



# TOURNAMENTS, RECORDS AND AWARD GUIDELINES

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## 1. Introduction

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Archery ACT Society Inc (AACT) is the Archery Australia (AA) Recognised Governing Body (RGB) for archery within the ACT.

Our mission is to provide unity and leadership to ACT clubs and ensure opportunities and pathways are provided in all facets of our sport. We aim to promote the sport of archery to the ACT community and engage in positive and productive partnerships.

This document describes the guidelines for Tournaments, Records and Awards for AACT.

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## 2. Tournaments

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This section is mainly focused on providing guidelines for RGB level events, referred to as AACT tournaments, but also includes some guidelines which are applicable to inter-club events (ie events held by AACT Clubs where the entries are open to other clubs).

AACT tournaments are held to build community and showcase the talent within our RGB.

Any desired variance from these guidelines should be raised with AACT, via the secretary, at the earliest opportunity.

### 2.1 AACT Annual Tournaments

There are six events which AACT aspire to hold as RGB supported events each year;

1. AACT Target Championships,
2. AACT Field Championships,
3. AACT Clout Championships,
4. AACT Indoor Championships,
5. AACT Short Course Championships, and
6. AACT Fletchlings.

The first five tournaments are AACT Championships in which archers will compete for AACT placings. These tournaments aim to reflect events run at National Level. The final tournament, ACT Fletchlings, is an AACT supported entry level tournament intended to give less experienced archers the opportunity to gain tournament experience.

Further guidelines are provided throughout this document.

### 2.2 Scheduling of Tournaments

To register a tournament on the AACT calendar the host club must contact the AACT Recorder at least 30 Days prior to the tournament.

AACT will ask individual clubs to conduct the tournaments listed in paragraph 2.1 on behalf of AACT.

The AACT tournaments will be allocated to clubs based on the facilities and strengths of the clubs, noting that effort will be made to distribute the load evenly. Where a club questions/disputes the allocation of the events it must put forward an alternate proposal to the AACT committee and AACT delegates. Where a club declines the request to run an AACT event an alternate club will be requested to run the tournament. Where a club cannot be found to run the tournament, it may be cancelled for the year.

In the fourth quarter of the prior year the AACT Recorder will contact clubs to determine the club's preferred date/s.

A clash in scheduling may occur where clubs nominate the same month for AACT tournaments or when the National tournament dates are not known at the time of setting the AACT tournaments. If a clash occurs, National tournaments will be given priority, then priority will be given in the order which tournament s are listed in paragraph 2.1. Due to the large number, tournaments from other RGBs cannot be given consideration in the scheduling of AACT tournaments.

Table 1 shows suggested months for AACT tournaments to space them throughout the year, and to align with usual National tournament timings.

## **2.3 Organising Club Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of the organising club to organise all aspects of an AACT tournament, unless specified otherwise in these guidelines.

The organising club is to cover costs associated with organising an AACT tournament which are not nominated to be paid by AACT in these guidelines.

## **2.4 Fees and Entries**

The organising club will set the fee for entering an AACT tournament.

- If a discount is offered for certain classes (e.g. age group), it should be limited to youth classes and post retirement age classes.
- The organising club may make a profit from holding an AACT tournament, but consideration should be given to keeping the entry fee reasonable.

The organising club is responsible for organising the method of entry and is to have the entries open at least 21 days prior to the AACT tournament. It is recommended entries close no later than 5pm, four (4) days prior to the tournament, so that the details of entries can be passed to the AACT Judges Coordinator and Recorder, see 2.9 and 2.10.

Allowing late entries for an AACT tournament is at the organising clubs discretion. A higher entry fee may be set for late entries.

For AACT tournaments, no refund of entry fee need be offered if an entrant withdraws within 7 days of the tournament.

## **2.5 Format of Tournaments**

AACT Championships are to be run in accordance with Archery Australia and, where applicable for the tournament type, World Archery Rules.

The type of round to be shot for AACT tournaments is shown in Table 1. With the exception of the AACT Fletchlings, archers are to shoot the round specified by AA for their division and class.

Table 1 shows the minimum requirement for AACT Championship. It is permissible for the organising club to schedule an additional day and round.

