



# NATIONAL JUDGES NEWSLETTER

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**Dear Judges,**

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe 2005. Your support and co-operation during the past year was most appreciated and the Officials Committee as well as myself are looking forward to working with you next year.



Warm regards to you all

Susanne E Womersley

## **Open National Championships 2005**

You couldn't make it to Nowra for the Junior Nationals? How about coming to Melbourne for the Open Nationals instead?

Attached is a nomination form for officiating at the Open National Championships in April next year.

Please consider and reply by the closing date.

## **Bum Bags for judges**

Bum Bags (red with the Arrow Logo in white, also comes with a water bottle) available from the CEO for \$16.00. If you are interested, send Jim an e-mail.

## **New Fax Number**

For those of you who fax case study replies or nomination forms, please take note my Fax number is now **03 5250 1119** (same as my phone number).



## Vale Bill Sykes

It is with sincere regret I inform you all of the sudden and unexpected passing of Bill Sykes, one of our fellow judges from SQAS.

Bill and his wife Kerry became judges in July 2000, and have since officiated at both national and state level.

Flowers and a card expressing our sympathies have been sent to Kerry on behalf of the National Judges family. Our thoughts are with her and Bill's family and friends at this sad time.

## FITA Interpretations

### 1. Indoor Rounds

The question was raised by a Member Association on the following:

If 2 different distance Indoor Rounds (e.g. an 18m & a 25m) which are to be separate rounds and not a combined round are shot on the same day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

- a) Must they be shot with the 25m in the morning and the 18m in the afternoon to claim FITA Awards and Records, as this is the order in which they are listed in 4.5.2?
- b) Can they be shot with the 18m in the morning and the 25m in the afternoon and still claim FITA Awards and Records?

#### Response from the Target Archery Committee

The TAC does not know the history why the rules read that the 25m round must be shot first. We feel that it makes no difference if the order is 25m first or 18m first. We see no advantage in either order of shooting and therefore recommend that either order can be used.

Target Archery Committee, 1 November 2004

### 2. Cylume Stick

The question was raised by a Member Association on the ruling on use of a chemical illuminating substance on a sight.

#### Response from the Technical Committee

It is the majority opinion of the Technical Committee that the Cylume stick used for illuminating a fiber optic pin for indoor shooting is legal for use in the Compound division under rule 8.3.2, but not legal for the recurve division.

In addition, it is the opinion of the Chairman of this committee that the Cylume stick should be encased in a housing that covers the light but offers a small hole through which the fiber optic rod can be placed to provide illumination. The

reason for encasing the Cylume stick is that it may very well be a hindrance to other archers on the shooting line.

Technical Committee, 24 September 2004

### 3. Indoor World Records

The question was raised by a Member Association on setting a world indoor record. Can world records be shot on 40cm single spot or triangular three spot faces or must they be shot on the vertical three spot?

#### Response from the Constitution and Rule Committee

For the Indoor Match Round the 40cm triple face will be used. Vertical triple faces are mandatory for the Indoor World Championships. For any other round, including the 25m or 18m Round, any face can be used for world records.

Constitution and Rules Committee, 7 November 2004

## Archery Australia Interpretation

### Question

May an archer score using pencil?

### Clarification

***At present there is nothing in the Archery Australia Rules which prevent the use of pencil to score but it is understood that in the world of today, pencil is not considered legal because it can be easily erased and changed. The Constitution and Rules Committee recommend that pencil NOT be used for scoring especially if there is a possibility a record may be claimed.***

There is nothing in the Archery Australia Inc Rules to prevent a Recognised Governing Body setting its own rules regarding the use of writing implements when scoring at events conducted under their control for their RGB records.

## You be the Judge - Answers from Issue 45

*The table below gives an indication of the number of Judges in each society and the number of replies received:*

Society	Judges	Replies	Society	Judges	Replies
AACT	3	nil	ASA	14	11
ASNSW	11	3	AV	10	7
AST	6	nil	SQAS	8	6
ASWA	7	nil	NQAA	5	3

Total: Judges: 64    Replies: 30    Proportion: 47%

**Well done, ASA, AV, SQAS and NQAA, where the majority of judges replied – as for the other RGBs – there is always next time!**

**Before we look at the individual case studies, may I make one general comment: Judges, please read the questions carefully and answer the questions rather than giving a general comment about certain situations and rules. Please be specific, quote rules where appropriate, but do not just quote a rule without any explanation.**

**45/1:** An archer's bow sight breaks while shooting the second last end of the 50m distance. The archer claims time to repair his sight based on the "15 minutes" rule. He has two arrows to shoot in this end and misses the last one.

- a) *When do the 15 minutes start?*
- b) *Can he use all of the 15 minutes to repair the equipment, or does he have to shoot his arrows in that time as well?*

**No consensus was achieved here, so I just give you the comments of the FITA judge committee:**

**The 15 minutes should be counted from the time all archers have returned from scoring the last end and can be used to repair the equipment and shoot the remaining arrows. It is suggested that once the archer is ready to shoot, the judge tells him/her how many ends they will be allowed to shoot considering the time left to avoid turning the whole process into a 100m dash race.**

**45/2:** In your opinion, what should be marked on the shooting line?

- a) *The centre of the three shooting positions (one per archer)*
- b) *The zone (80cm minimum) for each archer*
- c) *Both of the above, using a different colour for each kind of mark*

**Again, answers were split. Option a is what the rule book says, but b is acceptable as well. The FJC will submit this problem to the Competitors' Committee for input to see what the archers prefer.**

**45/3:** An archer shoots one of his six arrows after the signal to stop shooting. How should scoring proceed? Be specific, please.

**We all agree the archer loses the highest scoring arrow of that end. What is important to keep in mind though (and the majority of judges did!), is the following: all six values need to be entered on the score sheet, then the judge draws a diagonal line over the highest value, writes an M and initials**

***the card. Just imagine what happens if a possible appeal is upheld, and the score is not recorded!***

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

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

**46/1:** At a World Ranking Tournament (like our Open Nationals) the judges find that for some reason all 122cm target faces are 2mm larger than the tolerance for this kind of face. It is not possible to get new faces before the competition starts.

*Which of the following three options would you choose – give reasons for your answer:*

- a) Cancel the tournament as the faces do not comply with the rules.*
- b) Hold the tournament, but suggest to FITA that it not be considered valid for World Ranking Status*
- c) Hold the tournament but not consider any scores as world record if they exceed the current record.*

**46/2:** A major tournament is held on a rather small field, which makes it necessary to only give each competitor the minimum space of 80 cm on the shooting line. Some archers use telescopes with tripods that occupy too much room on the line, making it impossible for all three archers and their telescopes to stand on the 2.40m area.

*As a judge, what would you do?*

**46/3:** An archer is having trouble pulling and completing his shooting of an end of three arrows. He releases his third arrow after the allotted time but the arrow falls within the three meter area. The two other arrows were a 9 and a 7.

*What score would you give? Why?*

