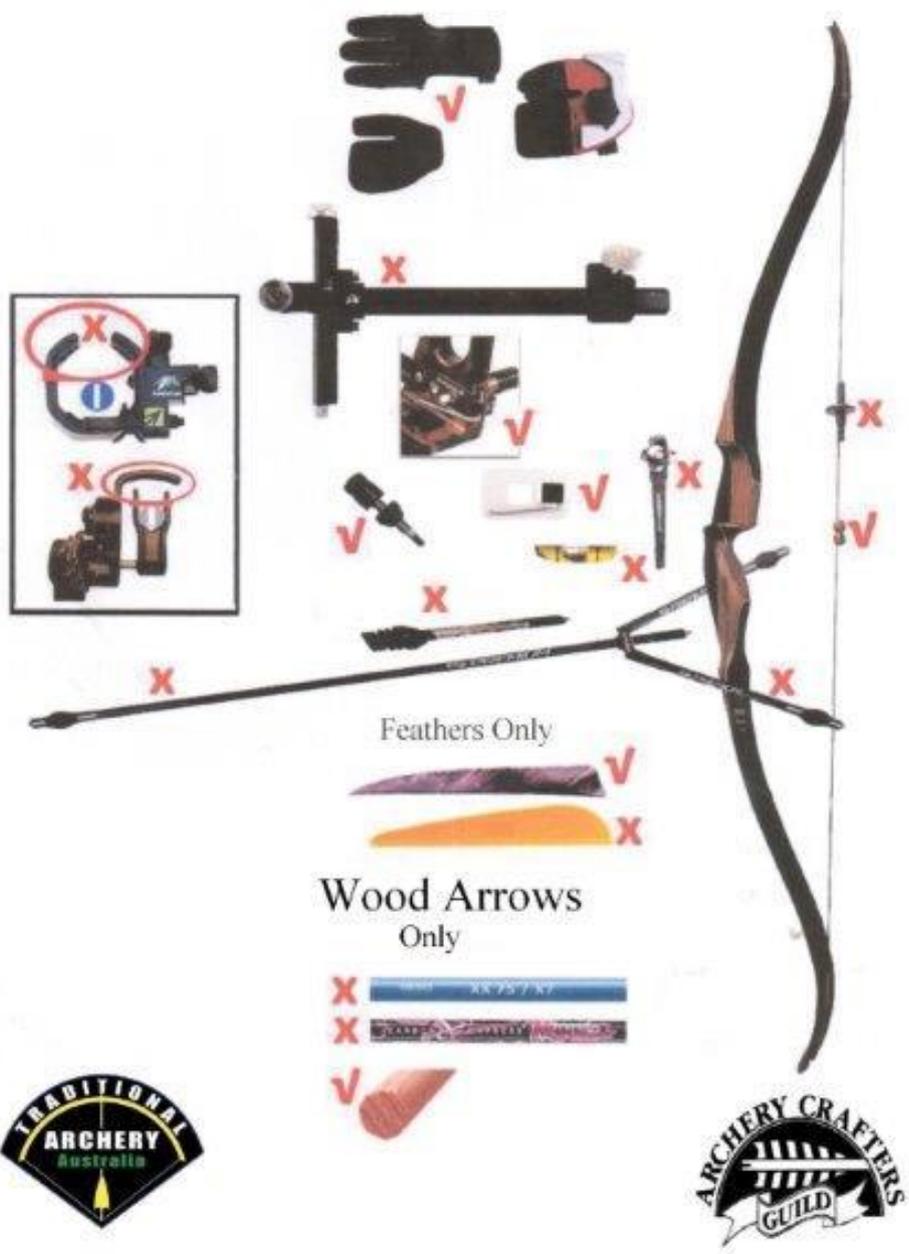
The recurve can be of any length.

The recurve may have any grip style including full pistol grip.

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Recurve

All Recurves Including Takedown Recurves



Hybrid

Hybrid bows are deflex/reflex style bows. When **strung** the hybrid bows limbs may show more than one curve direction, that is, it may deflex towards the belly of the bow and then reflex towards the back of the bow.

When strung and at brace height, the string **must not** touch the belly of the bow at all. If it does, the bow must be considered to be a recurve.

The hybrid can be constructed of any material.

The hybrid bow may have any grip style, including a full pistol grip.

The hybrid may have a shelf cut into the riser and may be full centre shot.

