

ANZ Constitutional Review - Background

At the 2019 AGM the membership voted in an interim board with the intention of reviewing the structure and function of Archery NZ.

The first period included setting the vision, consolidating a strategic plan and setting a platform. For the last two terms, the Board of Archery NZ have been discussing how the Constitution allows the organisation to best represent, grow and promote archery in New Zealand. In doing so we have looked at other major NSOs in NZ. These are referenced at the end of this paper.

Much of the groundwork for a re-organisation has occurred with the adoption of a new Strategic Plan and the appointment of a General Manager role.

However, we believe that the individual members and clubs could be better served with a constitution that is future focused. Our National Sporting Organisation (NSO) needs to be nimble enough to make changes while still being true to our vision.

To this end, we have tried to make the Constitution evergreen. This means we have tried to make the Constitution ensure the intent of Archery NZ and its governance is reflected within this document. Many specific processes, procedures and rules, other than those required by the Incorporated Societies Act, should be so recorded and managed under our adopted Administration Rules and Regulations. This enables the Organisation to make necessary variations in the ever-changing sporting environment.

The changes that will impact on the current membership most obviously will be the changes affecting to whom Archery NZ is accountable.

In the first instance it is intended that clubs have a more formal/involved role with Archery NZ, and to that end, we would like to consult with our members on this approach, and what that may look like with regards to voting membership and member rights.



Presently there is no constitutional relationship with clubs. Yet Archery NZ is often in communication with and through clubs to our current members. A structure where all club members are members of Archery NZ will:

- Set Archery NZ up to better support all levels of archers, rather than focusing primarily on competitive archery
- Create a direct link which incentivises Archery NZ to support club development/ops
- Generate additional funding from SportNZ and other philanthropic organisations (this is often based on the number of individuals represented by the NSO)

The fees set, if this reviewed constitution were adopted, will be considerably less than those presently struck due to the current membership structure.

The benefits of belonging to Archery NZ are that the organisation will:

- Provide an administration to supply appropriate guidance on policy and process for our clubs
- Partner in the delivery of our national tournaments
- Support our clubs to deliver their annual events
- Deliver a range of competitive activities between individuals and clubs at a variety of competitive levels, including postal shoots, minor tournaments and major tournaments
- Facilitate and promote participation programmes through our schools and communities
- Provide technical support to our clubs including judges, official and IT support
- Provide support to volunteers who wish to pursue an interest in judging, officiating or other activities of the organisation
- Maintain Archery NZ records
- Liaise with affiliates including NZFAA and NZ Bow Hunters Association
- Develop and recognise Archery Development Programmes
- Develop and update Archery NZ Rules and Regulations
- Support our Performance and High Performance athletes
- Provide resources and training opportunities for developing archers
- Provide a nationally resourced office that is nimble and targeted to maximise funding for our organisation and its members
- Be our voice to World Archery and Oceania Archery

Our approach is to consult with members on key aspects of the Constitution via a survey in Q4 of 2021, then provide a draft Constitution and Administration Rules for feedback in Q1 2022, along with other engagement opportunities. Taking into account the feedback received, the proposed Constitution will then be presented to the membership at an SGM in approximately May 2022. This will enable implementation for the new membership year commencing 1 October 2022.

We would appreciate your candid feedback with constructive suggestions on how we could make our constitution more robust. Feedback to the Governance Subcommittee can be sent via administration@archerynz.co.nz

Archery NZ Governance Subcommittee

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