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Dear TAANS Members, Former Members, and Friends of Traditional Archery,

We hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the winter season. Recently, there has been a lot of talk about the ANS/AC insurance policy. To provide better clarification on this topic, we have contacted ANS President, Matt MacDonald. You can find the complete protocol outlined at the end of this email and the attachment to this email.

Quick facts first.

**TAANS** is an organization that aims to promote traditional archery. It's important to note that TAANS is not a shooting club. Instead, its members are considered "passive" members, and their membership fees are primarily donations that support TAANS in promoting traditional archery.

The **TAANS shoot** is a traditional archery tournament that is held in different clubs to promote traditional archery. The hosting clubs are responsible for organizing the event.

Quick facts with the current insurance policy in place which also apply to **BANS**:

#### **TAANS organization:**

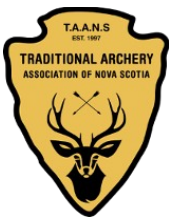
- All persons joining the **TAANS organization** have to be a member of ANS/AC or an affiliated club with a provincial PSO. **If not, in the case of an incident, the insurance would be null and void for the TAANS executive. The insurance only cover members of TAANS who are affiliated with and active members of AC/ANS/PSOs.**

If someone wishes to support and join TAANS but is not an ANS/AC member or affiliated with a PSO club, they will be listed as a sponsor. Sponsors do not have voting rights.

- Associated or affiliated member? **TAANS/BANS are affiliated with ANS/AC because it pays the affiliated club fee and is treated equally to the regular shooting clubs.**

#### **TAANS shoot:**

- If an Archer comes to a shoot but is **not a member** of a PSO i.e.: Archery Nova Scotia, but has proof of private insurance (with a gun and rifle club or similar) **they still need to be a member of ANS/AC/PSO.**
- If the TAANS shoot will be held at an independent (**not ANS affiliated**) archery club everyone (non ANS members) can attend the shoot but if the TAANS shoot will be held at an ANS/AC affiliated club **only members of ANS/ANB/PSO can attend the shoot.**
- In general, if an ANS/AC affiliated club were to purchase an **event insurance** for a shoot, then everyone could attend the shoot (not only ANS members).



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### **ANS/AC insurance – what is covered for an individual member by joining ANS:**

*Coverage applies to archery activities and includes crossbow usage as well as bowhunting with any type of bow (including crossbows) As well, the policy provides coverage for activities such as fundraising for a club, promotions, demonstrations, tournaments, practices, seminars, etc.*

*- but is has to be clarified if it also covers when participate in a shoot/tournament which is **not** ANS/AC affiliated.*

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TAANS was established to create a welcoming community for archers who share a passion for traditional archery, regardless of their location or club affiliation. The primary objective is to have fun while shooting traditional-style bows.

The discussion now is whether this objective is still being met within the guidelines mentioned above or the guidelines being imposed by ANS/AC.

What are the available options/ideas to ensure that this promise is fulfilled?

#### **Idea 1:**

- TAANS will separate from ANS and obtain their own insurance.

TAANS events will be open to all archers and fully insured. Although we have collected information, there is still some research to do.

To be clear, if **attending an ANS/AC shoot** this insurance will not be accepted. The shooter still has to be a member of ANS/AC if the shooter likes to shoot at ANS/AC/PSO events.

#### **Idea 2:**

As Matt told us, there might be some changes coming up as most of the PSOs are not happy with the insurance rules. That being said

- TAANS could stay for now as it is and hope that maybe the upcoming changes may suit the needs of TAANS.

The **TAANS shoot this year (2024)** is secure and **open to all archers**, as the hosting club is an independent club. The only thing to do is to sign a waiver.



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**Idea 3:**

- TAANS stays at it is and purchasing an event insurance for the TAANS shoot which will allow all archers to shoot.

We are currently working to determine the costs associated with obtaining insurance. It is important to note that either the TAANS shooting fee or membership fee may need to be adjusted to cover these costs. Additionally, as the TAANS shoot will be held at a club, the hosting club (ANS/AC) may need to apply for event insurance.

**Idea 4:**

- **TAANS & BANS** may merge into one group, separate from ANS and find a solution which fits both.

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It is a lot to take in and to consider. At least we have some answers for a lot of questions.

One question we are hearing a lot is: Why should I become a member of TAANS?

We are planing to have a member special meeting to discuss this topic.  
Please feel free to send us some ideas via email to [membership@taans.ca](mailto:membership@taans.ca)

And last but not least... :-)

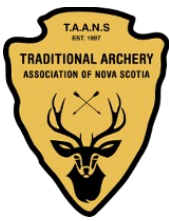
TAANS is your organization, and its success depends on your involvement and contributions. To continue the legacy that our founders started, we need your ideas and productive conversations. Your insights will help shape the future of TAANS. If you're passionate about traditional archery and want to see TAANS thrive, now is the time to share your thoughts and be part of the discussion.

Let's work together to ensure the continued success of TAANS!

Until this, have fun shooting some arrows and see you all at the Frozen Finger shoot...

Cheers,

**Your TAANS team**



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## Protocol:

### **TAANS – ANS** Online meeting with ANS president

Attendees: John Cann, Karen Cann, Bridget Benz and Matt MacDonald

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**The TAANS shoot** is a traditional archery tournament to promote traditional archery and is held in different clubs. The hosting clubs are responsible for the event.

