

NZAA OFFICIAL RULES & INFORMATION GUIDE FOR OFFICIALS AND COMPETITORS

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SECTION 1 - CONSTITUTION

- 1.1 A current copy of the NZAA Inc Constitution is to be held by the current NZ Secretary at all times. Competitors and/or officials may obtain a copy free of charge by requesting so to the NZ Secretary. Constitution changes may be made at the Annual General or an Executive Meeting of the Association or a Special General Meeting of the Association. Such changes to become effective only after approval by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies.
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between the terms of these Rules and the terms of the Constitution of the Association then the terms of the Constitution shall prevail.

SECTION 2 – ADMINISTRATION

- 2.1 **DEFINITION:** Competitor as referred to in the rules shall be deemed to be a competitor registered with the NZ Axemen's Association and not necessarily a competitor on the day.
- 2.2 **CLASSIFICATION:** A novice is a competitor who has never competed previously in any event of that type. A maiden is a competitor who has never won an event of that type. Event types are defined as Underhand Chop, Standing Chop, Single Hand Saw, Double Hand Saw, Jiggerboard etc.
- 2.3 **NZ CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The criteria for NZ Championship events shall be decided annually by the NZ Axemen's Association. The Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations and Rules of the NZ Axemen's Association shall govern the rules for NZ Championship events.
- 2.4 **RECORDS :**
- 2.4.1 Every application made to the NZ Axemen's Association for the endorsement of a record claimed must be certified by a Referee duly appointed by the Sub-Association.
- 2.4.2 The Referee shall have measured the log, confirmed that the log was trimmed round, had no unsound wood, was of the correct circumference, cut in his or her presence and that the watches or electronic timers, including but not restricted to ipads (hereafter referred to as watches) used had been certified in accordance with the rules.
- 2.4.2.1 When meetings are using video recording machines which can record frame by frame and thus record the exact time between start and finish, that one recorded time is stated on the application form, along with the type of recording devices used and verified by the Referee and Timekeepers as being the true and correct time. Referee to verify that the device can record at 60 frames per second.
- 2.4.3 The time taken shall be taken by three official Timekeepers duly appointed who shall present the watches as recorded to the Referee.
- 2.4.4 The Timekeepers shall start the watches when the saw moves or the axe hits the log.
- 2.4.5 The Referee shall ascertain the actual time to be claimed as the record.

- 2.4.6** The official time shall be the nearest 1/100th second. Where two watches agree that shall be the official time, otherwise it shall be midway between the closest two watches. Where the two closest watches record a difference of 1/100th second the watch showing the longest time shall be accepted as official.
- 2.4.7** Watches used for record attempts must be digital, and may be called to be spot checked.
- 2.4.8** Applications to be forwarded to the Registrar of Records to be in the Registrars hands within one month of the event.
- 2.4.9** A separate register of Women's records for all chopping and sawing events is required. Remit Lost (but electronic devices such as I-pads can be now used) Minimum of two I-Pads to be used.
- 2.5** **CONSOLATION EVENTS:** These are restricted to competitors who have competed for but have not won a prize of any description in their class of competition during the course of the sports meeting.
- 2.6** **POSTPONEMENTS:** In the event of unfavourable weather the Club Committee shall have the power to postpone the meeting from hour to hour and from time to time as they think fit, or abandon it, and the Committee will not be responsible for any expense or loss incurred by competitors or orders in consequence of postponement of a sports meeting. Fresh entries may be taken for all events.
- 2.7** **ENTRIES:** It is recommended that the maximum entry fee for an event shall not exceed 5 per cent of total prize money. Any competitor, once having entered for an event at a sports meeting, must compete in that event. Any competitor once having entered for an event shall be liable to a maximum financial penalty for each event entered and not competed in of an amount determined by the Association from time to time. The Association may take additional disciplinary action against such a competitor. Any competitor failing to make payment to a Sub-Association shall be placed on that Sub-Association's defaulters list. Administration of defaulters lists shall be the responsibility of Sub-Association Executives within their own boundary. Notification of any competitor placed on a defaulters list must be forwarded to the Secretary of the Association who shall advise all other Sub-Association Secretaries. A competitor who prior to an event commencing fails to produce his or her handicap book to the officials managing the event:
- 2.7.1** Shall not be entitled to compete in that event;
- 2.7.2** Shall not be entitled to a reimbursement of entry fees.
- 2.7.3** May, notwithstanding clause 2.7.1 above, compete in the event if the body organising the event, in its absolute discretion consents, such consent to be conditional on:
- a.** The competitor signing a written declaration as to his or her current handicap mark as recorded in his or her handicap book; and
- b.** The competitor incurring a penalty and forfeiting any prizes won should the handicap mark declared by the competitor in his or her written declaration be less than the competitor's true current handicap mark.
- 2.8** **REGISTRATION:**
- 2.8.1** There is no age criteria for registration of competitors in open events, but if under the age of sixteen(16) he/she must be under the supervision of a registered member of the Association who is 20 years or older. A person over the age of 16 years wishing to compete in any event at or overseas without the full authority of the Association. The Association may withhold such authority at its discretion. . Such registration to be effected by an affiliated Sub~Association. A competitor must supply full name and postal address for the registration which will entitle the holder to compete at any sports meeting being held in New Zealand under the jurisdiction of the Association or with any overseas organisation holding reciprocity with the Association. A condition of registration shall be that the competitor agrees to abide by all the rules as set down by the Association and its affiliated Sub-Associations. Registration certificates shall be issued for one year commencing on 1st July and ending 30th June, and must be produced on request of an official of the Association or an affiliated Sub-Association.
- 2.8.2** Registration is not required by visiting overseas competitors. The competitor(s) must purchase a New Zealand Performance Book, which is audited in accordance with New Zealand rules.
- 2.8.3** Registration ticket or stickers must be affixed to competitors performance books. Any competitor competing in an event without first being registered may be disqualified for that event. A competitor shall register through the Sub-Association for the area in which he or she resides. The registration fee payable by the Sub-Association to the Association in respect of each such competitor shall be set annually by the Association, with advice of the amount

to be circulated to Sub-Associations, prior to the 1 st August. Day registration shall be effected according to decisions of individual Sub-Associations. Day registration shall apply to one day per season only.

2.9 HANDICAPPING: The method by which a competitor's handicap shall be derived at is to be determined by The New Zealand Axemen's Association Handicapping Committee.

2.10 LIABILITY: All persons competing at meetings conducted under the Rules of the Association shall do so at their own risk.

2.11 MEDICAL CERTIFICATES: A competitor must produce a doctor's certificate if requested to do so by the Association an affiliated Sub-Association.

2.12 PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES:

2.12.1 Competitors may be tested for the presence of prohibited substances. The Association has adopted the sports anti-doping rules made by Drug Free Sport New Zealand (as amended from time to time). Copies of the Sports Anti-Doping Rules can be obtained from the New Zealand secretary on request.

