



News Release

A working group comprising representatives of AA/ABA/3DAAA has met several times since its inception earlier this year, and the three organisations have established an alliance to advance their common interests.

The formation of the Archery Alliance of Australia has been very productive in a short space of time.

The aims of the alliance is to advance matters of common interest, and to do so in a way that respects each others fields of interests and memberships.

In a first major example of cooperation, the alliance went to the market to investigate a common insurance régime, and this has now been established with substantial savings achieved on the cost of insurance coverage for members of each of the three organisations.

In addition the alliance has agreed that from 2011 we will allow cross participation in nominated tournaments. These nominated cross participation tournaments would be clearly indicated in the respective national tournament calendars of each association. Therefore from the start of 2011 AA members, ABA members and 3DAAA members will be able to participate in nominated cross participation tournaments, but will not be eligible for awards or medals unless they are direct members of that organisation.

Also new visiting archer provisions have been agreed. AA will implement these new visitor provisions from the 1st January 2011 whereas ABA and 3D AAA already have these provisions in place. The clubs of each organisation, if they choose to implement new visitor provisions, will be able to allow visitors from the other organisations to attend at their club on a limited basis. This will be enabled under the respective visitor provisions or temporary membership arrangements of the three organisations.

The intent of this policy is to allow AA, ABA and 3DAAA members to participate as visitors up to a total of 3 times in a year at another association's clubs, (where clubs agree to allow visitors). The policy is not to circumvent the obligation for a visiting archer to join the respective organisation, should they wish to become a regular participant (more than 3 visits) at that organisation. A Temporary Affiliate/Visitor form is to be completed for each visit and Club's are to forward a copy of these forms periodically to their respective National Body. Of course a club has the right to approve/reject the participation of any visitor to their venue, however it is hoped that clubs will take advantage of the framework that has been put in place. Archers wishing to visit a club of another association should always first contact that club.

On the promotional front an advertisement has been produced that clearly frames the three associations working together and this has been placed in this publication and will be place in other outlets.

The next step is to enshrine our continued spirit of cooperation in a charter or MOU for the alliance, and this framework will maintain each organisation's autonomy while at the same time create a public profile of our tripartite cooperation; the Archery Alliance of Australia.

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