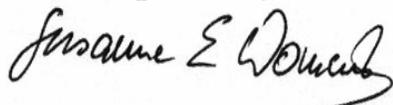


Dear Judges,

This is a relatively short newsletter, but you will receive two separate e-mails over the next few days – due to size. Firstly, all by-laws that have been adopted by FITA Congress in Ulsan; please double-check, that your rulebook is up-to-date (if you downloaded the April 2008 version, you have most of them included – check the date). Secondly, all FITA Interpretations between 2007 and 2009; please ensure you are familiar with them.

Warm regards to you all



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Chair – AA Officials Committee

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FITA Congress - Elections

Just in case you have not heard: **Jim Larven** (ASNSW) has been elected as a member of the FITA Technical Committee, and **Carole Hicks** (ArcheryNZ) has been elected as a member of the FITA Para-Archery Committee! Congratulations to both – FITA has gained two real assets.

FITA Bronze Plaque

Further Congratulations to **Carole Hicks** for being awarded the FITA Bronze Plaque in recognition of her long and significant work on behalf of archery at a national, continental and world basis and specifically for her assistance during the World Field Championships 2008 in Wales.

World Archery News August 2009

I draw your attention to the World Archery News August 2009 (formerly FITA Info) to be found on the FITA Website. You will read a summary of some of the decisions taken at Congress and some other interesting information.

FITA Judge Conference 2009

Some very interesting issues were discussed during this conference and minutes were taken that will be made available in the near future. Since you will be busy checking by-laws and interpretations, I will leave these until next time.

Uniform Orders 2009

Attached is the order form for judges shirts (long and short sleeved). Please ensure you get it back by the due date. Any cheques or money orders need to be payable to Archery Australia Inc.

Travel of Judges to National Events

Below is a summary of expenses that can be claimed, when travelling to national events:

Airfare: judges book airfares very soon after being appointed and get reimbursed for cheapest reasonable airfare at the time.

Train/Bus/Ferry: cost of ticket

Car travel: 30c/km up to cost of equivalent airfare

Other expenses:

Tolls: according to receipts or equivalent document presented, if possible

Taxi: if absolutely necessary upon receipt and explanation

Airport parking: if necessary

Please keep in mind that all judges are expected to use the cheapest possible option to get to the airport and/or to the venue.

You be the Judge - Answers from Issue 62

Edited by Ed Crowther

The table below shows the number of Judges in each RGB and the replies received:

RGB	Judges	Replies	RGB	Judges	Replies
AACT	7	7 again!	ASA	15	10
ASNSW	24	13	AV	12	6
AST	11	6	SQAS	7	nil
ASWA	14	3	NQAA	4	4
<i>Oceania</i>	7	3	Total	94	52

55% - Good! We are back above the 50% mark again. Once more special congratulations to AACT: 100% for the fifth time in a row – they really must be going for a record! Also to NQAA for a 100% response rate for the third time in a row as well!

62/1: What a dilemma! Everyone quite correctly alluded to Rules 7.4.5.1, 7.6.2.1 and 7.6.2.5 but still managed to disagree on the course of action! About two-thirds of the judges would deem **both arrows** as **not shot**, roughly one-third would say both arrows were shot and could be scored. A further 4 judges would score one arrow as a 10 and allow the other arrow to be re-shot. Generally people felt that they could confidently score one arrow as a 10. However, when it came to the value of the other arrow there was doubt since it does not appear that it is stuck in the face. A number of ingenious suggestions were made, such as cutting the face with a Stanley knife to ascertain the score, or using measuring instruments. The problem with this is that neither the arrow nor the face is supposed to be touched until the scoring has been done (7.6.2.1). Advice in the latest FITA Judges' Guide Book (Section 4/24, p.51) states that "**only arrows that are impossible to score should be considered as having been not shot.**" Some suggested that since the 2 archers are at the butt with the judge why not ask them to score their arrows? If they both agree and call them a 10 and an 8 then problem solved – no need to refer to you as the judge. If they can't agree then I would ask myself if I were certain that one arrow was a 10 –if so I'd call it shot. I was surprised at the number of judges who said they could definitely score the 10 but would still require the arrow to be re-shot – why? If I were unsure about the other, and there does seem to be a large element of doubt, then I'd allow it to be re-shot.

Of course there exists yet **another dilemma** if we allow **both arrows** to be re-shot since we really **disadvantage** the archer with the 10 (remember that almost everyone said they could score the 10 so why not protect this score?) Similarly, we could certainly be accused of giving a potential advantage to the archer who is permitted to re-shoot his arrow; after all he may shoot a 10 next time. Conversely, he could fare worse and put in a 7! But if we cannot score the value then there is no alternative.

Anyhow, all officials are frequently accused of something – we just learn to live with it!!

Remember, you are allowed to take “whatever measures you deem necessary.”

62/2: It was a relief to come to this next one and everyone agreed that there was no problem and that this was quite within the rules (9.3.7.1.1) although some wondered why – not really our concern, fortunately.

62/3: Once again we almost secured 100% agreement with only 3 judges calling the arrow a 9 – everyone else would award a 10. Clearly the question related to the AA Clout round and not the FITA round. One interesting fact was in a response from New Zealand where the judge called it a 9 – the Kiwis have a 9-7-5-3-1 scoring system! Most quoted Rules 12.8.6 and 12.8.7 from the AA Rule Book and there is a small discrepancy between these two. Those who argued the case for a 9 based their contention on an analogy with an arrow hitting another and being deflected and believed that the principle of “where the shaft first becomes visible, emerging from the turf” should apply. Whilst I can understand this argument I cannot subscribe to it.

I think that the main aim of the game is to actually hit the clout flag and it would be a brave judge who allocated a 9 – well, there are at least 3 brave judges out there.

P.S. I’m just reading a book about lynching!

Until next time.

Ed Crowther

You be the Judge (Case studies)

Here are three new case studies. Let’s make another good effort!

Please have your replies with RGB administrators by the end of November, who in turn are asked to collate and forward replies by mid December. Alternatively, judges can e-mail their answers directly to Ed on jilled@bigpond.net.au (but inform your RGB administrator, you have done so).

Remember to give reasons and quote appropriate rules for all your answers.

63/1: At a recent Field tournament a group of archers arrived at their target and, without waiting for the signal to start shooting, shoot their three arrows each. As they walk up to score, the signal is given. They decide to shoot another three arrows each, since they believe the first three don’t count, since they had been shot before the signal to start shooting. This is observed by a nearby group, and a judge is called.

What options does the judge have?

- a) do nothing and let the archers score the second lot of arrows
- b) have all archers score M, M, M.
- c) cancel this target for everyone
- d) give the lowest three scores of the previous arrow holes
- e) disqualify the archers
- f) none of the above, but.....

62/2: At a target event an arrow robin-hoods another arrow, which has hit the 9 zone. It somehow splits the arrow in the process, comes out on the side and hits the target face in the 10 zone. The judge is called. *What does the arrow score?*

62/3: In the part of the shooting line you have been assigned to, you notice an archer has cotton in both of her ears. *What do you do?*