2.12.2 Competitors and officials shall abstain from the use of illegal drugs.

2.12.3 Competitors and officials shall abstain from the consumption of alcohol

2.12.3.1 Prior to a competition event, where such consumption may affect the competitor or official at the competition event; and/or

2.12.3.2 At competition events.

2.13 PERFORMANCES: Competitors must be given permission before perusing performances of other competitors.

2.14 REPRESENTATION: No competitor registered with the Association shall be allowed to represent New Zealand at home or overseas without the full authority of the Association. The Association may withhold such authority at its discretion.

2.15 CONDUCT:

2.15.1 All Competitors and officials are bound:

- a) Not to bet on the outcome or any aspect of a competition event.
- b) Not to throw or fix an event, try to achieve a contrived outcome to an event or otherwise influence improperly the outcome or any other aspect of an event or competition;
- c) Not to seek or accept a bribe or other benefit to do anything mentioned in paragraph 2.15.1.b above;
- d) To report immediately to the Association any offer or bribe or other benefit to do anything mentioned in paragraph 2.15.1 b above, or any attempt by any person to do anything mentioned in paragraph 1.15.1 a or 2.15.1.b above;
- e) Not to engage in any doping practices and to comply with the Association's drug policy(see clause 2.12.1 above);
- f) Not to abuse, threaten or intimidate, either physically or verbally any competitor, official, selector, coach, manager or spectator whether before, during or after an event;
- g) Not to show obvious dissension, displeasure or disapproval toward an official. Not Withstanding the previous sentence, competitors are permitted to protest and/or appeal against a decision of an official in the manner prescribed by these Rules, the constitution and/or rules of an affiliated Sub-Association and/or the Constitution of the Association;
- h) Not to use crude or abusive language or gestures towards competitors, officials, selectors, coaches, managers or spectators;
- i) Not to do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult or humiliate another person on the grounds of race, colour or national or ethnic origin;
- j) Not to conduct themselves in any manner, or engage in any activity, whether during a competition or otherwise that would impair public confidence in the Association, any affiliated Sub-Association, the honest and orderly conduct of competitions or in the integrity and good character of competitors and/or officials;
- k) Not to do anything which adversely affects or reflects on or discredits the sport of wood chopping and sawing, the Association, any affiliated Sub-Association or any competition, tournament, sponsor, official supplier or licensee, including but not limited to any illegal act or any act of dishonesty or fraud; and

l) To comply with decisions of the Association.

2.16 DISQUALIFICATION: A competitor who wishes to bring a complaint against an official or another competitor must take the complaint to the Sub-Association through which he or she is registered within 14 days of the day on which the matter complained of occurred. Sub-Associations shall have the authority to fine or impose a term of disqualification on a competitor or official, subject to an appeal to the Association. The Association may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a competitor, official or Sub-Association in accordance with the Constitution of the Association. Any competitor who has been disqualified or suspended from competing in an event shall not be eligible to compete in any event until his/her disqualification or suspension from participation in any competition has been uplifted and any fees that may have been paid shall be forfeited. Any Official, Club or Sub-Association knowingly allowing a disqualified person to compete in an event for which the competitor has been disqualified or suspended, shall be liable to a fine or disqualification. Any Official who has been disqualified or suspended shall not be eligible to officiate in any capacity during the term of disqualification or suspension. Disqualified or suspended persons wishing to have their disqualification removed must make an application to the Secretary of the Association. The Council of the Association shall consider the application and their decision shall be final.

2.17 APPEALS:

2.17.1 An appeal against the decision of a Sub-Association may be lodged with the Secretary of the Association. Such an appeal must be lodged in writing within one month of the aforementioned decision having been made or advised to the Appellant. The appeal must be accompanied by a fee of \$10.00. The Council of the Association shall be the Appeal Committee and must hear the appeal within one month of lodgement.

2.17.2 The appeal fee paid by the appellant shall be disposed of in such manner as the Council may direct.

2.18 SPECIAL AWARDS:

2.18.1 The criteria for Most Points awards may be at the discretion of individual clubs providing it is clearly shown on the programme submitted for approval, otherwise the following rules will apply.

- a) Points will be calculated on the basis of First 6 points, Second 3 points, Third 2 points, or in the case of a dead heat, First 4 1/2 points, Second 2 1/2 points, Third 1 point to each competitor involved in the dead heat.
- b) Points will be calculated on (a) finals of Open Handicap events only or (b) finals of Championship events only.
- c) Where two or more competitors tie, the prize shall in the first instance be awarded to the one gaining most first placings and then if still equal to the most gaining most second placings.
- d) If competitors are still equal then the prize shall, for handicap events, be given to the competitor with the greater basic handicap mark in events for which points were gained.
- e) If competitors are still equal the toss a coin shall decide.
- f) In double hand sawing each competitor shall be credited with full points.

2.19 SUB-ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FEE: Each affiliated Sub-Association shall determine the amount of its own membership fee. From each membership fee paid or payable to the affiliated Sub-Association the affiliated Sub-Association shall pay to the Association such amount or amounts as determined by the Association at its annual general meeting.

2.19.1 OVERSEAS COMPETITORS: Overseas competitor wishing to be covered by NZAA public Liability Insurance must pay the same rate as NZ competitors but pay direct to NZAA prior to chopping throughout New Zealand or have their own insurance coverage.

2.20 RULE BOOK: The NZAA Rules, which will be printed in the NZ Axemen's. News annually, must be fully updated each year in accordance with decisions made at the AGM etc. It will not be acceptable to print the amendments only - the full Rules and updated yearly Rules must be shown.

2.21 CONFLICT: In the event of a conflict between the terms of these Rules and the terms of the rules and/or constitution of an affiliated Sub-Association then the terms of these Rules shall prevail.

2.22 SUB-GROUP FUNDING: A combined pool comprising \$10 per registered axemen, being part of their NZAA affiliation fees, shall be set aside each year and distributed evenly between the 4 sub-groups (representing the mens, womens, veterans and colts teams).

