



# NATIONAL JUDGES NEWSLETTER

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**Dear Judges,**

Welcome to another issue of the Archery Australia National Judges Newsletter! I assume that the tournament season has started in all RGB's, but I do hope you still find time to read this issue.

Warm regards to you all

Susanne E Womersley



## **Holger Blum – FITA Judge**

On behalf of all Australian Judges I express sincere congratulations to Holger Blum (AV) for having been upgraded by the FITA Judge Committee to the full status of FITA International Judge.

## **Judges and Officials Oath**

I am pleased to advise the Board has approved a recommendation from the Officials Committee to officially adopt a Judges and officials Oath (worded by John Womersley with input from the Officials Committee) for all national tournaments.

**ON BEHALF OF ALL JUDGES AND OFFICIALS AT THESE (INSERT NUMBER) OPEN/JUNIOR/INDOOR NATIONAL ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS, (AND (INSERT NUMBER) NATIONAL DISABLED ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS), I MAKE THIS OATH:**

**I DECLARE WE WILL APPLY THE RULES OF ARCHERY AUSTRALIA, FITA AND THESE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN A MANNER THAT IS FAIR AND EQUITABLE TO ALL COMPETITORS; SHOWING COMPLETE IMPARTIALITY, AND RESPECTING THE ABILITIES AND RIGHTS OF ALL CONCERNED.**

**WE WILL ENDEAVOUR TO ENCOURAGE THE TRUE SPIRIT OF SPORTSMANSHIP THROUGH OUR PROFESSIONAL APPROACH TO OUR DUTIES AND THE FAIRNESS OF OUR DECISIONS AND ACTIONS.**

And there will be soon an opportunity to use these words.

## **Junior National Championships 2004**

We need six judges for this event. The nomination form is attached. Please consider and reply by the due date.

## **Nomination Shoots for 2004 Olympic Games**

We need six judges and one DoS for these events. The nomination form is attached. Please consider and reply by the due date.

Clive Barnett, who was the DoS for the World Target Championships in New York in July, presented the following account.

### **My New York experience as DOS**

It came as quite a surprise to be appointed as the Director of Shooting for the 42nd FITA World Archery Championships held in New York, USA from 14-20th July 2003 after already having been DOS at the previous World Championships in China in 2001.

Getting there and back from W.A. proved a feat in itself, travelling from Perth to Singapore to Frankfurt to New York, a journey of 30 hours. By the end I felt like a part of the aircraft. The financial arrangement for International Judges is that they pay their own transport cost to the country and city of the championships (this can be expensive, in this case \$2,500) where they are looked after at the cost of the organising committee till they depart (so think yourselves lucky with the Archery Australia Inc situation).

The ground for the qualifying and elimination rounds was Van Courtland Park in the Bronx area about 30 minutes to one hour (dependent on traffic) travel by bus from the Hotel. The Finals were held in Central Park in the city.

Weather for the Championships varied from clear and sunny to overcast to rain but the Temperature was always in the 30c range. The rain appeared when the humidity reached the 100%.

Chair of Judges was Ms Carole Hicks from New Zealand with 12 other Judges from various parts of the World. The Judges arranged themselves into 2 groups of six in each group which had a Deputy Chair to control that group. When there were only six Judges needed on the Field of Play the other group had a rest. In this situation they usually did half day each group, which meant the others could

either sleep in or go sight seeing. As usual the DOS were on the Field of Play everyday as was the Chair of Judges. We departed the hotel at 6.30 each morning to beat the traffic jams of peak hour.

My Assistant DOS was Skip Phillips a very experienced DOS. We worked well as a team with one controlling the Morning session and the other the Afternoon session. According to the information I have there were 578 Competitors from 81 Countries making it the biggest ever FITA World Championships. At Van Courtland Park there were 100 targets for competition and another 20 for Practice lined up. Thank goodness the DOS Stand was in the middle of the Field of Play so we had a chance of seeing the ends of the line. The problem with the location of the DOS Stand was that it was placed on the shooting line instead of back near the waiting line making it difficult to see between the scopes whether the line was clear of competitors, but we managed.

Unfortunately they did not work out the size of the stand for the six persons they had in it (2 DOS, 1 announcer, 1 interpreter, 2 sound controllers for the PA & music). It was magic trying to fit in, keep things fairly quiet as we were next to shooters and control the shoot as well as dodge heads to see along the line. Having the announcer was a draw back as far as we were concerned as he liked to talk and anything we wanted announced had to go through him and many times he would give out information which had to be corrected.