<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Round Type</b>	<b>Suggested Month</b>
AACT Target Championship	WA/AA 1440 Rounds	Aug/Sep
AACT Field Championship	24 Target Marked Field and 24 Target Unmarked Field (optional inclusion)	February
AACT Clout Championship	Double Clout	March
AACT Indoor Championship (preference is that it is held in conjunction with the National Indoor Championships)	As specified for the National Indoor Championships (if AACT Championships is separate, a minimum of 60 arrows with a preference to include 25m)	July
AACT Short Course Championship	WA/AA 900 Rounds	May
AACT Fletchlings	Not specified	Sep/Oct

*Table 1: Tournament summary*

The AACT Championship rounds are intended to be the same as those being shot at the National Championships. If the rounds for the National Championships change, the organising club may apply to AACT, via the Secretary, to shoot that round for the corresponding AACT Championship.

## **2.6 General Guidelines for AACT Championships**

AACT Championships are to:

- be open to all AA recognised divisions and class of archer,
- be open to Archery Alliance archers, i.e. ABA and 3DAAA archers,
- be run in accordance with Archery Australia/World Archery Rules and policies, as applicable,
- be a registered AA and/or World Archery tournament as applicable (i.e. Registered at the highest level available for the round). AACT covers the cost of this registration, clubs can claim reimbursement using the “Expense Claim Form” on AACT’s website.

If a Championship consists of multiple days/rounds, all days/rounds must be shot in order to be eligible for an AACT placing.

## **2.7 Equipment**

In 2019 AACT supported each club to purchase timing clocks under the condition they were made available for other clubs to borrow. Organising clubs should make arrangements directly with another club or clubs. Details can be found under the Timing Clock MoU on the AACT website.

AACT signs and banners can be utilised for RGB tournament s. The organising club should contact the Secretary and Vice President 2 weeks prior to the tournament to make arrangements to obtain these.

Clubs are welcome to request use of AACT signs and banners for other inter-club tournaments under the same arrangements as above.

## **2.8 Additional Specific Guidelines**

### **2.8.1 AACT Field Championship**

At a minimum a 24 Target Marked field is to be shot. It is at the discretion of the host club if a 24 target unmarked field be included in the Championship.

### **2.8.1 AACT Indoor Championship**

It is preferred that the AACT Indoor Championship is run in conjunction with the National Indoor Championships.

The rounds are to be as required for the National Indoor Championship.

If the AACT Championship is proposed to be run separate to the National Indoor Championship the proposer, the AACT committee and the AACT Delegates will give consideration to:

- having a different organising club for the AACT and National tournaments;
- a proposal must be submitted to AACT committee and delegates, with justification, for decision;
- a justification to split the tournaments may include the AACT Championship incorporating a 25m component;
- the round/s should consist of a minimum of 60 arrows.

### **2.8.2 AACT Short Course Championship**

AACT recognises that the distances for the AACT Target Championship is prohibitive for some archers. The goal of the short course is to provide an AACT tournament where the distances are achievable for a larger portion of the AACT community.

Considering the intent of the tournament, at the discretion of the organising club, archers may be allowed to enter a 900 round of their choosing, but will not be eligible for any RGB level awards, e.g. placings, records or silver all golds.

### **2.8.3 AACT Fletchlings**

The goal of this tournament is to give archers the opportunity to try-out a tournament without the intimidation of shooting against higher level archers who typically attend RGB tournaments. The focus should be on fun and learning tournament procedures.

The organising club is encouraged to cater towards archers with little tournament experience, but include most elements of a typical tournament.

No AA archer is excluded from entering the tournament. However, it is envisioned that the style will cause higher level archers to voluntarily omit themselves. If experienced archers wish to participate, they should be encouraged to do so in a non-shooting capacity.

This is not an AACT Championship and is not required to be an AA or WA registered tournament.

Archery Australia rules should be used as far as possible for learning without adding excessive pressure.

Entrants need not shoot the round required by AA for their division and class.

It is recommended that AA720 rounds be those used for the tournament and the archers are allowed to select their distance.

National judges are not required, but can be utilised in an unofficial capacity to conduct the tournament. Alternatively, or in addition, experienced archers may be utilised to conduct the tournament and act in a judge capacity.

This tournament will not be eligible for award of any RGB level awards (e.g. records and silver all golds).