SECTION 3 - COMPETITION RULES

- 3.1 RING MARSHAL:** A Ring Marshal shall be appointed whose duty it shall be to: Control events in the ring. See that precaution is taken to prevent slabbing. Ensure that competitors have reasonable time to prepare their blocks and that each competitor receives his or her handicap on the block prior to commencement of the event.
- 3.2 REFEREE:** A Referee (who may also be Ring Marshal) shall be appointed whose duty it shall be to: Act on any breach according to the rules. Ensure that all safety precautions are observed. Convene the committee appointed to deal with protests or alleged unfair practice. Confer with the Judges, Check Stewards and Judging Machine Operator, and ensure that the correct placings of events are announced and these placings shall be final. The announcement of results for events does not take place until all logs have been inspected. The Referee shall also supervise the removal of bark, loose fragments of wood or grit from blocks where necessary.
- 3.3 CHECK STEWARDS:** A Check Steward shall be appointed for each four blocks being chopped or sawn, whose duty it shall be to: See that no competitor commences before his or her starting mark is called. Check to see that the judging machine operates correctly on the four blocks. Examine all four blocks immediately after the event is finished. Report any breach to the Referee before the result is declared.
- 3.4 JUDGES:** Three Judges shall be appointed for each event. They shall place the required number of competitors in the order in which they finish and declare the placings to the Referee. A judging machine or video camera may be used to assist the judges. The video camera is to be placed at a suitable height from the ground and a video recorder player and television screen is to be available to the judges.
- 3.5 STARTER:** The Starter shall have control of all competitors after they take up their positions at blocks. Limited competitors are to be commenced on the count of three and other competitors so many seconds behind according to their handicap. Starting by recorded tape is allowed.
- 3.6 BLOCK STEWARDS:** Block Stewards shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to see that blocks are fairly drawn and that each competitor is issued the correct block. Any block discard must be made prior to draw.
- 3.7 COMMITTEE:** A Committee shall be appointed consisting of the Referee (who shall be the Convener) and three responsible persons, to deal with protests and allegations of unfair practice. Their decision shall be according to and/or consistent with the rules.
- 3.8 DISQUALIFICATION:** Indication of disqualification for any breach shall be made to the competitor concerned only at the conclusion of the event. It shall be made verbally by the Referee direct to the competitor.
- 3.9 MISCONDUCT:** Clubs shall have the right to impose a fine on any competitor who is found guilty of misconduct or bad sportsmanship.
- 3.10 UNFAIR PRACTICE:** Any person guilty of unfair practices (ie. cheating in any manner) during the course of a sports meeting or chopping season may be dealt with as the sports committee or sub association may decree (subject to right of appeal).
- 3.11 PERSONS IN RING:** No person, other than a participating competitor, wedger or official, shall enter or be within the ring during the conduct of any event. No official shall assist a competitor, from the ring, by giving advice during an event.
- 3.12 SLABBING:** Any competitor who slabs and has not taken the necessary precautions to prevent slabbing, to the satisfaction of the Ring Marshal, shall be disqualified unless he or she cuts the slab during the course of the event. Rubber bands not to be used on Underhand blocks.
- 3.13 SLAB:** A Slab is defined as a portion of a log, which has been dislodged as the result of a split off to foothold or saw cut.
- 3.14 CHOPPING EVENTS:** Blocks to be completely severed with axe (cutting edge of axe).
- 3.15 SAWING EVENTS:** Each block used in a sawing event is to be on an individual dummy with each dummy facing the same way. Sawing events to be of one cut only. All wood forming each cut must be capable of being assembled into a complete wheel of sawn wood. Wedging is defined as easing the inward pressure of the wheel portion to allow free running of the saw. No objection except judging apparatus may be fixed to the portion of block being sawn off. A wedge is defined as an object no longer than 150mm. The sawing ring is deemed to be cut as long as it or the block on the stand does not show a slab that runs to a saw cut or a dog hold.
- 3.16 SAWING DUMMIES:** Provision be allowed for height adjustments for all sawing events.

- 3.17 Footholds:** Any competitor cutting through a foothold shall be disqualified.
- 3.18 LOG RIGGING:** A competitor shall not be allowed to make any advantageous mark with an axe or saw on his or her log before the starting time is called. A competitor may remove bark, loose fragments of wood or grit from his or her block, only under the supervision of the Referee.
- 3.19 INTERFERENCE WITH BLOCKS:** On the conclusion of a contest the onus is on the competitor to see that his or her block is not interfered with until examination by the Check Steward.
- 3.20 LENGTH OF BLOCKS:** The minimum length of blocks shall be:
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| 250mm to 325mm | Standing events | 550mm |
| 350mm to 425mm | Standing events | 650mm |
| 450mm to 600mm | Standing events | 850mm |
| 275mm to 400mm | Underhand events | 650mm |
| 425mm to 600mm | Underhand events | 850mm |
- 3.21 BLOCK SIZES:** The following are the block sizes recognised and allowed for competition by the NZAA. Standing events: 250mm, 275mm, 300mm, 325mm, 350mm, 375mm, 400mm, 450mm, 500mm, 550mm, 600mm etc.
- Underhand Events:** 275mm, 300mm, 325mm, 350mm, 375mm, 400mm, 425mm, 450mm, 500mm, 550mm, 600mm etc.
- Butcher Block Underhand:** 450mm, 500mm, 550mm, 600mm etc. Butcher Block Standing: 450mm, 500mm, 550mm, 600mm etc.
- Single And Double Hand Sawing Events:** 350mm, 375mm, 400mm, 425mm, 450mm, 500mm, 550mm, 600mm etc.
- Jiggerboard Events:** 250mm, 275mm 300mm, 325mm etc.
- 3.22 STANDING DUMMIES:** New dummies to be 650mm to 750mm high.
- 3.23 CIRCUMFERENCE MEASUREMENT OF BLOCK SIZES:**
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| 250mm - 790mm | 400mm - 1260mm |
| 275mm - 860mm | 425mm - 1340mm |
| 300mm - 940mm | 450mm - 1410mm |
| 325mm - 1020mm | 500mm - 1570mm |
| 350mm - 1100mm | 550mm - 1730mm |
| 375mm - 1180mm | 600mm - 1890mm |
- 3.24 MAXIMUM COMPETITORS:** The maximum number of competitors allowed in anyone event shall be: Visual judging, ten competitors; visual/machine judging, sixteen competitors; events carrying a first prize of \$500.00 or more 8 competitors. An event is defined as: heat, semi-final or final.
- 3.25 MINIMUM PLACINGS:** The minimum number of competitors from heats through to semis or finals shall be: 1-4 competitors in heat one place, 5-8 competitors in heat two placings, 9-12 competitors in heat three placings, 13-16 competitors in heat four placings.
- 3.26 SUPERVISION:** The following competitors shall require the reference of an open class axeman who must be in attendance: boys under the age of 16 years, novice and women.
- 3.27 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:**
- 3.27.1** Dummy/Cradle spacings shall be not less than 3.6 metres between centres and not less than 3.6 metres from the ring fence. Any new rings or alterations or existing rings shall be not less than 5 metres. With an exemption for existing permanent rings.
- 3.27.2** Ring fences shall be adequate for control.
- 3.27.3** Digging of footholds for Standing events is not permitted.
- 3.27.4** Judging machine cables to be erected no less than 2.5 metres above ground level.
- 3.27.5** Axe throwing rings shall have adequate safety barriers to the satisfaction of the referee who shall have the authority to cancel the event if not satisfied.

3.27.6 All axeheads to be pinned. Pin should be as close to the centre of the eye of the axe as possible (1/3 to width from the handle end) but must also include the wedge. Any protruding steel wedge also has to be tightened. All saw handles to be fixed with two holding bolts. Also if the referee or ring steward judge any competitor incompetent or incapable of continuing an event in a safe manner, they have the power and responsibility to stop that competitor forthwith. Any competitor who loses an axehead during an event is to receive an instant fine of \$250.00, and loss of wedge \$100.00 payable immediately to the club concerned.

