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007. National Competitions

A discussion paper for Archery Australia.

Overview

With the formation of a committee to review the format of the National Championships I would like to put forward the following for discussion.

Objectives

- To put more focus on finding a National Champion.
- To lower costs for the Organising Committee.
- Encourage more entrants at a lower entry fee.
- Shorten the time frame by splitting the open nationals into two events.
- Concentrate on growing the attendance of the “rank and file” archers by having a team’s events.
- Create a qualification and an MQS to attend the Open events.

Preamble

The primary objective of this discussion paper is to change the one large open national championship into two smaller championships.

It should have the effect of increasing competition within categories and simplifying the organisation of the Nationals. That in turn may reduce the cost of running the events, reduce the need to have a very large venue and reduce the workload on the judges and volunteers.

The proposal is based on creating a Youth and Open National Championships structured to create more competition over a greater range of events.

A key part of this discussion paper is opportunity. A new open event entitled the Australian Field Open is to elevate the skill of field shooting into an annual international competition hosted in Australia.

The benefits of one nationals for open competitors is the one transportation cost, however, not everyone attends the Nationals to shoot all events. The deconstructing of the double FITA round into a FITA 1440 and a FITA 900 means two events, and twice the number of medals, but more importantly it offers variety and a new challenge for our national competitors.

In all cases we must promote competition and expand the growth of archery in this country to all levels.

The Australian Open

To be held annually.

Proposed schedule would be;

(March)

Friday Practise/Registration

Saturday Qualifying rounds

Sunday Matchplay rounds

These championships would be limited to Compound and Recurve bow types.

Limited to open divisions only.

Entry would be limited by an MQS.

This is the premier event for international target archery competition in this country.

As matchplay is its primary competition base it should form part of the selection process for next international events.

The winners shall be termed the *Australian Open Champion (category)*.

CM CW RM RW

The Australian Open Teams Event

A team consisting of 3 archers from the same category.

The winning team members shall each receive a gold medal with the title *Australian Open Teams Champion (category)* and their names engraved on the perpetual trophy called the *Australian Open Teams Trophy (category)*.

CM CW RM RW

Medals

Australian Open					
Individual				Team	
Gold	Silver	Bronze	Overall	Perpetual	Gold Medals
4	4	4		4	12

The Australian Field Open

To be held annually.

Proposed schedule would be;

(May)

Friday Practise/Registration

Saturday 24T Unmarked FITA Field (Qualification round)

Sunday 24T Marked FITA Field (Qualification round)
Individual and Team Finals

These championships would be only be open to Compound, Barebow Recurve and Recurve bow types.

Limited to open divisions only.

Entry would be limited by an MQS.

It should form part of the selection process for next international events.

The winners shall be termed the *Australian Field Open Champion (category)*.

CM CW BM BW RM RW

The Australian Field Open Teams Event

A team consisting of 3 archers. One of each bow type in the same gender.

CM RM BM Men's Team

CW RW BW Women's Team

The winning team members shall each receive a gold medal with the title *Australian Field Open Teams Champion (gender)* and their names engraved on the perpetual trophy called the *Australian Field Open Teams Trophy (gender)*.

Men Women

Medals

Australian Field Open					
Individual				Team	
Gold	Silver	Bronze	Overall	Perpetual	Gold Medals
6	6	6		2	6

The National Target Championships

To be held annually.

Proposed schedule would be;

(September)

Friday Practise/Registration

Saturday FITA 1440

Sunday FITA 900

Monday Double Australian Clout (discussion paper 009)

The premier target event for all the members of Archery Australia.

These championships would be open to all bow types and open, master and veteran age groups only.

Each bow type can win an event. In the National Target Championships, they would be the;

National FITA 1440 Champion (category)

National FITA 900 Champion (category)

National Clout Champion (category)

National Target Champion (category) shall be those archers that win the combined Saturday and Sunday events. First place only.

YM	YW	CM	CW	BM	BW	RM	RW	LM	LW
YMM	YMW	CMM	CMW	BMM	BMW	RMM	RMW	LMM	LMW
YVM	YVW	CVM	CVW	BVM	BVW	RVM	RVW	LVM	LVW

The National Target Teams Event

A team consisting of 3 archers from the same open category only. SSAs may put in one team for each category. Individuals may form their own teams. An archer may only compete in one team. The composition of the team (once submitted) shall not change.

The winning team members shall each receive a gold medal with the title *National Target Teams Champion (category)* and their names engraved on the perpetual trophy called the *National Target Teams Trophy (category)*.

