

Archery NZ Constitution Review 2022 - Background

At the 2019 AGM the membership voted in an interim board with a mandate to review 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 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 organisational structure review

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 intend to make the Constitution evergreen. The Constitution should 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 Incorporated Societies Act 2022 was passed by government earlier this year. While the Act sets out the principles, the regulations are still being drafted, and are due to be shared at the end of 2022, with incorporated societies needing to re-register between October 2023 and April 2026. This updated Constitution captures certain changes forewarned in the Act, but there are some items that will need to be incorporated once the regulations are released. However, we believe some of the structural and membership changes need to be made now to support the success of our sport over the next few years.

The changes that will impact on the current membership most obviously will be the change to enable clubs to elect to become "Affiliated Clubs". Through this mechanism, all members of that clubs would become members of Archery NZ, and have access to member benefits, at a significantly discounted rate. A structure where clubs can become 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 and operation
- Generate additional funding from SportNZ and other philanthropic organisations (this is often based on the number of individuals represented by the NSO)

Archery NZ Member Benefits

There are a number of member benefits that Archery NZ provides, as the organisation:

- Provides an administration to supply appropriate guidance on policy and process for our clubs
- Develops and recognises Archery Development Programmes
- Develops and updates Archery NZ Rules and Regulations
- Supports our Performance and High Performance athletes
- Provides resources and training opportunities for developing archers
- Delivers a range of competitive activities between individuals and clubs at a variety of social to competitive levels, including postal shoots, minor tournaments and major tournaments
- Facilitates and promotes participation programmes through our schools and communities
- Partners in the delivery of our national tournaments
- Provides technical support to our clubs including judges, official and IT support
- Provides support to volunteers who wish to pursue an interest in judging, officiating or other activities of the organisation
- Maintains Archery NZ records
- Liaises with affiliates including NZFAA and NZ Bow Hunters Association
- Provides a nationally resourced office that is nimble and targeted to maximise funding for our organisation and its members
- Is our voice to World Archery and Oceania Archery

Consultation Approach

In developing our revised constitution for electronic ballot, Archery NZ has undertaken the following consultation, and we are thankful for the feedback received from all who have taken the time to provide it:

1. Sought review from Life Members on the draft principles and early works
2. Sought member feedback on key principles via a survey
3. Provided draft Constitution and Administration Rules for feedback by members and clubs
4. Hosted a Zoom call for members and a Zoom call for clubs to address the proposed changes and seek feedback
5. Provided revised draft Constitution and Administration Rules for review by members and clubs
6. Hosted a final Zoom call for both members and clubs in advance of member voting closing

Archery NZ Board

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