3.27.6.1 All steel wedges should be pinned

3.27.6.2 Wooden wedges should be pinned; handles should protrude a minimum of 5mm through the head and must be pinned.

3.27.6.3 Aluminium wedges should be treated same as wooden.

3.27.6.4 It is recommended that handles should not be drilled more than twice.

3.27.6.5 A new pin should be used every time a handle is replaced into an axe head.

3.27.6.6 Pins should be 5mm steel pin 30 – 35mm in length which can be ground off.

3.27.6.7 Check steward should be appointed to check all axes before the commencement of every meeting.

3.27.6.8 All axemen are responsible to present for inspection any axe that might be used in an event.

3.27.7 FOOT AND LEG PROTECTION

3.27.7.1 All persons entering the ring will wear covered in footwear.

3.27.7.2 Underhand events. The minimum requirement for competitors registering for the first time from 1 October 2021 in underhand events will be toe to foot protection for both feet which covers the front of the foot, top and bottom, chain mail with appropriate fit. Chain mail protection is highly recommended for all other competitors.

3.27.7.3 Standing events. The minimum requirement for competitors registering for the first time from 1 October 2021 in standing events, including tree events, will be protection from under side of knee for all standing events, both legs, need to wrap around to cover front of leg, chain mail with appropriate fit. Chain mail protection is highly recommended for all other competitors.

3.27.7.4 Penalty. Stewards will check and fines may be imposed on competitors registering for the first time from 1 October 2021 who are not wearing protection. Those competitors in an event without foot and leg protection may be liable for a penalty of \$150 which must be paid to the host club before the competitor can compete.

3.28 CHAINSAW OPERATORS: One chainsaw operator to be the official operator per meeting in full safety apparel.

3.29 CHAMPIONSHIPS: In all championship events there shall be a time frame of not less than 15 minutes between the last qualifying heat/semi-final and final.

3.30 HEAT DRAWS: As near as practicable heats shall be drawn up to be of an equitable standard and number of competitors.

3.31 POSITIONING OF COMPETITORS: As near as practicable shall be from the scratch competitor on stand one to the limit competitor on the highest numbered stand.

3.32 JIGGERBOARD EVENTS:

3.32.1 Competitors must put three planks above one another, the first to be put about 1.05 metres from the ground, the second about 2.1 metres from the ground, and the third about 3.15 metres from the ground. Height of jigger poles to be 3.8 metres above the ground.

3.32.2 From the third plank the competitor cuts the front scarf about half through. The competitor then descends, removes each plank, places them on the ground, and proceeds to ascend by putting the planks in on the other side, as stated above, and from the third plank completes the cutting of the block.

3.32.3 Competitors cutting into or through existing plank holes may be disqualified.

3.32.4 Blocks must not be cut from one side.

3.32.5 All boards must be balanced without any hanging device.

3.33 BUTCHER BLOCK EVENTS: Underhand and Standing two competitors with only one competitor competing at anyone time.

3.34 HARD HITTING EVENTS:

3.34.1 The log must be severed by the competitor within two minutes. The Referee shall not inspect the log before the time limit has expired unless the competitor has indicated he or she has completed the block and is willing to have it inspected. Once the competitor has signified willingness for the log being inspected he or she shall not recommence chopping.

3.34.2 The wrenching of a chip must be the completion of a blow and must not be done by putting the axe back in again. Wrenching is defined as the deliberate sideways or pivoting movement of the axehead by the competitor whilst still in the cut with the intention of assisting the breaking off or removal from the log of any wood irrespective of size.

3.34.3 A competitor removing chips by hand or deliberately prising chips with the axe shall be liable to disqualification. Should a chip be lying in the scarf in such a way that in the competitor's opinion it would be dangerous to strike another blow, permission may be requested from the referee to remove it with the axe head only. The referee's decision in this regard shall be final. The removal of a chip in such a manner shall not constitute a blow.

3.34.4 In the event of a tie, placings shall be decided by the fastest times.

3.35 AXE THROWING:

3.35.1 The Target shall be 900mm in diameter consisting of 5 scoring areas: a bullseye 100mm in diameter surrounded by 4 rings each 100mm in width. The centre of the target shall be 1.5 metres from the ground.

3.35.2 Points awarded from the bullseye out shall be 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1.

3.35.3 One 1- metre width throwing line shall be provided 6.1 metres from the face of the target. Competitors are required to throw and remain behind the line.

3.35.4 The contest will consist of one warm-up throw and then three scoring throws. The axe need only cut the outer edge of the line of a scoring area to win points in that area. The leading edge of the axe shall be the scoring edge and must remain in the target until a Steward verifies the score.

3.35.5 If both blades stick in the log no score is awarded.

3.35.6 A competitor shall be permitted one entry only in each competition.

3.35.7 Provision of a practice target, or a time set aside for practice throws, is the responsibility of individual clubs. Where a separate practice target is provided competitors who take practice throws at the competitive target will be automatically disqualified.

3.35.8 In the event of competitor's scores being equal, placings shall be decided on a "sudden death" basis, no practice, one throw, highest score. Earliest competitor of day has first throw.

3.35.9 Axes must be available for inspection and checking by Steward. Each axe must be double bitted (two cutting edges) and weigh not less than 1.1kg total weight.

3.35.10 Overall length of handle including axe head 600mm minimum. The axe blade face shall not exceed 150mm.

3.36 CHAINSAW - FLYING DISC

3.36.1 The Pole must be standing vertically on a concrete paving stone or similar surface. The Pole is to be free standing not fastened down.

3.36.2 The Pole is to be 1 meter in length. It is to be 150mm, 175mm or 200mm in diameter, 200mm to be the maximum. The size and type of wood will be determined by the availability of wood. If the pole has bark on it the competitor can de-bark their log if they choose to. It is the responsibility of the competitor to straighten up the bottom so that their log stands straight.

3.36.3 The pole is to have 4 fluorescent paint lines from top to bottom (quartered). Each competitor in a heat must have an individual colour as this will identify each individual competitor's discs for the check steward to check.

3.36.4 Competitors cut 20 full discs as fast as they can. These will be checked by the check steward to ensure that the correct number of full discs has been cut. The competitor is disqualified if 20 full discs are not cut.

3.36.5 Competitors must start the timer, start the saw, cut 20 full discs, and then stop the timer. The saw must be started on the ground. The competitor with the fastest time for cutting the 20 full discs is the winner.

3.36.6 If the pole falls, the competitor must let the pole hit the ground, then place the saw on the ground before erecting the pole then recommence cutting. If a competitor uses hands or legs to steady the pole while cutting; they will be disqualified.

