



Archery Western Australia Inc.			
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State Records Policy

1. A performance recorded by an affiliate athlete to Archery Western Australia (the Association”) for a score (including a perfect score) that betters a previously recorded score shall be recognised as a Western Australian record, provided that it was shot in strict accordance with the Associations Rules.
2. A score shot by an affiliate athlete of the Association while competing in an Archery Australia approved tournament, and competing as a representative of the State, may also be recognised as a Western Australian Record;
 - 2.1. provided that adequate evidence of the score and the bona fides of the event are provided to the Association’s Recorder.
3. Except as provided for in Clause 2, a record may be established in an event conducted by a recognised body, provided that:
 - 3.1. The recognised body is affiliated to the Association, and/or
 - 3.2. The event is approved by the Association when the event is conducted by a non-affiliated body, and
 - 3.3. There were at least three members of the association participating in the scoring and witnessing process.
 - 3.4. Records can only be claimed by all divisions other than crossbows for rounds that are nominated in Schedule 2 of this document, which reflects the list of Archery Australia Official Target Archery Rounds in the Archery Australia Shooting Rules (as at June 2023) from Schedule 9A (Outdoor Target Archery), Schedule 10A (Indoor Target Archery) and Chapters 11 (Field Archery) and 12 (Clout),
 - 3.5. Records can only be claimed for Crossbow events as per rounds that are nominated in Schedule 3 of this document, which reflects the list of Archery Australia Official Target Archery Rounds in the Archery Australia Shooting Rules (as at June 2023) from Schedule 15A, 15B & 15C
4. Except as provided for in Clause 2, the score sheet or Archers Diary entry containing the complete score or performance of the athlete creating the Record, certified by the athlete, a scorer and/or a witness, must be received by the Association’s Recorder within 45 days of the date of the event. The claim must be endorsed by the affiliated body’s Recorder and submitted on the approved form.
 - 4.1. Questions relating to omissions and errors may be raised with the Association’s Recorder for a period of up to two months from the completion of the event.
 - 4.2. Disputes arising from claims must be forwarded to the Association’s council for determination, within a period of three months from the completion of the event.
 - 4.3. After the period specified in Clause 4.2 has expired there can be no further discussion.
5. The performance for any Class (age group) in a Division (Equipment type), that is better than the claimable minor record for a different age group within the division, the following provisions apply;
 - 5.1. An Under 14 may claim a record in the Under 16, Under 18, Under 21 and Open Classes,
 - 5.2. An Under 16 may claim a record in the Under 18, Under 21 and Open Classes,
 - 5.3. An Under 18 may claim a record in the Under 21 and Open Classes,
 - 5.4. An Under 21 may claim a record in the Open Class
 - 5.5. A 50+ may claim a record in the Open Class,

- 5.6. A 60+ may claim a record in the 50+ and Open Classes.
5.7. A 70+ may claim a record in the 60+, 50+ and Open Classes

6. Clause 5.5, 5.6 and 5.7 only apply to the Association's records, a performance in this Class that is better than the claimable Australian Records can only be made as per Archery Australia Rule 4.1.1.(6)
7. For WA Indoor Rounds all Compound athletes shall shoot the inner 10, with the exception of Barebow Compound athletes.
8. A Flight Record for Longbow athletes that is better than the record for a higher bow weight Class shall be the record for that class.

9. Categories

Western Australian Records shall be

9.1. Minor Records:

A Minor Record shall be one which is established at an event as allowed for under clause 3 and is conducted in accordance with these rules.

10. Recognition of Records

- 10.1. Every State record claim shall be submitted on approved form, to the State Recorder. All claim forms must include the athlete's AA number and the athlete's date of birth.
- 10.2. The Association's Recorder shall examine every claim for a record and may require further evidence.
- 10.3. The athlete concerned and each recognised affiliated body shall be advised of the granting of a Western Australian Record.
- 10.4. A list of the existing Records and Records granted during the year shall be included in the Recorder's Annual Report to the Association.
- 10.5. The Association will make available a list of the most up to date records held by the Association, in an electronic format. They will be displayed in a manner and format that is the most practicable and suitable for the technologies of the day.

11. Recognised Affiliate Body Records

- 11.1. Bodies affiliated to the Association may maintain local records, but the records to be maintained and any other conditions to be imposed are at the discretion of that affiliate body. Providing that such conditions will not prevent an athlete from being eligible to make a claim for a Western Australian or Australian Record.
- 11.2. An affiliate body record shall be the best performance recorded within that body's jurisdiction.

