



## **Youth Development Squad**

### **Concept**

- To promote, train and encourage the Associations Cubs and Juniors.
- To develop a tier system which will be aimed at
  - All cubs and juniors having access to coaching and training available in the sport and take them through to a level of competence to enable them to enjoy their sport and give them the opportunity to be competitive archers, if they so wish.
  - To advance through the competitive cubs and juniors who wish to develop their expertise within the sport.
- To bring the Youth squad through to Senior level and retain them in our sport
- To allow the Youth section to become part of any NZ Team – although it will not be recognised internationally the Association can recognise the members at National level.
- To open opportunities to funding – required NZ Team selection is part of the criteria.

### **Eligibility**

- Any cub or junior who is a current financial member of an NZFAA affiliated Club and whose affiliation fee has been paid to the Association.
- Cubs and juniors who are competing in NZFAA League Rounds and NZFAA Nationals in both marked and unmarked disciplines. Attend IFAA World events when possible or practicable.
- Must be able to commit to the training programme and be able to attend training days/camps that may be arranged throughout the year.

### **NZFAA Executive Action**

- Vice President – who is the official Shoot Director for National and International events as per IFAA – to set qualifying scores for the cubs and juniors to achieve.
- NZFAA Executive to plan and organise a National 2 day Event to cover full 28 target marked round and 28 target unmarked round. This could be delegated to the Secretary/Registrar or a volunteer from one of the affiliated Club Executive members. This event must be held in the area where the majority of juniors are from. This is to assist with travel/accommodation costs for those who might attend.

### **Youth Squad Action**

- Cubs and Juniors from each club to request their scores from the Registrar of their clubs and the National Registrar for the last 2 years – must be a pre-designed form which will be organised once the plan has been approved.
- Cubs and Juniors to send copies of any NZ Records held – these can be obtained from the National Registrar.
- Cubs and Juniors to complete a questionnaire and return to their Club President/Secretary/Junior Delegate who will check all information and documentation is

complete before sending to the National Secretary - for presentation at the next committee meeting for discussion.

### **Youth Squad Commitment**

- Actively support their Club
- Actively support the NZFAA and their goals
- Commitment to the goals they set and those set for them
- Participation at events
- Sportsmanship
- Squad loyalty

### **Coaching Plan**

- Check questionnaires and scores
- Day session to assess shooting levels – may need to be split into groups – different levels of ability.
- Set coaching schedules and goals for the squad as a whole and the members individually
- Arrange a training camp to cover
  - Equipment – maintenance/easy check points/things they should know and recognise
  - Shooting - Shooting Star program
- Assess results each 6 months
- Be part of the team for NZ Team Selection Criteria.

### **Financial Overview**

- NZFAA Executive to allocate a yearly budget from the funds held for Development of Archery in New Zealand.
- This will be a subsidised program – if it has no \$\$ value to the squad then it will mean nothing.
- Should a cub or junior be selected for the squad and their parents/caregivers are unable to meet the financial obligation of the squad then the NZFAA should consider an approach by the parent/caregiver for the Association to offer full financial assistance with squad training – must be presented in writing with supporting information.
- NZ Team representation – costs of attending National Tournaments/International tournaments – uniforms etc to be considered on each event as a one-off scenario.
- The Association is not able to source funding as a whole but will assist all of the different clubs to raise a portion of the funding for the youth development squad. This decision has been made after discussions with a various funding organisations who will only fund those in their area – so the Association to assist at every level to get funding for each group.