- 3.36.7** Competitors must wear ear protection, eye protection and chainsaw pants or chaps when competing in this event.
- 3.36.8** Competitors will be allowed 1 minute to set up pole and warm up their saws before each heat.
- 3.36.9** The starter/announcer will call: "Competitors; hands at the ready 3-2-1 Go"
- 3.36.10** The timer shall be a 1 meter high pole with a stopper on the top which is attached to a stop watch.
- 3.37 CHAINSAW - DOWN UP DOWN**
- 3.37.1** Chainsaws can be any brand or size; modified or not.
- 3.37.2** Competitors are permitted 30 seconds to warm up saw and get positioned.
- 3.37.3** The starter/announcer will call: "Competitors at the ready, Hands on the wood, 3, 2, 1, Go".
- 3.37.4** The chainsaw must be idling on the ground. The competitors must have their hands on top of the log. When the starter says Go, the competitor picks up the chainsaw and cuts 3 complete discs; down, up, down, then place the saw back on the ground.
- 3.37.5** Time keepers will start their timers on Go and will stop the timers when the chainsaw touches the ground. The competitor with the fastest time wins. A competitor is disqualified if hands leave the wood before Go.
- 3.37.6** All discs must be complete and made within 100mm of wood. A competitor is disqualified if 3 complete discs are not cut. A competitor is disqualified if a cut is made over the 100mm line
- 3.37.7** Log sizes and wood types will vary depending on the availability of wood.
- 3.37.8** Safety chaps or chainsaw trousers, ear protection and eye protection must be worn.
- 3.38 PROTESTS:** A protest may be lodged by a competitor against any breach in the rules on the part of a Club, Official, or Competitor. Such a protest shall be made to the Referee, either verbally or in writing within five minutes with a fee of \$10.00 which will be forfeited if the complaint is frivolous.

SECTION 4 - HANDICAPPING

- 4.1** No barriers or blocks shall operate in any part of the system. Standing and Underhand events shall be handicapped separately. All axemen competing for the first time shall commence chopping on a mark of 3 seconds.
- 4.2 LIABILITY OF AXEMEN:**
- 4.2.1** The onus is on the competitor to see that the correct handicap mark is put on the block from his/her book.
- 4.2.2** If a competitor is found to have started ahead off his/her mark, he/she shall be disqualified and forfeit his/her entry for relevant event or events, and or any prize money won in that event.
- 4.2.3** The onus is on the competitors to ensure that his or her performance book is filled in correctly in accordance with the current handicap system.
- 4.2.4** If handicappers ask if they can hold competitor books from one meeting to another, the competitor still has the right to check his/her book at the end of one meeting or before the start of the next meeting. (subject to the right of appeal under NZAA rules).
- 4.3 HANDICAP CONVERSION CHARTS:** Handicap conversion charts to be published in the Axemen's News annually. This chart may be amended annually at the NZAA AGM. A copy will also be held with the NZAA Handicapping Panel of whom competitors can request copies free of charge.
- 4.4 OPEN CLASS EVENTS:**
- 4.4.1** The definition of an open class event is any handicap event with prize money totalling \$60.00 or more. The reasons being a. some clubs are running handicap invitation events with high prize money and no penalties or lifts being recorded, which is a way of defeating any handicap system; b. Total prize money has been raised to \$60.00 or more, so as to be able to cater more fairly for Local, Novice, Restricted and club chops etc without penalties provided total prize money is less than \$60.00.
- 4.4.2** An Open Class Handicap Event may be competed for in Divisions in which case the prize money relating to the Division in which the competitor takes part shall be the amount used in calculating penalties and lifts.

- 4.5 JACK & JILL EVENTS:** Will be handicapped same as Double Hand Sawyers, with performance books to be issued. Jack & Jill records will be acknowledged in all timbers and sizes as listed in the rules.
- 4.6 NZAA HANDICAPPING COMMITTEE:** All members of the NZAA Handicapping Committee to be published annually in the Axemen's News along with the lines of communication for all matters on handicapping eg, to the Secretary of the NZAA Handicapping Committee. The method by which a competitor's handicap shall be derived at is to be determined by the NZAA Handicapping Committee.
- 4.7 HANDICAPPING PANEL TERMS OF REFERENCE - COMMITTEE MEMBERS -**
- 4.7.1** To assist local Association handicappers and ensure they are implementing the NZAA handicapping systems and to keep them informed of any changes.
- 4.7.2** To assess overseas competitors and see that they are on a fair mark.
- 4.7.3** To reassess any competitors mark upon their formal request, this must be reported to the NZAA Handicapping Convenor.
- 4.7.4** To ensure that Clubs run their program in accordance with NZAA Handicapping rules.
- 4.7.5** To make any recommendations to the NZ Handicapping Panel, through the Convenor, regarding any improvements that can be made to handicapping.
- 4.7.6** To assist the Convenor and carry out any request to the best of your ability.
- 4.8 HANDICAPPING PANEL TERMS OF REFERENCE - CONVENOR -**
- 4.8.1** To keep all Handicapping Committee members and Associations fully informed on all Handicapping directions.
- 4.8.2** To form a close liaison with the NZAA President and keep him/her informed on all handicap matters.
- 4.8.3** To answer any queries on handicapping promptly.
- 4.8.4** To call a handicap panel meeting or phone conference when required.
- 4.9 HANDICAP MONIES:** To be rounded to the nearest dollar.
- 4.10 PERFORMANCE BOOKS:** All competitors must purchase a NZ Performance Book which is audited in accordance with NZ Rules. Note rule 6 in NZ Performance Book - Please note that this rule means the maximum penalty of seven seconds on anyone day per discipline. The only way you could gain more penalty than that would be to win sufficient in both disciplines to do so. NZAA Performance Books only shall be used. All units and prize money for the first four placings (or for the first eight placings in events carrying total prize money over \$1000.00) in Open Class Events during anyone day shall count for handicap adjustments and must be recorded in a performance book.
- 4.11 PENALTY AND LIFT SYSTEM:** All placed axemen shall be given their handicap penalties at the conclusion of each event. All other handicap adjustments shall be given at the completion of each day, except where there is a meeting of more than one day where only those events finalised on each day shall count for handicapping adjustments. Larger block sizes not shown on conversion sheet shall be handicapped using handicap difference in block sizes on sheet as guide.
- 4.12 VOUCHERS:** Any item that has a dollar value sign \$ on it is a voucher to be penalised. Any item that does not have a dollar sign \$ printed on it is to be classified as a trophy. Vouchers are to be penalised and included in the prize money and a trophy is not to be penalised, but is an extra to the prize money (a request to clubs to use discretion with the use of vouchers which can only be redeemed locally, or for a set item they are better to cash them in or use for non handicap events).

SECTION 5 - NZ SELECTORS CRITERIA

- 5.1** One selector from each Sub-Association is to be approved annually at the Annual General Meeting of the NZAA. Total four.
- 5.1.1** Convenor to be selected by NZAA at the AGM from nominations received.
- 5.1.2** Convenor to send copies to all information received from nominating competitors to fellow selectors at least one week prior to link up.
- 5.1.3** Selectors be made available full results and video if available of all Island and New Zealand Champs.
- 5.1.4** Convenors responsibility to obtain such and advise fellow selectors.

- 5.1.5 All nominees to be notified by mail a seeded list of competitors and reserves for NZ Champs and/or International teams.
- 5.1.6 President of the NZAA and all Sub-Association Secretaries to receive a copy of the seeded list.”