12. Schedules

- 12.1. The following schedules shall form part of this document;
- 12.1.1. Schedule 1 - Outdoor Target rounds recognised by Archery WA;
- 12.1.2. Schedule 2 Records Freestyle Recurve & Compound, Barebow Recurve & Compound and Longbow;
- 12.1.3. Schedule 3 – Record Round's X-Bow;

12.2. The index utilised in the Schedules is as follows:

Index	
R	Freestyle Recurve
C	Freestyle Compound
L	Longbow
B	BareBow Recurve/Compound
X	X-Bow

13. Processing of State and National Events

13.1. Record claims for events from State and National level tournaments that are conducted under AA rules with at least one AA recognised Judge present may, at the discretion of the State Recorder, be automatically processed by the State Recorder without the need for the AWA affiliated clubs to submit a record claim form on the archer's behalf. When the State Recorder exercises this discretion, they will ensure that all records obtained in the event by AWA affiliated archers are processed.

Notes:

This is a compilation of the document 300-010.10 and includes the amendments made to the policy by the Council of Clubs. This table does not form part of the Policy.

Compilation table			
Date	Version	Clause	Details or Comments
18 Apr 11	1.0	All	Introduction of Policy
21 Nov 11	1.1	10.2.4	Additions of sub-clause
28 Mar 13	1.2	3.4, 10.2, 10.2.2, 13.1.1 and Schedules	Updated to reflect outdoor target rounds as per AA Rules. Name of Rounds changed: Wyndham to Townsville - Short Leeming to Townsville – Junior Derby to Townsville - Short Junior Plantagenet to Launceston – Short Albany to Launceston – Junior Esperance to Launceston – Short Junior Lockridge to Grange – Long Joondalup to Holt – Long Gnangara to Samford
15 July 2013	1.3	6.7 and Schedules	Included Veteran 70+ Class
16 Sept 2013	1.4	Clause 4 & 7	Correction to spelling
		Clause 12.1	Remove word “sole” before “discretion” in first sentence
October 2023	1.5	3, 3.4, 3.5, 4, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.6, 6, 7 and Schedules	Updated policy to reflect Official AA rounds available as records in Archer's Diary, fixed errors and formatting issues, revamped Schedules to reflect Official AA rounds. Added commentary around using Archer's Diary for AWA Record Keeping
June 2024	1.6	13	Added Clause 13

Some Commentary on Using Archer's Diary for AWA Record Keeping

Darren Ferdinando, AWA Recorder, September 2023.

In a perfect world AWA would retain and maintain all records of high scores across every distance and for every division and age group. In the perfect world this would be done electronically and be both easy to determine if a score is a new record and easy for the AWA Recorder to update, keep current and most importantly be accessible to all AWA members.

With the introduction of Archer's Diary in 2016 and the subsequent updates to the software the second part of the AWA Recorder's 'perfect world' is now achievable. Unfortunately, due to decisions to how records are to be kept by AA in Archer's Diary (which are perfectly reasonable for AA record keeping), the 'perfect world' for AWA record keeping of being able to maintain ALL records is not yet attainable (and may never be attainable within the Archer's Diary eco-system).

Rather than continue to wait for Archer's Diary in the hope that it does eventually change its records system to match AWA's, the decision has been made to compromise, with the old system of AWA record-keeping using a series of excel spreadsheets to hold the records being moved across to Archer's Diary where possible. This has however meant that some distances such as the Short Sydney are no longer updated as records, nor able to be viewed as AWA Records on the Archer's Diary platform. These 'historic' distances will be kept as spreadsheets on the AWA website, but not updated from October 2023.

Going forward, AWA will maintain the list of distances that are listed as AA Official Rounds within the Archery Australia Shooting Rules and keep these up-to-date on Archer's Diary.

It should also be noted that records in a division/class that has previously not been entered are not automatically listed as new records in Archer's Diary. The work-around here has been to list every record shoot that is available (although not necessarily attainable) as an unclaimed score. In some cases this leads to rounds such as AA90/1440 being listed as a claimed record for U14 Female Longbow competitors for example. While I have my doubts that any U14 female longbow archer will ever attempt this shoot, for the sake of consistency and in case this ever does happen, this distance record is noted as a potential record.

As the Archer's Diary system is not perfect, the onus still lies with archers and Club Recorder's to check that a score is (or is not) a record directly against the Archer's Diary system and not relying solely on the iScored phone app. Testing of the system has shown that in some cases, usually (but not exclusively) with Indoor and Field scores, iScored does not always flag that an archer's score is a potential new record. However, going directly into Archer's Dairy and selecting the AWA State Records does list the correct and official AWA shooting records.
