



Archery NZ

Archery New Zealand Inc

Archery in Schools

Information Pack for Schools

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ANZ Inter-School Archery

Introduction

Archery is growing quickly as a sport in New Zealand, buoyed by NZ archers' success on the world stage (Men's Individual Bronze at the World Championships and Women's Team Gold at a World Cup stage recently). There are a number of junior archers around the country who are competing internationally and performing with distinction on the world stage.

Over the past few years, a number of schools have been providing archery as a sport option for their students, and in the main centres, very successful Inter-School tournaments have been run. Many schools are starting to ask about how to get involved in competitions.

How your school can get involved

In a nation-wide initiative, a frame-work for carrying out inter-school archery has been approved by Archery New Zealand (ANZ). A postal tournament structure has been approved for secondary schools (years 9-13) and intermediates (years 7-8), as well as a face-to-face secondary school tournament each term in regions. Within a few years, it is hoped that a National Inter-School Archery Championships can be run. A key objective of this initiative is also to get archery approved by College Sport throughout the country.

Schools that are looking to start up archery will be put in contact with a local club in their area, and there are a number of options which can be discussed with the club.

Suggestions for Starting up Archery in Schools

1) Setting up a range on your school grounds

There are some benefits for schools to be mostly self-sufficient. If you have sufficient space for setting up a range on your grounds, clubs can assist in advising what equipment is required (buttresses, targets, bows, arrows, accessories, etc.) and will be able to give advice for setting up the range in a safe and appropriate manner.

In this situation it is necessary for teachers in charge, and possibly a couple of the senior students, to complete a basic instructor course which is provided by the ANZ Coaching Commission. This course will provide the ability to effectively set up and operate an archery range with an emphasis on safety and the ability to instruct students in the basics of archery. The schools may wish to arrange for some club coaches to visit regularly to provide more advanced coaching instruction. If coaches are not available during after-school training sessions, the students may be able to travel to the club for a weekend training session, such as a Saturday morning.

2) Coaching sessions at a club

If there is no suitable area for a range at the school grounds, training could be carried out at the club's range, either using the club equipment, or bringing their own. This could be carried out in week-day afternoons if coaches are available at a time that suits a school, else in the weekend.

3) Joining a club

Another option involves joining the students up to a local club, undertaking the club's novice coaching course, and purchasing their own equipment (approx \$300 or so for a novice Recurve setup). This gives the students the flexibility of coming to the club whenever they want and joining in the club activities.

While not necessary, it is recommended that the teacher in charge and some senior students go through a basic instructor course to allow them to run their own training sessions and coaching. Alternatively, the club may take on this activity.

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Tournaments

A postal shoot is run once per school term. The event is run at 15m, and can be completed during a normal school sports training session. This event can be shot as often as desired before the end date each term, and each archer's highest score is submitted. Schools can also compete as teams in this event. If you would like to participate in this shoot, please email jama@archerynz.co.nz

In addition to the postal shoots, ANZ is looking to coordinate secondary school tournaments each term. A number of cities have already been running these events successfully for the past few years. Initially, it is hoped to run tournaments in Auckland, Gisborne, Manawatu, Wellington and Christchurch. Schools in nearby cities are encouraged to attend these events too. If there is more than one school in a separate area, however, a tournament can be set up there.

ANZ will appoint tournament coordinators for districts, and they will help to facilitate the tournaments which will, in general, be run by clubs throughout the regions. For information about these tournaments, please contact jama@archerynz.co.nz. More details on the Inter-School events can be found on the ANZ website (www.archerynz.co.nz).

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Archery NZ

Archery New Zealand Board

ANZ is an affiliated society that is run by an elected board.

The Board has a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary (the Executive) and has elected members who are to specifically represent the different sub groups such as JAMA, Coaches, Judges, and the archers themselves.

All of these positions are elected for a two year period. Most clubs are affiliated societies as well and hence have elected members.

Voluntary Organisation

All positions are voluntary so if you would like to help then just put your hand up.

Welcome and enjoy!

