

Membership and visitors to Yokine Archery Club

1.1 General membership applications

Policy statement: Membership to Yokine Archery is by formal application, and is not guaranteed.

Procedure:

1. Yokine Executive will assess applications based on a range of factors as described below.
2. Membership priority is given in the following order:
 - Priority one: Youth under 18 who want to actively train and compete.
 - Priority two: Adults who want to actively train and compete.
 - Priority three: All other archers.

Some facts to help you in considering and preparing your application:

- Yokine is a small club, limited in our available space, butts, coaching and volunteer support.
- We are a professional club, focusing our resources on those archers who want to succeed in competition.
- To be considered 'Priority one' or 'Priority two', applicants should request an Athlete Induction Manual and sign the declaration at rear. Under 18s will need to have their parents sign.
- Most members apply after completing the Advanced course. External applicants will need to show proof of AA membership and also demonstrate their form to the coach.
- Members are expected to purchase their own equipment shortly after joining. Club coaches will assist.
- We are predominantly a recurve club, as we unfortunately do not have coaches in Compound and only a few suitable 'Danage' targets. Compound archers will need to demonstrate they are fully trained and capable, demonstrated by assessment of one of our existing Compound members and a club coach.
- Members of Yokine club are expected to adhere to clubs standards including (but not limited) to the following:
 1. No talking on the line. Don't disturb the archers during practice. Practice is for practice, not socialising. Talk while collecting arrows between ends or go around the back (or better still, elsewhere) if you need to socialise. Yokine members are expected to practice and not waste the time of our Coach.
 2. Help with setting up and packing up.
 3. Do some volunteering. We're not expecting hours every week, but if you see something needs doing, do it yourself, and don't just leave it! If you don't know how to do something, just ask.
 4. Be polite and respectful to the coaches, volunteers, other members and parents. For example, we greatly appreciate simple things like 'thanks', 'please', 'Hello' and 'Goodbye!' Yokine also adheres to a suitable dress code. Club shirt is encouraged though not compulsory. However shirts or attire that may be considered offensive (including tank-tops or other revealing attire, offensive wording or images on t-shirts etc) will be disallowed.
 5. Take instruction. If you're a member, you'll need to work exclusively with our head coach. Parents seeking to also coach their child will need to work under instruction – there is only one coach per archer!
 6. Register in competitions as a Yokine member.
- ALL members or their parents will be expected to support the club by assisting in set-up and put-away; volunteering for jobs; and participating in busy-bees when held. Discussing your skills and availability with the Volunteer Coordinator will assist your application.
- Our overall capacity is 50 archers. There is some flexibility to this limit depending on the 'member mix' of each of the weekend days.
- Weekends are often very busy, and it cannot be guaranteed you will be able to shoot the distance you wish. We run beginners courses on Saturdays, and 'Come n try' on Sundays, each taking up 4 or more targets.
- We do not organise club competitions. Our focus is on 'form' and preparation for state, national and international competitions.

- We shoot four times a week. However, mid-week is only available for competitive archers.
- Shooting fees are \$5 per week, payable only when you shoot.
- We only charge \$1 annual membership! This is because we prefer our members to instead spend their money on quality equipment and competition costs.

1.2 Reciprocal membership

Policy statement: Members who wish to shoot at Yokine as a 'second club' may be accepted as reciprocal members subject to conditions outlined below.

Background:

- An unintended consequence of our low fees is that members of other clubs may seek to join Yokine Archery as a 'second' club.
- This is not the intention of the \$1 membership fee policy. The reason we are able to keep membership fees low is through active involvement of volunteers. We don't do all this hard work for others.
- Yokine Archery Club discourages membership of our club intended only to allow access to facilities and equipment.

Procedure:

1. Yokine Archery will review membership status on the Archery Australia membership database (IMG) and consider all members with current membership in another club as 'reciprocal members', unless specifically otherwise agreed with the Executive.
2. Reciprocal membership applications are considered 'Priority three' category.
3. Yokine Executive will assess applications for reciprocal membership based on a range of factors as described below.

Some facts to help you in considering and preparing your application for reciprocal membership:

- Reciprocal memberships are available for a fee of \$10 per session or \$300 per year.
- Reciprocal members must abide by Yokine membership rules/ standards as outlined in Membership policy 1.1.
- Targets and other equipment will be made available to members first, ahead of reciprocal members.
- Reciprocal membership is by formal application. It is decided by a committee, is not guaranteed, and is renewed annually.
- Reciprocal membership is discretionary. We reserve the right to reject membership applications, and to refuse shooting rights to any visitor or member who in our opinion is not meeting Yokine standards.
- Members of other clubs seeking to shoot at Yokine should instead consider making Yokine their main club in order to enjoy the benefits we offer, which includes shooting field access, regular coaching, specialised training, linkages to international training and events, and shooting with many of Australia's top archers.

2.1 Visiting members

Please note, visitors who are abusive or fail to follow these procedures may be banned.

Policy statement:

Archery Australia members are welcome at Yokine Archery. Visiting members are asked to follow the procedures below.

Procedure:

- Visiting members should, wherever possible, contact the club (Robert Ingley) via email (robert.ingley@wanews.com.au) or phone (9370 3096) to introduce themselves and arrange a time for your visit.
- At the club, please introduce yourself to the Board members present by asking for the President.
- Have your AA and RGB cards ready for inspection (no card, no shoot).
- The club coach will also need to view your 'form' and equipment to ensure safety. If the club coach is not available, your visit may need to be deferred.
- Please be aware, only a couple of butts are suitable for compound bows and even these have been known to experience pass-throughs. If a suitable butt is not available, your request to visit may be refused.
- Consistent with AA policy, a maximum four visits is allowable.

2.2 Visiting novice and unaffiliated archers

Policy Statement:

Archers who are not affiliated with Archery Australia will only be able to shoot at scheduled Come n Try sessions and using a club bow.

Background:

- Occasionally, novice archers or lapsed members present at the club and expect the club to be able to immediately accommodate them.
- If you are an AA member, see 2.1 above.
- If you are not an AA member, you will only be permitted to attend a 'Come n Try' on the next available Sunday; or to enrol in a beginners course.
- This is because non-members are not covered by insurance.
- Enrolment in a Come n Try or Beginners course provides temporary membership.
- This policy applies even if you were previously a member of Yokine or AA. If you are a lapsed member, you will need to reapply for membership as per the Membership Policy.
- Come n Try events use the club's recurve bows only. Purchased equipment is disallowed.
- We do not train people in use of a compound bow as we do not have suitably trained instructors. However, the basics of archery are best learnt in recurve.