Medals will not be provided by AACT for this tournament. However, upon negotiation, alternate prizes for placings may be available from AACT.

## 2.9 Officials and Helpers

The organising club is to request judges through the AACT Judges Coordinator 4 weeks before a tournament. The entry numbers drive how many judges are needed, hence weekly updates are requested. The final entrant numbers should be sent to the Judges Coordinator 4 days prior to the tournament.

The organising club usually provides all other personnel for the running of a tournament. However, if additional people are required, upon request to the Secretary, AACT can circulate the request to its membership with the goal of assisting to build a supportive inter-club atmosphere in the RGB.

## 2.10 Results and Awards

The organising club is to ensure the results of AACT tournaments are recorded in Archers Diary. The Archers Diary event must include "AACT" in its title.

The organising club is responsible for checking and posting scores prior to medal presentations.

For AACT Championships:

- all entrants are eligible to earn AACT medals, regardless of RGB.
- places are only to be awarded to entrants who have participated in all rounds which make up part of the tournament. For the purpose of this, an intent to participate (e.g. withdrawal due to equipment failure or medical) should be deemed as participation.
- entrants will be eligible to claim silver all gold and perfect medals.
- AACT will provide the medals for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place (gold, silver and bronze) at no cost to the organising club.

The organising club is to notify the AACT Recorder of the entrants four (4) days prior to the tournament so that medals can be prepared and Archer's Diary can be finalised. Accepting late entries may mean that insufficient medals will be available on the day.

For non-championship AACT tournaments the organising club may negotiate and request any prizes through the Vice President. These prizes will usually take the form of AACT merchandise and be provided at no cost to the organising club.

The presentations of placing will take place on the same day as the shoot, once the scores have been posted for the required time, and is part of the responsibilities of the organising club. Upon request, the AACT President, or another member of the AACT executive, may be available to make the presentations.

## 2.11 Summary of AACT Tournament Contacts

Item	Contact	Timeframe
Variance from guidelines	Secretary	As soon as possible
AACT Tournament Scheduling	Recorder	Fourth quarter of prior year
Register Inter-club tournament on AACT calendar	Webmaster	30 days prior to tournament
Request Judges	Judges Coordinator	Initial request: 4 weeks prior to tournament Weekly updates Final numbers: 4 days prior to tournament
Circulate request for volunteers	Secretary	At organising clubs discretion, allow 1 week for Secretary to action
AACT Signs and Banners	Secretary and Vice President	2 weeks prior to tournament
AACT Medals	Recorder	Final numbers 4 days prior to tournament
Alternate prizes for AACT Entry Level Tournament	Vice President	Begin negotiations 2 months prior to the tournament
Attend presentation ceremony	President	Request 2 weeks prior to tournament (may not be available, AACT may be represented by another member of the executive)

*Table 2 Summary of AACT tournament contacts*



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### 3. Records

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A performance by an AACT registered archer that exceeds the previous record (or establishes a new record) shall be recognised as an AACT record, provided it was shot in accordance with these rules.

AACT records are maintained and made available via Archer's Diary.

AACT's Recorder shall check all event results of AACT archers and update the records accordingly. The event can be shot in any RGB (or country), but it must be verifiable.

Where a potential AACT Record has not been recorded on Archer's Diary two (2) months after the event the claiming archer may contact the AACT Recorder.

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## 4. Awards

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### 4.1 Archery ACT Annual Awards

For information about the Archery ACT Annual Awards see the *End of Year Awards Function Guidelines*, available from the AACT website.

### 4.2 Archery Australia and World Archery Shooting Awards

Archery Australia and World Archery offer members a range of achievement and performance awards. A description of these can be found on the Archery Australia website. These awards may be shot during club activities, tournaments or championships.

#### 4.2.1 Issuing Responsibility

The AACT Recorder is responsible for issuing:

- All WA awards,
- All AA Stars,
- All Elite Classifications, and
- All RGB and National All Gold/Perfect badges.

The Club Recorder is responsible for issuing:

- All Bronze All Gold/Perfect badges, and
- Classifications (White up to GMB).

#### 4.2.2 Cost

AACT covers the cost of the awards issued by the AACT Recorder, see 4.2.1, for all AACT members.