

The Federation of NSWAA

By-Laws and Sponsorship Guidelines

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1. MEMBERSHIP FEES

Categories	2026-27	2027-28
• Full member	\$200	\$220
• Veteran member (Over 60 yrs)	\$200	\$220
• Sawyer member	\$170	\$190
• Junior member (U18yrs)	\$110	\$110
• Non-competing member	\$70	\$70

Allowed in the arena but not allowed to handle chopping or sawing equipment, i.e., judge, check starter, ring steward, and administration. Capability to be determined at the discretion of the Association running the event.

• Life member (competing)	\$170	\$190
• Life member not competing	\$0	\$0
• Volunteer	\$0	\$0

Allowed in the arena only when there is no competition; to set up, pack up or clean up

- First-time competitors over a maximum of three competitions
\$40 per competition

- Training day membership **non-competing** \$80 per year

Financial Year 1st July to 30th June. All annual fees are to be approved by the committee before being published in the calendar of events.

2. ADVERTISING (Printed and Online Calendar of Events)

	2026-27	2027-28
• Half Page per volume	\$70	\$90
• Full Page per volume	\$130	\$140

- Two Pages per volume \$250 \$270
- Purchase of Book by Non-Members \$20 per volume

3. MERCHANDISE PRICE LIST

- Singlets \$45
- Polo Shirts \$60
- Jackets \$80
- Postage for all items \$20
- Chain mesh socks and leggings \$150

4. HONORARIUM

An honorarium of \$5000 is to be paid to the NSWAA Secretary / Treasurer at the completion of every 12 months in the role.

This payment can be changed at the discretion of the Committee.

5. NSW CHAMPIONSHIPS

- The championship year commences from Royal Sydney Show to the following Royal Sydney Show each year.
- State titles to be allocated on approval after application to the committee from the association.
- Application for all NSW titles must be made annually a minimum of 3 months prior to the date of the show / event.
- Priority is given to the association that had the state title in the previous calendar year.
- The NSWAA committee reserve the right to remove a state title event from any show and/or association if the event is not attended by and/or available to a majority of NSW members.
- The State Titles are to be clearly advertised in the Calendar of Events to allow all members the opportunity to compete.
- Registration fee for each state title is \$50 payable to NSWAA prior to the title event being held.
- State titles are to have a minimum of \$1000 prize money, to be distributed in the following manner:
1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150, 4th \$100
- NSW Registered Axemen to be given preference in entering for the title.

- A maximum of 10 competitors or 6 pairs are to contest the title. Seedings are done by the Association holding the event.

6. NSW CHAMPION AXEMAN or AXEWOMAN OF THE YEAR

- The annual Champion Axeman or Axewoman of NSW is determined from the total points accumulated in all NSW titles over the year. The winner is to receive \$1,000 and a shirt printed with recognition of the award
- Points are awarded at each state title as follows:
1st place = 5 points, 2nd place = 3 points, 3rd place = 2 points, 4th place = 1 point.
- Half points are awarded for placings in NSW title team events, such as sawing or butcher's block.

7. SELECTION AND RANKING OF AXEMEN OR AXEWOMEN FOR STATE REPRESENTATION

Selectors

- Nominations for the three Selection Committee positions will be called at each Annual General Meeting, and the selection committee will be elected from those nominations as part of the AGM.
- The Selection Committee will hold these positions for a term of 12 months or until the next scheduled AGM.
- Of the three selectors, one will be appointed as the head selector. This position will be responsible for reporting to the NSWAA secretary, and this will be their only additional requirement.
- Selectors will be required to attend State Championships and other registered woodchop events throughout NSW to observe performance and conduct of potential NSW representatives.

Selection of the Squad

- The selection process and procedures outlined in this document will apply to all members who are participating in the selection of members of an NSW Representative Squad.
- Selection for all representative sides is to be completed as soon as possible after the NSWAA AGM has been held and selectors have been appointed, except where an invitation has been received for an NSW Representative team and this team needs to be appointed prior to the NSWAA AGM in order to meet the entry requirements and closing dates of the competition.

