



Vision: Archery, a sport for all, for life

Mission: Lead and support the archery community to access, enjoy, contribute to and succeed across all levels of the sport.

Assistance Animal Guidelines - Queensland

Assistance animals are welcome within the Archery Australia environment. As a sport, there can be many rules and regulations which are designed to allow participants to enjoy the sport of archery in a safe environment and we ask that you review the below guidelines to ensure that everyone, including the support/assistance animals remain safe.

What are Assistance Animals?

Assistance animals are not pets, but rather are highly trained disability support services that enable a person with disability to safely participate in personal and public life activities. Traditionally, assistance animals have predominately been recognised as a 'guide dog' for people who are blind or have a vision impairment. Our understanding of what constitutes an assistance animal is evolving, and we now understand that the support required for a person with disability can come from a variety of animals, supporting a range of people with disability.

Assistance animals can provide a variety of support to alleviate the barriers people with disability experience in daily activities and are covered under the Equal Opportunities Act (2010).

Source: <https://humanrights.gov.au/our-work/disability-rights/projects/assistance-animals-and-disability-discrimination-act-1992-cth>

Anti-discrimination Act (1991):

It is unlawful under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* (Qld) to discriminate by refusing entry or access to a public place because a person relies on a guide, hearing or assistance dog.

The Act doesn't apply this protection to other types of companion animals.

Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld)

Queensland State Government – Sport and Recreation:

Every State/Territory has different regulations relating to the legal definition of an assistance animal.

In Queensland an Assistance Animals must be certified for any animal to attend a tournament or archery event. The Public Access Test (PAT) establishes a minimum standard for guide, hearing and assistance dogs to be certified under the *Guide, Hearing and Assistance Dogs Act 2009* (the Act).

Further Information:

- [Guide, hearing and assistance dogs](#)
- [About guide, hearing and assistance dogs legislation](#)
- [Resources - Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services \(dcssds.qld.gov.au\)](https://dcssds.qld.gov.au)

Officiating in Queensland with an Assistance Animal:

- Where possible the assistance animal should stay behind the waiting line for the whole event in a suitable environment (under judges chair/next to chair/table).
- Although if the assistance animal is required for the judge/official to accompany them at all times, the animal is allowed to accompany the judge/official past the waiting line for scoring

Participating in Queensland with an Assistance Animal

- Where possible the assistance animal should stay behind the waiting line for the whole event in a suitable environment in close proximity to the archer.
- Although if the assistance animal is required for participant to accompany them at all times, the animal is allowed to accompany them past the waiting line for scoring.
- All certified guide, hearing and assistance dogs are required to display an approved badge on their coat or harness. At the time of registration you may be asked if your dog accompanying you is a certified guide, hearing or assistance dog and required to show your handler identity card.

It should be noted that the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) also provides access rights. People from interstate may not have Queensland identification but, in Australia, all people with a disability who are accompanied by a support animal are provided with the right of public access under the DDA, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against a person on the grounds of that person's disability.