YM	YW	CM	CW	BM	BW	RM	RW	LM	LW
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Medals

National Target Championships					
Individual				Team	
Gold	Silver	Bronze	Overall	Perpetual	Gold Medals
90	90	90	30	10	30

The National Field Championships

To be held annually.

Proposed schedule would be;

(November)

Friday Practise/Registration

Saturday 24T Unmarked FITA Field

Sunday 24T Marked FITA Field

Monday 20T 3Di (or Australian Field Round, 30 targets, see discussion paper 008)

The premier field event for all the members of Archery Australia.

These championships would be open to all bow types and open, master and veteran age groups only.

Each bow type can win an event. In the National Field Championships, they would be the;

National Unmarked Field Champion (category)

National Marked Field Champion (category)

National 3Di Champion (category)

National Field Champion (category) shall be those archers that win the combined Saturday and Sunday events. First place only.

YM	YW	CM	CW	BM	BW	RM	RW	LM	LW
YMM	YMW	CMM	CMW	BMM	BMW	RMM	RMW	LMM	LMW
YVM	YVW	CVM	CVW	BVM	BVW	RVM	RVW	LVM	LVW

The National Field Teams Event

A team consisting of 3 archers from the same open category only. SSAs may put in one team for each category. Individuals may form their own teams. An archer may only compete in one team. The composition of the team (once submitted) shall not change.

The winning team members shall each receive a gold medal with the title *National Field Teams Champion (category)* and their names engraved on the perpetual trophy called the *National Field Teams Trophy (category)*.

YM	YW	CM	CW	BM	BW	RM	RW	LM	LW
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Medals

National Field Championships					
Individual				Team	
Gold	Silver	Bronze	Overall	Perpetual	Gold Medals
90	90	90	30	10	30

The National Youth Championships

To be held annually.

Proposed schedule would be;

(January)

Friday Practise/Registration

Saturday FITA 1440

Sunday 24T Marked FITA Field

Monday Double Australian Clout (discussion paper 009)

These championships would be open to all bow types.

The age groups are based on discussion paper 001.

Under 21 (J) Under 18 (C) Under 15 (I)

Each bow type can win an event. In the National Youth Championships, they could be the;

National FITA 1440 Champion (category)

National Marked Field Champion (category)

National Clout Champion (category)

National Youth Champion (category) shall be those archers that win the 3 combined events.
First place only.

YIB	YIG	CIB	CIG	BIB	BIG	RIB	RIG	LIB	LIG
YCM	YCW	CCM	CCW	BCM	BCW	RCM	RCW	LCM	LCW
YJM	YJW	CJM	CJW	BJM	BJW	RJM	RJW	LJM	LJW

The National Youth Teams Event

Teams shall consist of 3 archers of the same bow type and gender but may have mixed age groups. SSAs may put in one team for each category. Individuals may form their own teams. An archer may only compete in one team. The composition of the team (once submitted) shall not change.

The winning team members shall each receive a gold medal with the title *National Youth Teams Champion (category)* and their names engraved on the perpetual trophy called the *National Youth Teams Trophy (category)*.

CM CW BM BW RM RW

Medals

National Youth Championships					
Individual				Team	
Gold	Silver	Bronze	Overall	Perpetual	Gold Medals
90	90	90	30	6	18

The National Indoor Championships

To be held annually.

Proposed schedule would be;

(July)

Friday Practise/Registration where available

Saturday Barebow Recurve, Recurve and Longbow competition

Sunday Barebow Compound and Compound competition

These championships would be open to all bow types, age groups and gender.

Each category can win the event.

In the National Indoor Archery Championships, they would be the;

National Indoor Champion (category)

YKB	YKG	CKB	CKG	BKB	BKG	RKB	RKG	LKB	LKG
YIB	YIG	CIB	CIG	BIB	BIG	RIB	RIG	LIB	LIG
YCM	YCW	CCM	CCW	BCM	BCW	RCM	RCW	LCM	LCW
YJM	YJW	CJM	CJW	BJM	BJW	RJM	RJW	LJM	LJW
YM	YW	CM	CW	BM	BW	RM	RW	LM	LW
YMM	YMW	CMM	CMW	BMM	BMW	RMM	RMW	LMM	LMW
YVM	YVW	CVM	CVW	BVM	BVW	RVM	RVW	LVM	LVW

The National Indoor Teams Event

Teams shall consist of 3 archers of the same bow type and gender but may have mixed age groups. SSAs may put in one team for each category. Individuals may form their own teams. An archer may only compete in one team. The composition of the team (once submitted) shall not change.

