



NATIONAL JUDGES NEWSLETTER

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Dear Judges,

This is a very short newsletter, as there is not much information to convey to you. It is probably a good time to relax before the spring season starts, and the tournaments begin again with a vengeance, and you'll be in the midst of them, either as a judge, a competitor or an organiser – or as all three!
Enjoy the break!

Warm regards to you all

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FITA Interpretation 1 (taken from the FITA website)

The question was raised concerning legal use of the *Magnock* system for FITA archery. It is the majority opinion of the FITA Technical Committee that the *Magnock* is legal for the Compound division of FITA only and not allowed in any other discipline.

FITA Interpretation 2 (circulated by CEO)

The question has been raised by Archery Australia whether FITA Target Awards can be claimed for the 25m and/or 18m Indoor Round (60 arrows) if they are shot outdoors.

The C&R Committee is unanimous in its opinion that FITA Target Awards according to Article 6.3.4 can be awarded if the rounds are shot outdoors and the requirements of Article 6.3.1 have been fulfilled.

Although the rounds are Indoor rounds, shooting the rounds outdoors offers no advantage to the competitor, but it gives the opportunity to promote the rounds even if the proper indoor facilities are not available.

FITA Field Archery Manual

Please note that the new edition of the FITA Field Archery manual is now published on FITA's Internet site under Field archery/publications.

Try the link underneath or search via <http://www.archery.org>

http://www.archery.org/field_archery/field_publications/f_publications.html

Judges Uniforms

Since not too many judges replied to the uniform survey, but there were comments that simply assuming “no reply means favouring change” might flaw the results, as not all judges might have received the newsletter for one reason or another, the Officials Committee is currently trying to contact all those judges who have not replied. We will keep you informed of the outcomes.

You be the Judge - Answers from Issue 39

The following table gives an indication of the number of Judges in each society and the number of replies received this time:

Society	Judges	Replies	Society	Judges	Replies
AACT	4	nil	ASA	14	13
ASNSW	12	2	AV	20	5
AST	7	3	SQAS	8	2
ASWA	9	2	NQAA	6	1

*Total: Judges (at the time of the newsletter): 80 Replies: 28 Proportion: 35%
Well done again, ASA! You set an example every time!*

I summarise the answers received, hopefully next issue I can provide you with comments from the FITA judge newsletter.

39/1: *At a tournament, a judge was called to a target to correct the scorecard. Upon checking the values of the arrows with the scorecard, he/she realizes that one of the arrows noted as a 7 could hardly be more than a 6. He/she pulled out the magnifying glass, checked the arrow properly and declared it to be a 6. One of the archers, however, blamed the judge for intervening without having been called for that purpose, as the archers on the target had agreed on the value.*

How would you consider the judge's action?

The vast majority of replies considered the action of the judge correct, some mentioning, “judge will control the conduct of the scoring” and “fairness to all competitors”.

39/2: *At an equipment inspection you find a fibre optic sight pin of approx 5cm long. However, this sight pin extends towards the archer and not towards the target as usual. The judge claims the pin is illegal, and the archer protests due to the design mentioned.*

As a member of the Jury of Appeal, would you accept this sight pin?

About one third of judges would accept this pin; one third would not. The last third asked questions – type of bow, line of vision of the archer. In my reply to the FITA Judge Committee I stated that a photograph or drawing would have been very handy for this.

39/3: *During the inspection of the field the judges overlooked that the individual shooting positions were not marked on the shooting line. During practice before the competition started, one of the judges realized so, and came up to the chairman of judges. The chairman, however, was not willing to possibly delay the start of shooting in order to correct the field. He said that they would just wait and see if somebody protested.*

Give your thoughts in this respect.

Nearly all judges would have had the positions marked – remember this was a target event!

You be the Judge (Case studies)

Please have your answers with society administrators by the end of August, who in turn are asked to collate and forward replies by mid September. Alternatively, judges can e-mail me their answers directly (but inform your society administrator, you have done so).

40/1: An archer shoots four arrows in an end at 50 meters. A judge is called to the target to take action. He finds the four arrows with the following values: 10, 9, 7 and one arrow lying on the floor in a position that makes the judge believe that the arrow bounced from the target. Two unmarked holes are found on the target face, one in the 8 ring, and another in the 5 ring.

What should be the score for this archer in this end? Justify your answer briefly.

40/2: In an indoor tournament where triple faces are used, *how would score the arrows in the following situations – explain?*

a) Archer A has a 9 in the upper face, an 8 in the middle face, and 10, 9 in the lower face.

b) Archer B has an 8 in the upper face, no arrows in the middle face, and 7, 6 in the lower face.

c) Archer C has a 9 in the upper face, an 8 in the middle face, and a 9 in the lower face. One of these arrows was shot out of time.

40/3: At a World Field Championships' qualification round you were called to a target due to a bouncer. The archers were a bit in doubt on how to handle the situation, as the previous group or groups had obviously not marked the arrow holes, and the lowest score of the unmarked hole was a 2.

The archers were of the opinion that it would be unfair to give him a 2 due to mistakes made by others, as all of them had seen the arrow hitting in the middle of the face (4 or 5).

How would you deal with the situation?