



Australian Bowhunters Association Inc

ANTI-DOPING POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT - INTRODUCTION

The Australian Bowhunters Association (ABA) adheres to the view that the use of doping agents in Sport is both unhealthy and contrary to the ethics of Sport and that it is necessary to protect the physical and mental health of athletes, the values of fair play and of competition, and the integrity of Sport.

ABA condemns the use by field archers of those substances designed and intended to modify/enhance competitive performance in sport competition.

ABA recognises the need to take positive action to reduce possible harm to the individual, and the Sport of Field Archery, and to eliminate where-ever possible practices which deny sporting ethics. Consequently, ABA supports the adoption of appropriate doping policies.

The object of this Anti-Doping Policy is to deter doping practices in Australian Field Archery Competition. No field archer, coach, official or Club shall engage in a doping practice.

DEFINITIONS

In this policy:

1. **FAA** means Field Archery Australia, which is the sport division of the Australian Bowhunters Association.
IFAA means the International Field Archery Association
2. Doping practice shall mean and include:
 - (a) The taking of proscribed substances.
 - (b) Refusal to provide a sample for testing for proscribed substances.
 - (c) Aiding, abetting, counselling, procuring or being knowingly involved in an activity referred to in (a) or (b).
3. Doping practice shall not mean and include:
 - (a) The taking of substances, whether proscribed or not, where administered out of competition for a specific therapeutic purpose by a person who is authorised to administer such substance.
 - (b) The taking of proscribed substances, whether in competition or out, administered for a specific therapeutic purpose, and where alternative substances to such proscribed substance are not readily available in Australia, or not available in the Country of competition.
4. Sample means any human biological fluid or tissue.



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5. In competition means the period seven days prior to the date on which and from which a field archery competition commences to seven days after the date the competition concludes, and in which a competitor is to or does compete.
6. Proscribed substances mean those drawn from those substances and methods identified by the International Olympic Committee List of Doping Classes and Methods, as amended from time to time, which are recognised by FAA and the IFAA as proscribed substances and methods in Field Archery Sport, subject to exclusions as defined at 3; Substances and methods so determined by FAA and IFAA shall be distributed to members. Determination of such recognitions and exclusions shall be at the sole prerogative of the FAA and the IFAA.

APPLICATION

This Anti-Doping Policy applies to all field archery competitions conducted under the control or auspices of the FAA, and to competitors and Clubs represented in such competitions, provided that:

- (a) The FAA Executive, in its sole right, shall determine whether testing, or random testing, will or will not be undertaken at any competition, to which this policy applies.
- (b) Advice of the policy application is to be conveyed to all intending competitors, and Clubs, prior to the competition to which the policy will apply, together with a list of proscribed substances as mentioned at (a).
- (c) Drug testing, where conducted, shall be undertaken by an accredited agency established for that purpose.
- (d)
 - (i) A member Club may not undertake testing, whether random or not, at any competition to which this policy applies, without the express permission of the FAA Executive.
 - (ii) Notwithstanding, a member Club may, on obtaining the permission of the FAA Executive, undertake test of those competitors who are members of such member Club; such testing shall be at the expense of that member Club; requests for permission of the FAA Executive shall not be unreasonably withheld provided that such member Club, in the case of a positive test result, or in the case of a refusal of the test by a competitor, shall, without exception:
 - Not act in any manner to disadvantage the competitor concerned.



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- Not consider the test result or refusal of test, in any degree or extent.
 - Not disclose the test result or refusal to test to any person or body, other than as defined by this policy.
 - Forward full details of test result, or refusal to test, including the name and address of the competitor, competitor's Club, the name and address of testing agency and accreditation, to the Vice President of Field Archery Australia.
 - Full competition results shall also be forwarded.
- (e) The FAA Executive shall, at the earliest opportunity, consider and determine the question of a positive test result, or refusal to test.
- (f) Any such determination shall be forwarded to the President of IFAA within 30 days of such determination, whereupon the IFAA may make such additional determinations as may be appropriate; any such additional determinations shall be binding upon FAA and upon the member concerned.
- (g) Where drug testing is required by any other organisation, to satisfy a relationship between FAA and such other organisation, such testing shall be at the expense of such other organisation.

RIGHT TO BE HEARD

All persons and all organisations to whom this Anti-Doping Policy applies shall be given a right to a hearing.

DETERMINATIONS AND RETENTION OF TEST RESULTS

Determinations under this Anti-Doping Policy shall vest with the FAA Executive Committee, or any other Committee established by the Executive for such purpose.

The member tested shall be advised of results at the earliest opportunity. Where results are negative, testing record and result shall be destroyed. Where results are positive, test results shall be destroyed following completion of the review period, where record of sanctions imposed shall be sufficient record of testing undertaken.

SANCTIONS

A field archer found to have breached FAA policy shall be ineligible to compete in competition conducted by, or under the auspices of, Field Archery Australia, as follows:

- (a) For the first offence, a severe reprimand or suspension for a period not exceeding two years.



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- (b) A life ban for the second offence, provided that where such breach is also determined by the IFAA, such determination shall not be for a lesser period than any sanction imposed by the FAA.

All such sanctions shall be advised in writing to the field archer concerned, and the competitor's member Club, and shall specify the dates the sanction commences and finishes.

Publication, by any medium, of any such sanctions is expressly prohibited, unless specifically authorised by the FAA Executive. Unauthorised publication of sanctions shall be regarded as a disciplinary matter.

REVIEW OF SANCTIONS

Where a sanction has been imposed by FAA, and a person or member Club has new or relevant information concerning the imposition of such sanction, written application may be made to the President, FAA setting out such information for review of that sanction. Such application shall be made within 3 months from the date of the sanction/s being imposed.

Where a sanction has been imposed by FAA, and following review by FAA, the field archer concerned may, within 3 months of such review determination, make written application to the IFAA for review of such review determination. Any subsequent determination in review shall be binding upon the field archer and FAA.