The following questions were asked and answered:

1. Members joining **TAANS organization** from other Provinces i.e.: Quebec and New Brunswick to date?

Because TAANS is affiliated with ANS the insurance rule and the rules of being affiliated with a provincial PSO requires all member or TAANS to be members of ANS. If not, in the case of an incident, the insurance would be null and void for the TAANS executive. This is the same for all provincial sport organizations (56 other sports).

2. We clearly understand that our executive is covered by ANS insurance whereas we are affiliated but does this insurance cover members of TAANS?

If a member from NB or Quebec wants to be a member of TAANS they would need to provide proof of insurance from AC/ANB or the Quebec Archery Federation.

The insurance **only cover members of TAANS who are affiliated with and active members of AC/ANS.**

3. If an Archer comes to a shoot but is not a member of a PSO i.e.: Archery Nova Scotia, but have proof of private insurance (with a gun and rifle club or similar), are they covered to shoot in an event?

If a person has insurance from another provider they **still need to be a member of ANS or another PSOs.**

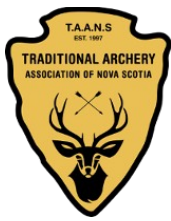
4. If the TAANS shoot will be held at an **independent (not ANS affiliated)** archery club, everyone (non ANS members) can attend the shoot but if the TAANS shoot will be held at an ANS/AC affiliated club only members of ANS/ANB/AC and so on can attend the shoot?

Yes, this is right.

5. Will there be a discussion with AC to find a solution for a guest policy or similar?

Yes, it looks that way. When and what outcome it will have...we have to wait.

*Only 2 PSO's have a provincial insurance policy that covers Archery. Quebec (for sure) and either Manitoba or Sask.*



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6. For a better understanding. If an ANS/AC affiliated club will purchase an event insurance for a shoot, then everyone can attend the shoot (not only ANS members)?

Yes, this is right. This is what NSSAC did the first two years for the cancer fundraiser. Anyone, regardless ANS member or not could attend the shoot. I am not sure the benefit of purchasing the additional insurance at a cost of example 400.00. The club would need to see a minimum of an additional 14 shooter to cover the cost. And then take out the wear and tear on targets etc. A club would actually be going backwards to host an event by purchasing an additional policy.

6a. When this is the case, the shoot would be a non-affiliated ANS shoot? Can this shoot be still listed on the ANS calendar?

Yes, because the hosting club is affiliated with ANS/AC, the added event insurance will provide coverage for all shooters attending the event. I was thinking on this one after. And how I worded it. The additional event insurance would trump ANS insurance as it is actually covering everyone. It would not be in addition to ANS insurance.

7. **Is a member of ANS/AC** also insured for participating in the **sport of archery** in general? For instance, if an ANS/AC member participates in an archery competition/shoot **that isn't organized by an ANS/AC-affiliated club**?

From what I (Matt) can tell by reading the policy is a person is only covered if they are participating under an event covered by ANS. If a person was to attend another event outside of the provincial organization I would hope the organization hosting the event would have an insurance policy to cover those individuals. As the host's could be held liable if an incident occurred.

- Matt is looking in to it....as is not clear if an ANS member is insured by participating a shoot which is not ANS affiliated..

8. TAANS was established to provide support and encouragement for traditional archery, which is no longer prevalent in ANS. There are also limited options available for recreational shooters who only wish to engage in archery for pleasure. Even if recreational archers want to join a club to share the beauty of archery, they are required to become members of ANS/AC. Currently, there are no solutions, no thinking outside the box, and no compromises available including non-registered shoots.

Is this a topic ANS/AC would think about and would come up with some ideas?

Is the same like mentioned above at #5

9. 'TAANS shoot' shooting categories are different to the ANS/AC rules. Is TAANS allowed on their tournament to choose their own categories or has TAANS to go with the ANS categories?

TAANS can choose their own shooting categories.



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10. Is all the above also apply to **BANS** as associated club of ANS?

Yes, it all applies to **BANS** as well.

11. TAANS is an '**associated**' and not an 'affiliated' club with ANS. The interpretation we found is:

The terms "associated" and "affiliated" are often used interchangeably, but there can be subtle differences in their meanings depending on context. Generally:

**1. Associated Club:** This implies a looser connection or relationship. An associated club may have some connection or collaboration with another organization or entity, but it's not necessarily an official or formal partnership. The level of involvement and cooperation can vary, and the associated club may retain a significant degree of autonomy.

**2. Affiliated Club:** This typically suggests a closer and more formal relationship. An affiliated club is usually formally recognized and sanctioned by another organization or entity, often with specific criteria or requirements for affiliation. There may be formal agreements, benefits, or responsibilities associated with being affiliated, and the affiliated club may have to adhere to certain standards or guidelines set by the larger organization.

In summary, while both terms imply some level of connection between clubs and other entities, "associated" tends to denote a looser or more informal relationship, while "affiliated" implies a more formal and structured partnership.

What does it means for TAANS?

TAANS is **affiliated** with ANS/AC because it pays the affiliated club fee and is treated equally to the regular shooting clubs.

In summary, the purpose of the meeting was not to question ANS or the decisions made by ANS/AC. Rather, it was to clarify the existing insurance rules in order to avoid further discussions and miscommunication.

However, the most important objective of the meeting was to determine whether these rules still align with the mission of TAANS, which is to welcome all archers interested in traditional archery and, above all, to have fun shooting traditional-style bows.

Thank you Matt for your time and all the input. It is appreciated.