There were some interesting situations that arose, one good one was that there was an armoured electrical cable which supplied the power to all the electrical equipment on the DOS stand (timers and PA) which was laid on the ground behind the targets. Believe it or not it was hit and punctured 4 times by arrows (you would think that competitors at a World Champs would not miss the Target Butt), one of the times cutting of the power during an end. My brain said "O'hell! what now", but thank goodness the timers had a battery back-up which still kept counting down the time left which was about 5 to 10 seconds. As all the lights and Digital Clocks had gone out I finished the end with a whistle, there were no appeals and I breathed a sigh of relief. Another interesting situation was that several items for the timing equipment never arrived from Swiss Timing in Switzerland so we had to start and finish the ends in the Finals Matches with the whistle (in Central Park in front of about 2000 spectators) so that we could use the small individual timers (controlled manually) for the alternate shooting.

During the Teams Finals the Judges had an interesting situation to sort out in that one team, who were shooting their archers one arrow at a time, shot 3 arrows in the first pass, 4 arrows in the second pass and only 2 arrows in the third pass. Being a spoil sport I won't inform you of what happened and how it was handled as it may come up in "You be the Judge".

Media and Photographers are always a problem for the DOS to control and this event was no exception. At times there were anything of up to 20 Media and Photographers on the Field of Play which made it very hard to control them and run the tournament at the same time. We had a number of complaints about equipment being knocked and photographers and non competitors sitting in the competitors shade area (sound familiar). By the same token we had problems making the competitors keep their equipment out of the media lane so they could move freely up and down the line without having to move into other areas. Some of the worst offenders were archers/managers who wanted to take photos and thought they could break the rules to take them.

Controlling the Match when Clint won his Gold Medal was exciting and made it hard to concentrate particularly when it came down to the one arrow shoot offs.

There is an awful lot of preparation and concentration required to be a DOS but I find it very rewarding and enjoy doing the work. Should you be doing a DOS job make sure you prepare before hand or you are more than likely to run into problems that you have no answer for.

On the return journey home I was tired enough to sleep most of the 22 hours that I was in the aircraft seat but the whole trip was one hell of an experience and worth the effort.

*Thanks, Clive – this makes for interesting reading!*

## **You be the Judge - Answers from Issue 40**

*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	10
ASNSW	12	6	AV	20	3
AST	7	4	SQAS	8	3
ASWA	9	2	NQAA	6	1

*Total: Judges (at the time of the newsletter): 80 Replies: 29 Proportion: 36%*

***It would be nice to hit the 50% mark! Let's make an effort this time!***

**I again summarise the answers received; there is still no FITA judge newsletter. But you will get the “official replies, as soon as they come through.**

**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.*

All but three judges would score this end 9-7-5: Four arrows are shot, only the lowest three count (7.6.2.2); rebound: two unmarked holes, score lower value (7.6.2.7).

**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.*

The majority of judges would score this as 9-8-M: Two arrows in lower face, therefore 10 becomes M (8.6.2.3); four arrows in the target, count lowest three (8.6.2.2).

Some judges would score as 9-9-8, thinking the archer should not be penalised twice, but he made **two** mistakes – shot two arrows in the same face, **and** shot an extra arrow.

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

All but one judge scored this as 8-6-M: Two arrows in lower face, so 7 becomes M (8.6.2.3).

*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.*

All judges scored this as 9-8-M: Arrow shot out of time, so highest scoring arrow (one of the 9s) becomes M (8.8.2.3).

**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?*

Four judges would score the arrow as a 2, five judges would score it as a 4, but the majority of responses stated that the group needed to come to a consensus and score it as that. If there is no consensus, it must be scored as 2 (9.6.2.6). Only very few judges replied they would ask the archers to mark all arrow holes and contact other judges to remind all groups of this necessity.

## **You be the Judge (Case studies)**

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

**41/1:** At a major field tournament the following incident happened. At a very steep down hill target approx 45 m long a Judge had stopped half way up the hill catching his breath at the same time as the archers were doing their scoring. One of the archers called the Judge by name and asked him to come down and correct the scorecard as he had managed to fill in the wrong arrow value on the scorecard. The Judge answered that the archers could correct the scorecard themselves and continued climbing the hill.

*From your understanding of the rules, would you have done likewise – or would you have acted differently?*

**41/2:** Two of the archers shooting at target 34 inform a Judge that the arrows of the third archer on their target are penetrating into the butt more than it is normal for the kind of material the butts are made of. They believe his compound bow is beyond the weight limit of 60 pounds.

*What action would you take if you were the judge here?*

**41/3:** This could happen at a National Championships: Teams A and B are shooting a quarterfinal match. After the 27 arrows are shot, both teams show the same score: 242 points. They go to a shoot off, and each team shoots 9, 9, 9. A second shoot-off end is shot and each team scores 10, 9, 8. The judges change the target faces for the third end to be able to measure from a brand new centre. Team A shoots 10, 9, 7; while team B shoots 9, 9, 9.

*Which of the two teams won the match? Why?*

