

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Australian Axemen's Association newsletter. The purpose of this news letter is to inform members and affiliates of the current news of the AAA and to share state and local association achievements nationally.

National Team Rotorua Show NZ



Congratulations to the axemen who have been selected to represent Australia in the Rotorua Show in NZ from the 27-29th January 2018. The team will be made up of Laurence

O'Toole, Brayden Meyer, Kody Steers, Mitch Argent, Jamie Head, Josh Adamson, Brad Delosa and National Senior Team debutant Phil Waters and Daniel Beams, with Manager Kerry Head.

R.A.S of NSW

2018 Sydney Royal Easter Show entries are now OPEN. Entries Close - Wednesday 6 December 2017.

Nominations for Officials for the Woodchop and Sawing Competition for the 2018 Sydney Royal Easter Show **close Monday 6 November**. For Contact: woodchop@rasnsw.com.au



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

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At the Longford Show Stephen Foster claimed the first Championship of the TAS season with the 300m underhand Championship winning it in 15.9 seconds. Kody Steers and Daniel Beams won the 500m double-handed sawing Championship in a time of 13 seconds.

The Launceston Show was a success with some great achievements. The North-West defended its title in the inter-association teams race. Kody Steers cleaned up winning five of the six championships on offer in the three-day program.

Canberra Show Woodchop Cancelled

The Royal Canberra Show Society has reluctantly advised that the 2018 Royal Canberra Show woodchop has been cancelled. The society would like to thank the axemen and officials who contributed to the significant growth and improvements made over recent years and confirmed plans for the woodchop to return with a full program in February 2019.



AAA Rule Changes

Competitors please note the following rule changes:

- Rule 202: add the sentence: "Where the Competitor is a Junior, he/she may be accompanied by a parent or guardian."
- Rule 207: add the sentence: "Where the Competitor is a Junior accompanied by a parent or guardian, the parent or guardian may also view the video recording the Event."
- Rule 124: add the sentence: "For the avoidance of doubt, Rule 104 applies to sawing."
- Rule 256(e): delete the current wording and insert: "in the case of a Competitor, not compete with any alcohol in the bloodstream, nor consume any alcoholic beverage until after the Competitor has competed in his last Event for the day in question;"
- Rule 37: delete paragraph (b) and re-letter paragraph (c) as (b).
- Rule 117: delete paragraph (b) and re-letter paragraph (c) as (b).
- Insert new Rule 146A as follows: "Where, in a team relay Event, all blocks are of the same diameter, those blocks may be drawn in team lots and placed by the team in any position."

AAA Rule Changes Cont.

- Insert new Rule 236A as follows: "Where the Event is at the same venue as the corresponding Event held in a previous year, then on the next occasion the Event is contested, the first four place getters in the original Event are automatically entitled to compete in that latter Event and will be ranked in the same positions as they attained in the original Event."
- Rule 285: delete "275mm Underhand" and insert "300mm Underhand".

NSW Regional Academies of Sport



The AAA has been in contact with the regional academy programs keen to work with woodchopping. These programs offer assistance to youth athletes through strength and conditioning, sports science, education and personal development (nutrition, sports psychology, media training, recovery) services. Applications are now open for NSW Northern Inland (Tamworth) and South West Sydney (Liverpool, Campbelltown, Camden and Woollondilly) academies. Selection and eligibility criteria vary between academies. For more information contact the AAA administrator.



Tassies Shine at Australian Stihl Timbersports Championships

Amanda Beams is thrilled to have taken out the inaugural women's Timbersports Australian



Championship held at Melbourne's Albert Park. She also managed to set a new Australian record in the underhand chop in the process claiming 21 points from a possible 24 edging out Queensland's Renee Retschlag by one point for the top spot.

"It's a dream come true to win the title, but I can't explain the joy to win it for the very first time" Beams said.

Tasmanian's Daniel Gurr also came home with a win clinching the rookie event.

After a four round competition Gurr finished level with Josh Bakes sending the competition into a stock saw showdown. Gurr then recorded a time of 12.70 seconds to win the title of rookie champion. Daniel Gurr is currently in Norway attending the Chopperoos

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training camp ahead of the world team championships. He will also be traveling to Marseille, France in May to compete at the rookie world championships.

World Champs at Christmas Carnivals

The 2017 Tasmanian Christmas Carnivals will feature four world title events held over four days. Latrobe, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie will each host a world title event. The 300mm Underhand Elimination, 275mm Women's Underhand, 375mm Jack and Jill and 325mm Standing Block World Title will all be decided.

Grants and Sponsorships

If your local association would like any assistance in grant and/or sponsorship applications and submissions please email the AAA administrator for assistance.