



September 10, 2024

Archery Canada
Attention: Insurance Policy Review
c/o House of Sport
2451 Riverside Drive
Ottawa, Ontario, K1H 7X7

Dear Archery Canada,

On behalf of the Traditional Archers Association of Nova Scotia (TAANS), we are writing to discuss the current insurance policies and their implications for recreational archers in Canada. Below are a few key points to frame our concerns:

About TAANS:

- **TAANS** is an organization that promotes and supports traditional archery.
- **Our community** is open to all archers who share a passion for traditional archery, regardless of club affiliation.
- **Our primary goal** is to foster a fun, inclusive environment while shooting traditional-style bows.
- **The TAANS Shoot**, an annual traditional archery tournament, is hosted by different clubs across Nova Scotia and is open to all traditional archers, regardless of their memberships.

Current Insurance Policy:

- **Membership Requirements:** TAANS members must be affiliated with Archery Nova Scotia (ANS), Archery Canada (AC), or a Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) to ensure coverage. Without this affiliation, insurance would be invalid for TAANS executive members.
- **ANS/AC Insurance Coverage:** According to Archery Canada, the policy covers archery activities at affiliated clubs, AC-sanctioned events, and bowhunting. Archers attending non-affiliated clubs are not covered under the AC policy, meaning the clubs need their own insurance.

Two Types of Archers:

1. **Competitive Archers:** These archers aim to participate in tournaments across Nova Scotia, Canada, or internationally and are covered by AC insurance for registered events.
2. **Recreational Archers:** These archers primarily enjoy archery at the club level and may attend one or two local tournaments a year. Many do not require full AC membership but still wish to participate in occasional events, such as the annual TAANS Shoot.

While the current insurance policy fully supports competitive archers (Group 1), recreational archers (Group 2) face challenges. They should not be forced into full AC membership if their primary focus is recreational shooting. Their participation in a few events should be encouraged without the burden of paying for an AC membership they may not use fully.



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Our Questions and Requests:

- **Options for Recreational Archers:** Are there any available options, such as waivers or event-specific fees, that would allow recreational archers to participate in a limited number of shoots without requiring full AC membership? For example, could recreational archers purchase event-specific coverage for the TAANS Shoot or other similar events?
- **Supporting Growth at the Club Level:** We believe the primary focus of Archery Canada and its PSOs should be to grow the sport by bringing people into local clubs. By allowing recreational archers to enjoy club activities and occasional events without the need for full AC membership, clubs would gain more members, creating a stronger foundation for the sport in the long term. Those who wish to pursue competitive archery would naturally join AC, but this decision should be left to the individual archer, not made mandatory for participation in every event.

We would appreciate any updates or potential changes to the current insurance policy that might address these concerns, particularly in terms of providing coverage for recreational shooters at fun or one-off events like the annual TAANS Shoot.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you and hope to work together toward a solution that benefits all archers, whether competitive or recreational.

Sincerely, on behalf of the TAANS Board of Directors,

Bridget Benz *Membership Secretary of TAANS*

John Cann, *President*

Anthony Williams, *Vice President*

Karen Cann, *Treasurer*