The hybrid bow may be any length.

No sighting, release or draw check aids are to be used.

No stabilisers or hand slings are to be used.

No adjustable or mechanical arrow rests are permitted.

The hybrid can be one piece or of any take down construction.

Primitive

Basically, a primitive bow is any bow of any design that does not have fibreglass or carbon in its construction. This includes all aspects of the bow including overlays etc. The primitive bow division includes self-bows (bows constructed of one piece of wood) or all wood composites (bows constructed with multiple laminations of wood or bamboo or any natural material). However, this does not include English longbows or Asiatic type bows which have their own class.

Modern glues are permitted.

A primitive bow may be of take-down construction, but two piece only.

A primitive bow may have a full pistol grip.

A primitive bow may have a shelf but must not be cut full centre shot (see longbow).

A primitive bow may be any length.

No mechanical or adjustable arrow rests are permitted.

No sighting or draw check aids are to be used.

No hand slings, stabilisers or release aids are to be used.

Note: Some shoot organisers may choose to put self-bows and all wood composites in separate divisions. In this event the above rules apply to both divisions.

English Longbow

An English longbow or ELB is defined as being a bow when unstrung will be straight or have **one** curve direction only, which is, curving towards the belly string follow, or possessing a degree of reflex.

Being of all wood construction, (including bamboo), can be self-wood or all wood composite. No modern materials are permitted at all, with the exception of glue.

Having a flattish back and stacked with a Roman arch type belly.

Having approximately an 8 to 5 width to depth ratio.

At least 66 inches in length.

May or may not have horn nocks.

Has no shelf of any kind and is shot off the hand.

No draw check, release or sighting aids of any kind are permitted.

May be of take-down construction but **two piece only**.

Historical Bows

Includes Bamboo backed Bows

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ENGLISH LONGBOW



SELF BOW



BAMBOO BACKED BOWS

Feathers Only



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Wood Arrows
ONLY



Asiatic Style Bows

Asiatic style bows are defined as:

Japanese Yumi bows are identified by radical asymmetrical design and are usually very long and of deflex/ reflex design.

Hungarian, Turkish or Mongol style bows or similar (sometimes referred to as horse bows). These bows are normally of static tip, recurve design and many will have large siyahs (large timber inclusions at the static tips).

These bows can be made from any materials including fibreglass and carbon.

These bows cannot have a pistol grip or a large riser as per modern recurves.

No shelf is to be cut into the handle/riser, although an attached arrow rest of some kind is permitted.

No draw check, release aid or sighting aid is permitted, thumb rings are however, permitted.

No stabiliser of any kind is permitted.

Arrows

All divisions are wooden and bamboo arrows only with a minimum of 12 inches of feather, unless the individual shoot organisers allow the use of aluminium arrows, depending on their advertised shoot rules.

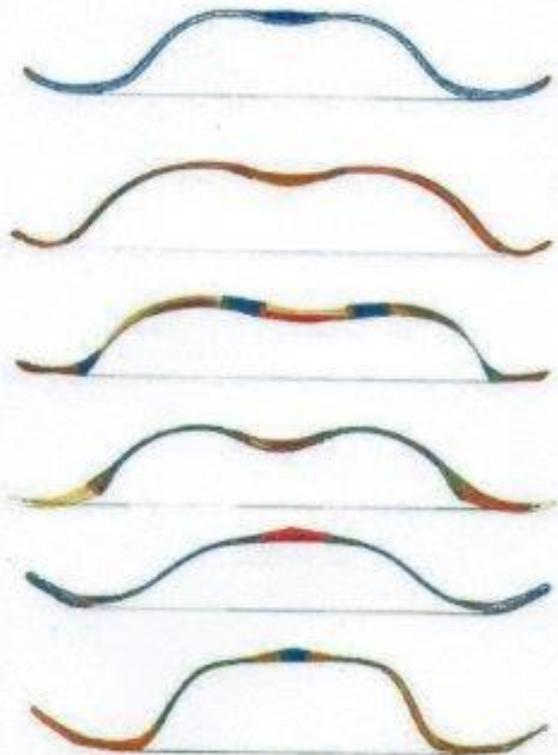
Carbon arrow shafts are not permitted as they cannot be seen as traditional.

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Asiatic Bows



JAPANESE BOW



VARIOUS TYPES OF HORSE BOWS

Feathers Only



 **Wood Arrows Only**