SECTION 6 - NZ SELECTION PROCESS AND TRIAL CRITERIA

- 6.1 Competitors are to enter trials on the official entry form
- 6.2 No entries will be taken on the day
- 6.3 The points system 8,7,6,5 etc and 0 points if the competitor infringes any rule such as breaking marks, not finishing the log not taking slabbing precautions etc.
- 6.4 In the event of competitors finishing the trial with equal points, two matched logs must be made available for a cut off.
- 6.5 Chainsaw competitors must follow criteria set down by the New Zealand Selectors for that event. Cutting lines or incorrect boring will mean no points.
- 6.6 Chainsaw operators must supply their own safety gear - no safety gear, no start.
- 6.7 Sawing competitors (Single and Double) must have the right to be able to lift or lower their logs to their advantage. They must also be able to turn their logs.
- 6.8 That the starter counts to 4 when starting each trial.
- 6.9 “All NZ representative squads may be selected from a variety of championship events which may include, but not be limited to:
- NZ trials (format of trials decided by the NZ selectors)
 - Performances in Sydney
 - Performances at New Zealand’s top shows (examples: Christchurch, Rotorua, and Kumeu)
 - NZ trials (format of trials decided by the NZ selectors)
 - Match racing or elimination events
 - NZ (National) Championships
 - North Island and/or South Island Championships
- 6.9.1 Selectors have the right to organise trials specific to the selector’s requirements.
- 6.9.2 All national representative trialists to be advised at least 60 days prior to trial date/s.
- 6.9.4 In the event of not enough selected trialists then a team can be selected by the NZAA selectors.
- 6.9.5 That NZAA send the best squad/s to International Venues, but retain the right to carry on with negotiations for the best possible deal for the squad/s.
- 6.10 That clubs receive some form of reimbursement for holding the trials.
- 6.11 NZ Council continue to send teams to international venues when invitations are received and that the composition of teams be equal to the criteria set out in the invitation.
- 6.12 **STANDING AND UNDERHAND:** That the Standing and Underhand blocks be 325mm of Radiata Pine 25/40 second wood.
- 6.12.1 That the rest time between event heats, in any one discipline, at all NZ trials be set at 30mins unless all competitors in that discipline agree otherwise.
- 6.12.2 All trial logs are to be drawn prior to the event and enough time set aside for all competitors (underhand and standing) to prepare all their logs prior to their first race.
- 6.13 **SAWING:** Sawing cut 8 rings 600mm Double, 450mm Single, 8 Doubles, 8 Single Sawyers.
- 6.14 **TREE:** If tree cutters are required for the NZ Team, these are to be chosen by the incumbent selectors.
- 6.15 **NZ CHAINSAW OPERATOR:** All chainsaw operators to wear appropriate safety equipment.
- 6.16 **NZ WOMEN’S TRIALS**
- 6.16.1 Women’s Trials must be cut in the following: Underhand 275mm diameter good quality Radiata Single Hand Sawing = 350mm diameter good quality Radiata Double Hand Sawing = 400mm diameter good quality Radiata

- 6.16.2** That all logs are drawn prior to the event starting, and a time set aside for all the underhand blocks to be set up before the commencement of the first underhand race.
- 6.16.3** If there are only 3 or 4 competitors in an event, the Convenor of Selectors has the right to ask competitors to cut more or fewer logs. In other words if there are only 3 competitors in an event, the Convenor of Selectors has the right to make the decision whether those 3 competitors cut 3 logs each or 6 logs each.
- 6.16.4** The time between each race be 20 minutes
- 6.16.5** A set timetable is provided of each discipline with times of when each race will be held.

SECTION 7 - NZ COLT RULES

7.1 NZ COLT DELEGATES:

- 7.1.1** Each Centre or Association is to nominate one or more individuals at their AGM to act as delegates for their Centre/Association and be solely in charge of Colts in their area following the criteria set down by the NZ Colts Development Committee.
- 7.1.2** From this group, two individuals from the North and two individuals from the South Island will be selected by NZAA Executives to act as NZ delegates and to organise and control Colts. Appointments for these four positions are for a four year period. The responsibility of these four NZ delegates will be to have at least one meeting per year, and to elect one of their group as Chairman. This position would also be for a four year term. The NZ delegates would also be responsible for selecting NZ and North and South Island Colts Teams Managers each year, as they also set age limits, and set criteria's for trials and training camps. They will also have the responsibility of ensuring that all overseas Colts Teams, whether it is official or unofficial, meet the criteria set down for that particular season.
- 7.1.3** If criteria are to be altered, the four NZ delegates must agree. If they cannot, NZAA Executive will make the decision. At the NZAA Conference each year, a NZAA Representative will be elected. His/her responsibilities will include having the authority to change any of the four delegates if for any reason they are unable to carry on, or if perhaps the other three feel that one individual was not doing his/her job. The NZAA representative would also have the responsibility of informing individuals or associations that they wish to change the criteria without going through the proper channels, that they are likely to be fined or penalised in some way. Penalties or fines are to be set by the NZAA Association.
- 7.1.4** During the fourth year of their appointment, each NZ delegate must also put forward the name/s of persons who they feel would have the skills and dedication to carry on with Colt's development for the next four years. These names will be given to the NZAA Executive in order of preference. They will elect two from the North and two from the South Island.
- 7.2 AGE CRITERIA:** The age limit is set that competitors should be under 21 as at November 30 each year. If a competitor turns 21 after November 30, he/she is entitled to compete in all Colt's activities until November 30 the following year. The reason for this is to have established competitors available for the major shows in Australia and NZ. A Colt's competitor only has to comply with the age criteria to compete in Colts Championship or Teams events. In other words, if a Colt was good enough to make a NZ A Team, or win a National Championship final, this would not rule him/ her Out of competing in the Colts events, providing he/she meet the age criteria. This rule is really important, as we need as many top competitors as we can compete in the Colts. We have got to have really strong competition to get real growth in NZ Colt's wood chopping.
- 7.3 TEAMS RACES:** All Colts Team Races must be cut in the following: Underhand/Standing = 300mm diameter good quality Radiata Single Hand Sawing = 400mm diameter good quality Radiata Double Hand Sawing = 500mm diameter good quality Radiata
- 7.4 TRIALS:**
- 7.4.1** See Section 6 for Rules. All Colts Trials must be cut in the following: Underhand/Standing = 325mm diameter good quality Radiata Single Hand Sawing = 400mm diameter good quality Radiata Double Hand Sawing = 500mm diameter good quality Radiata

