



Ethical Practices and Standards

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Introduction

Archery Australia is committed to providing a safe and friendly environment while at the same time delivering an image of the sport that represents the long history of Archery while meeting community expectations.

We are aware that the behaviour of individuals and practices of organisations that make up Archery Australia must at all times meet community expectations.

This document outlines the ethical practices and standards that everyone involved (members, officials, coaches, volunteers, spectators) with Archery Australia and our activities must follow at all times.

Competitions and Club Activities

Dress Requirements

As members of the sport we are under the eye of the public at all times as such the dress standards detailed in the Archery Australia Shooting Rules and subsequent RGB and Club rules and policies, must be adhered to at all times.

Targets

At all tournaments and Club activities standard target faces should be used.

For Target and Indoor events, standard five colour faces, or recognised variants must be used. For Field events, standard Black and Gold target faces must be used.

3D Archery or the shooting of animal images has become very popular, although Archery Australia does not openly engage in such events RGBs and Clubs may conduct tournaments using this type of target face or butt.

Australian Native animals must not be used as 3D targets or printed targets. Only feral animal 3D targets or printed targets should be used.

For special activities and events such as demonstration or social activities the organisers may use targets as they see fit such a Dart Target or Wand. However, the use of targets that depict human figures, human effigies, humanoids or used-to-be human silhouettes or any humans images are not permitted.

The shooting of apples (or similar) off a human head and human head representation is not permitted.

Hunting of Animals

Archery Australia does not engage in or have any involvement in the hunting of animals although we understand the popularity of hunting with the bow and arrow.

Archery Australia members who engage in hunting should at all times follow the Australia Bowhunting Association (ABA) Code of Ethics in regard to hunting.

Shooting Arrows

Archery Australia prides itself on its excellent safety record and strives to present a positive public image; to this end we have developed very strict rules in regard to the shooting of arrows.



We do not support or encourage any activity that involves the shots of arrows at other participants even if the activity involves equipment specifically designed for the purpose.

These activities may include reenactments or commercial activities, which involve games where people shoot arrows at each other, similar to Paintball.

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