The winning team members shall each receive a gold medal with the title *National Indoor Teams Champion (category)* and their names engraved on the perpetual trophy called the *National Indoor Teams Trophy (category)*.

YM YW CM CW BM BW RM RW LM LW

Medals

National Indoor Championships					
Individual				Team	
Gold	Silver	Bronze	Overall	Perpetual	Gold Medals
70	70	70		10	30

Titles

It is important to distinguish between the winners of certain events. The name of the event and their category should provide enough clarity.

In total, the titles would be;

Individual

	Number of Champions
<i>Australian Open Champion (category)</i>	4
<i>Australian Field Open Champion (category)</i>	6
<i>National FITA 900 Champion (category)</i>	30
<i>National FITA 1440 Champion (category)</i>	60
<i>National Clout Champion (category)</i>	60
<i>National Unmarked Field Champion (category)</i>	30
<i>National Marked Field Champion (category)</i>	60
<i>National 3Di Champion (category)</i>	30
<i>National Indoor Champion (category)</i>	70

Overall

	Number of Champions
<i>National Target Champion (category)</i>	30
<i>National Field Champion (category)</i>	30
<i>National Youth Champion (category)</i>	30

Team Medals

	Number of Team Medals
<i>Australian Open Teams Champion (category)</i>	12
<i>Australian Field Open Teams Champion (category)</i>	6
<i>National Target Teams Champion (category)</i>	30
<i>National Field Teams Champion (category)</i>	30
<i>National Youth Teams Champion (category)</i>	18
<i>National Indoor Teams Champion (category)</i>	30

Team Trophies

	Number of Team Perpetuals
<i>Australian Open Teams Trophy (category)</i>	4
<i>Australian Field Open Teams Trophy (category)</i>	6
<i>National Target Teams Trophy (category)</i>	10
<i>National Field Teams Trophy (category)</i>	10
<i>National Youth Teams Trophy (category)</i>	6
<i>National Indoor Teams Trophy (category)</i>	10

Medal Totals

Australian Open					
Individual				Team	
Gold	Silver	Bronze	Overall	Perpetual	Gold Medals
4	4	4		4	12

Australian Field Open					
Individual				Team	
Gold	Silver	Bronze	Overall	Perpetual	Gold Medals
6	6	6		2	6

National Target Championships					
Individual				Team	
Gold	Silver	Bronze	Overall	Perpetual	Gold Medals
90	90	90	30	10	30

National Field Championships					
Individual				Team	
Gold	Silver	Bronze	Overall	Perpetual	Gold Medals
90	90	90	30	10	30

National Youth Championships					
Individual				Team	
Gold	Silver	Bronze	Overall	Perpetual	Gold Medals
90	90	90	30	6	18

National Indoor Championships					
Individual				Team	
Gold	Silver	Bronze	Overall	Perpetual	Gold Medals
70	70	70		10	30

Grand Total

Grand Total					
Individual				Team	
Gold	Silver	Bronze	Overall	Perpetual	Gold Medals
350	350	350	90	42	126

The National Calendar	
January	The National Youth Championships
February	
March	The Australian Open
April	
May	The Australian Field Open
June	
July	The National Indoor Championships
August	
September	The National Target Championships
October	
November	The National Field Championships
December	

The National Calendar											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Youth		Target Open		Field Open		Indoor		Target		Field	

The national competition calendar should be managed by the National Administration Manager (refer discussion paper 002). Setting a reasonably fixed calendar shall go a long way to helping the SSAs set a fixed calendar (refer discussion paper 006).

Summary

Shorter time frames, in conjunction with age restrictions and an MQS, shall make a lot more venues available to host these events. By adding in the Australian Field Open it provides more opportunities for archers to participate in multiple events or to just attend the desired events with, predominately, their peers.

Shorter time frames shall make life easier for the organising committee, the volunteers and judges most of whom have trouble with 7-day events.

The introduction of a team trophy for more events is an enormous initial cost and may be offset with some sponsorship (Recommend you view Sherbrooke Archers 0678 Supporters Pack document).

By having a team competition open to all archers, and competing directly with SSA teams, should attract a lot more interest and thereby justifying the expenditure. AA may also wish to set a fee for archers entering a team to help offset the cost of the medals and perpetual trophies.

For your consideration.

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~ The primary focus of all obstacles is to induce labour so progression can be born~ "Lil' C"