- 7.4.2** Competitors are to enter trials on the official entry form provided, by the close off date advised on the form. The Convenor of Selectors has the right to refuse entries if they are not on the official form and/or received after the close off date.
- 7.4.3** No entries will be taken on the day.
- 7.4.4** The points system to be 8,7,6,5 etc and 0 points if the competitors infringes any rule such as breaking marks, not finishing the log, cutting footholds, not taking slabbing precautions etc.
- 7.4.5** In the event of competitors finishing the trial with equal points, two matched logs must be made available to cut off.
- 7.4.6** Chainsaw operators must supply their own safety gear - no safety gear, no points.
- 7.4.7** Chainsaw competitors must follow criteria set down by NZ Colts Selectors for that event. Cutting lines or incorrect boring will mean no points. Competitors will draw for saws prior to each trial race, and will not be permitted to compete until all safety equipment is in position. Competitors must start saws on the ground. Stewards will advise when saws are to be started. Any competitor drop starting a saw will be automatically disqualified from competing. Competitors will make three cuts through the log within a marked area to be defined by the Convenor of Selectors. The first cut is a bore cut, which must start on and break the centre line after boring. The cut will proceed in a downward cut and then upward to complete the first disc. The second cut is a complete downward cut to complete the second disc. The final cut is a complete upward cut to complete the third disc. All discs must be complete discs. Any cut out or incomplete discs will mean disqualification for the competitor.
- 7.4.8** Sawing competitors (Single and Double) must have the right to be able to lift or lower their logs to their advantage. They must also be able to turn their logs.
- 7.4.9** If there are only 3 or 4 competitors in an event, the Convenor of Selectors has the right to ask competitors to cut more or fewer logs. In other words if there are only 3 competitors in an event, the Convenor of Selectors has the right to make the decision whether those 3 competitors cut 3 logs each or 6 logs each.
- 7.4.10** All competitors must be registered.
- 7.4.11** The starter is to give a demonstration start prior to the commencement of the trials.
- 7.4.12** All protests must follow NZM criteria.
- 7.5 TEAM SELECTION:**
- 7.5.1** All NZ Colts Teams are to be selected by NZ Selectors following the criteria set down by NZ Colts Delegates.
- 7.5.2** North and South Island Colts Teams are selected by North and South Island Selectors following the criteria set by North and South Island Colts' delegates.
- 7.6 NZ COLTS CHAMPIONSHIPS:** NZ Colts Championships must be cut in the following: Underhand/Standing = 300 and 325mm diameter good quality Radiata Single Hand Sawing = 400mm diameter good quality Radiata Double Hand Sawing = 500mm diameter good quality Radiata

SECTION 8 - NZ CHAMPIONSHIPS

8.1 PROGRAMME

- 8.1.1** To show start time of an event and the seeding list as published by the selectors in their mail out. To show reporting time 9am each day, starting time 9.30am each day. A list of seeded competitors Heat seedings with blank spaces for competitors name. Events are to be run concurrently in the following order:
- 8.1.2** 1st day = 300mm Standing, 400mm Junior Single Hand Sawing, 500mm Jack & Jill, 325mm Junior Underhand, 275mm Tree, Veterans Heat Underhand, 400mm Single Hand Sawing, 300mm Junior Standing, Veterans Final Underhand, 375mm Underhand, 600mm Double Hand Sawing. Axe throwing each day as time permits.
- 8.1.3** At least one Jill and Jill event.
- 8.1.4** 2nd day; 325mm Underhand, 325mm Junior Standing, 450mm Double Hand Sawing, Veterans Heats Standing, 325mm Tree, 400mm Jack & Jill Sawing, 300mm Junior Underhand, Veterans Final Standing, 350mm Standing, 500mm Junior Double Hand Sawing, **450mm Single Hand Sawing.**
- 8.2 PRIZES:** Dependent upon sponsorship. Sashes for all four final placings.

- 8.3 PRESENTATIONS:** To be made at the conclusion of each final.
- 8.4 NOMINATIONS:** To close with selection convenor two months prior to championships. Selections to be completed within two weeks of closing date. A nomination fee of \$20.00 per competitor is payable on first day. Selected competitors must advise the selection convenor of withdrawal 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the event/s concerned otherwise the \$20.00 fee is payable and the competitor will be regarded as a defaulter until the amount has been paid. When sawyers are nominating they must name their partners and if one partner is unable to compete after the draw is done, then they must withdraw.
- 8.5 LATE ENTRIES:** To be at the discretion of the selection convenor.
- 8.6 NUMBER OF COMPETITORS:** Chopping: Sixteen plus reserves. Sawing: Double handed, sixteen pairs, Single handed, sixteen plus reserves each. Treefelling. Number of competitors shall be determined by the quality and number of nominations received. Axe throwing open to registered competitors of the NZAA.
- 8.7 ELIMINATION PROCEDURE:**
- 8.7.1** Where events in seniors, standing underhand and sawing events are not filled to the full 16 nominations, that selectors have the right to either reduce the field from 16 to 8 seed in the following formats.
- 8.7.2** 1 to 8 Heat 1: 1,3,5,7 Heat 2: 2,4,6,8 First and Second from each heat to the final
- 8.7.3** 8 to 12 Three heats of 4,2 to the semi-final, re-seed into 2 heats of 3 and a final of 4 Heat 1: 1,4,7,10
Heat 2: 3,6,9,12
Heat 3: 2,5,8,11
- 8.7.4** 13 to 16 as in the present criteria: four heats of four, two semi-finals of four, one final of four. Heat Draw to include the following seeds Heat 1: 1,5,9,13
Heat 2: 3,7,11,15
Heat 3: 2,6,10,14
- 8.7.5** Semi 1: first and second heat 1 & 2, Semi 2: first and second heat 3 & 4, Final: first and second from each semi final.
- 8.6 TIMBER:** Pinus Radiata. If not available - Corsican.
- 8.7 WOOD REQUIRED AND DRAW SYSTEM WOODCHOPPING:** Blocks to be a set of four, each set from same portion of one tree. Sets of blocks to be graded, under the supervision of the Referee to ensure evenness of quality for heats and semi-finals respectively, then drawn with a marble system to determine the cutting order. The final blocks shall be drawn by marble prior to the grading of semis and heats. The draw to be made immediately prior to the start of each event with competitors invited to attend the draw.
- IMPORTANT:** That one set of four even emergency blocks and two cut off blocks, in the event of a dead heat, to be made available for each event.
- 8.8 TREEFELLING:** Requires blocks from one tree and must be compatible with poles being used. Poles to be as even as possible in diameter.
- 8.9 DOUBLE AND SINGLE SAW:** Sufficient lengths of logs to cut 4 x 160mm rings just prior to heats, semis, finals. One for emergency or cut off if required. Draw method for Single and Double - Marble draws are to be made for first and subsequent heats and semi-finals and final (separate draws each event).
- 8.10 EVENT TIMES:** One event must be completed before the next event starts. At every championship event, a time frame between consecutive events, the last semi-final and final be not less than 15 minutes.
- 8.11 REPORTING TIME:** Competitors are to report to secretary 30 (thirty) minutes prior to the first event, of their availability. The secretary will then scratch any competitor or teams of competitors having not reported and draw up the draw using the seeding list as published. Any new acceptable competitor/s (either part or whole) to be added to the bottom of the seeding list, regardless of previous seeding.
- 8.12 LATE WITHDRAWALS:** Not acceptable. Due to late withdrawals at Island or NZ Championships the Convenor is to use his/her discretion to include form competitors that have not nominated to make up the required numbers.
- 8.13 RIBBONS:** All costs relating to the ribbons for Nationals be paid for from entry fees, not from sub associations.
- 8.14 OFFICIALS:** Referee, Ring Marshal, two Check Stewards, two Block Stewards, three Judges, three Timekeepers with certified watches, Video Operator, Announcer, Starter, Disputes Committee of three required. NZAA must

name officials on programme/seeding list. Officials must be dressed in long whites and of a high standard of suitable attire.