- g) Selectors will choose a squad of 10 people with a Captain named for each squad. Except for the U21's, the Captain shall have the responsibility of selecting the team to compete on the day.
- h) The committee will select a manager for each team. The manager will organise apparel, travel arrangements, availability, reporting to the NSWAA committee, and organising presentations.
- i) The selection criteria will include a points ranking system where points are awarded at each state title. Points will be allocated as follows:
1st: 5 points; 2nd: 3 points; 3rd: 2 points; 4th: 1 point.
- j) If there are competitors on the same number of points, the ranking will be determined on a countback between the competitors.
- k) Members who are not eligible by means of the ranking system but, in the opinion of the Selectors, have performed to a satisfactory standard in NSW title events and other NSW non-title championship events (in a relevant discipline) may also be considered for selection.
- l) Selectors have discretion when deciding on the suitability of an NSW squad based on prior performance and conduct, competitive consistency, commitment and attitude to the team, team participation and ability to motivate others, compliance with Captain's direction and the NSWAA code of conduct, which includes wearing the NSW apparel to and from competitions.
- m) All representatives must make themselves available for selection for a specific event. If a valid excuse is not given, then the representative may not be eligible for the next representative selection. A final decision will be made by the Executive Committee.
- n) A member may appeal the decision of the Selectors to the NSWAA committee, as per the appeal process outlined in paragraph H of the NSWAA Code of Conduct.
- o) Any squad member that does not comply with the NSWAA Code of Conduct or fails to behave in a manner expected of a state representative may be subject to disciplinary action by the NSW Committee or a disciplinary committee appointed by the NSW Committee.
- p) Disciplinary action will be taken at the discretion of the NSW Committee and penalties may be applied up to and including being removed from the team or from the squad or forfeiting their NSW sponsorship payment for the event where the behavior occurred.

8. NSW TEAM - INDIVIDUAL SPONSORSHIP

This is the amount paid by NSWAA to the individual members of an NSW Representative team when competing as a member of that team.

- NSW Team Representation **in NSW**, for example, Canberra or Nowra.
Sponsorship of \$300 per person.
- NSW Team Representation **in another State**, for example Caboolture QLD.
Sponsorship of \$300 per person.
- NSW Team Representation **abroad**.
Sponsorship of \$1,000 per tour per person.

For representation at other carnivals, the NSWAA Committee will determine appropriate sponsorship.

9. NSW TEAM – SHOW PRIZE MONEY

For representation at carnivals or other events, both domestic and international, the NSWAA Committee will determine appropriate amounts to be paid by the host entity.

10. REPRESENTATIVE TEAM UNIFORM

The following is a guide to the minimum provision of representative clothing to members of the NSW Senior Representative Teams:

- One singlet per year
- One polo shirt per year
- One jacket per two years
- Other items such as hats and bags to be determined by the NSWAA committee

This list may change pending team sponsorship.

11. JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVES

Under 18 Representation to Adelaide

- The competitors chosen to represent NSW at Adelaide Show are to be determined from the results in the Under 18 Underhand and Standing Block Championships at Sydney Royal Easter Show.
- The competitors chosen are to be given \$300 plus a singlet, polo shirt and jacket under the same guidelines as Senior Representation (see Items 7 and 8)

Junior Event Sponsorship

- The NSWAA will sponsor any competition \$100 if they hold an under 18 years underhand or standing block handicap event. A minimum of three participants that are current NSW junior members is required.
- The allocation of this sponsorship is available only if the event is advertised in the Calendar of Events and the results are forwarded to the Secretary of the NSWAA with a request for the sponsorship payment.

12. SOCIAL MEDIA

- a) Only those with permission and user privileges granted by the NSWAA committee may post any items on the official NSWAA social media sites.
- b) All items posted on NSWAA social media including stories, photographs and videos must comply with the NSWAA Code of Conduct. Any items considered to be offensive or not complying with the Code of Conduct must be removed immediately and the individual/s responsible for the item may be subject to disciplinary action as determined appropriate by the NSWAA committee.
- c) This also extends to any items posted to an individual social media page where any person appearing in the item is wearing NSW representative uniform.

13. ALTERATIONS OF BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the Federation of NSW Axemen's Association may only be altered, rescinded or added to at a General Meeting of the Federation of NSWAA.