- 8.15 VIDEO AND JUDGING MACHINES AND JUDGES:** Video recording to be available for judges. Video and judging machines to be used at Island and National Championships where practical to assist eye judges. The video camera is to be placed at a suitable height from the ground and a video recorder player and television screen is to be available to the judges. Three judges shall be appointed for each event. They shall place the required number of competitors in order in which they finish and shall declare the placings to the referee.
- 8.16 ARENA CLOCK:** Also to be included is an arena clock. A battery driven clock with a minimum 200mm diameter face to be visible to all within the ring. The time from the clock to be the official time.
- 8.17 DRUG TESTING:** NZAA to be listed with the Sports Drug Agency.
- 8.18 STARTING:** Defined as when a competitor hits the log or pulls the saw as their number is called.
- 8.19 DISQUALIFICATIONS:** In finals if any competitor is disqualified for any offence he shall be relegated to the last position and awarded 0 (zero) points.
- 8.20 FINES AND PROTESTS:** A competitor will be liable for a \$50.00 fine if such a competitor fails to comply with the conditions of entry as printed on the entry form. Time limit on protests is 5 minutes, \$10.00 fine if frivolous.
- 8.21 CLOTHING:** All competitors including Jills at National Championships and NZ Relay Teams wear long white trousers and plain club representative or sponsors singlets or t-shirt.
- 8.22 DOUBLE AND SINGLE SAW:** Where wood is suspect, length of logs cut in 4 x 160mm rings for heat, semi and finals.
- 8.23 JACK AND JILL:** Jack and Jill monies to be equal to Double Hand Sawing in National Championships. Log sizes for NZ Championships Jack and Jill events 400mm and 500mm. The bigger the difference in log size to accommodate difference between a speed race (400mm) and stamina race (500mm).
- 8.24 VETERANS:** The Veterans Event to be a permanent part of the NZ Championships. Events to be 300mm Standing and Underhand, good quality wood and limited to eight competitors. Perhaps a softer block be allowed if available. Veterans events to be run in the best wood available at the time.
- 8.25 TREE FELLING:** That the final of any tree felling event at the Nationals to be restricted to no more than six cutters.
- 8.26 AXE THROWING:** Open to all selected competitors plus 4 from each Sub-Association. Axe throwing must be nominated by 10am on the first day of the Nationals.
- 8.27 WOMENS EVENTS:** Womens events to be included at national level and North and South Island Championships. At least one Jill and Jill event must be provided for at NZ, North and South Island Championships.
- 8.28 TV COVERAGE:** Where at all possible, TV coverage to be arranged by organisers. Maximum promotion possible is required.

SECTION 9 - NORTH-SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 9.1** Clubs wanting to host North-South Island Championships respectively are to apply in writing to the appropriate Sub-Association Secretaries where a full updated list of rules and regulations for these champs will be held, and supplied to the applicants.
- 9.2** Due to late withdrawals at Island or NZ Champs, the Convenor is to use his/her discretion to include form competitors that have not nominated to make up the required numbers. Video and judging machines to be used at Island and National Championships where practical to assist eye judges. Timber for sawing at Island and National Championships be sawn from the minimum length possible, ie. four rings x 160mm cut just prior to the event. When nominating for North Island, South Island and NZ Championships, sawyers must name their partners and if one partner is unable to compete after the draw is done, then they must withdraw. That at least one Jill and Jill event be provided for at NZ, North and South Island Championships.
- 9.3** The Championships will be run over two days.
- 9.4** The following events will be held= 400mm Single Hand Saw Championship, 350mm Underhand Championship, 500mm Doublehand Saw Championship, 325mm Standing Championship, 400mm Jack and Jill Saw Championship, 300mm Treefelling Championship, 300mm Womens underhand, 400mm Jill & Jill, 350mm Single Saw, 300mm Underhand Junior Championship, 300mm Standing Veterans Championship, * 300mm Standing Championship,

300mm Standing Junior Championship, 300mm Underhand Veterans Championship, Interprovincial Team Races, 275mm Treefelling Championship, Axe throwing,

South Island team to cut the rest (2 St, 2 U/H, SH Saw, DH Saw) Championship log sizes - Matched logs. Please note! = * To alternate one year 300mm standing, next year 325mm Underhand.

- 9.5 PRIZES:** Minimum - Individual Championship \$200.00 total prize money per event. Treefelling Championship \$100.00 total prize money per event. Axe throwing Championship \$100.00 total prize money. Veteran and Junior Championship \$100.00 total prize money per event. Plus sashes to each placed competitor. All events be proportioned as prize money increases.

- 9.6 ELIMINATION PROCEDURE:** Where events in seniors, standing underhand and sawing events are not filled to the full 16 nominations, that selectors have the right to either reduce the field from 16 to 8 seed in the following formats. 1 to 8

Heat 1: 1,3,5,7

Heat 2: 2,4,6,8

First and second from each heat to the final

8 to 12 Three Heats of 4,2 to the semi final, re-seed into 2 heats of 3 and a final of 4.

Heat 1: 1,4,7,10

Heat 2: 3,6,9,12

Heat 3: 2,5,8,11

13 to 16 as in the present criteria: four heats of four, two semi-finals of four, one final of four. Heat Draw to include the following seeds

Heat 1: 1,5,9,13

Heat 2: 3,7,11,15

Heat 3: 2,6,10,14

Heat 4: 4,8,12,16

Semi 1: First and second heat 1&2, Semi 2: first and second heat 3&4, Final first and second from each semi final.

SECTION 10 - WORLD TITLE APPLICATIONS

- 10.1 WORLD TITLE APPLICATIONS:** All affiliated clubs or venues must seek approval from the NZAA to stage a World Title Event. That application must state a) wood, b) wood size, c) date of venue, d) place of venue, e) venue must be a registered meeting.
- 10.2** To hold a World Tide event the venue must be advertised internationally, venues responsibility to do this.
- 10.3** Prize money must be paid to the eighth placings. The minimum amounts are not proportional, as follows - 1st \$ 1,000.00, 2nd \$500.00, 3rd \$300.00, 4th 200.00, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th \$100.00 each.
- 10.4** Prize money should be such that it attracts world class axemen.

SECTION 11 – DEFINITIONS

- 11.1** Veteran axeman are those competitors who are registered and have reached the age of 60.

- 11.2** Classic Axeman are those competitors who are registered and have reached the age of 50

Sizes for Record Keeping

I.e.: DHS 375mm, 400mm, 425mm, 450mm, 500mm, 550mm, 600mm only

S.S 350mm, 375mm, 400mm, 425mm, 450mm, 500mm, 550mm, 600mm only

Standing: 250mm, 275mm, 300mm, 325mm, 350mm, 400mm, 450mm, 600mm, only underhand: 275mm, 300mm, 325mm, 350mm, 375mm, 400mm, 425mm, 450mm, 500mm, 600mm

EDITORS NOTE: Changes for this season are underlined.

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