



# NATIONAL JUDGES NEWSLETTER

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**Dear Judges,**

This issue is a bit later than usual because I wanted to make sure I could include relevant topics from the meeting of the Officials Committee last weekend. If you want more information, please contact your RGB administrator, who will have the minutes of the meeting shortly.

Warm regards to you all

Susanne E Womersley

## **Indoor National Championships 2005**

Attached is a nomination form for officiating at the Indoor National Championships in July.

Please consider and reply by the closing date.

## **Confidential Medical Form for Judges**

The Officials Committee will introduce voluntary and confidential medical forms for judges officiating at national events. This was prompted by the thought that in case of a judge suffering a medical emergency we have no idea who to contact and no knowledge of any medical issues which might be important for the emergency personnel to be aware of.

So from the next national event (Indoor Nationals) judges will receive the form together with the confirmation of their appointment. They are invited to fill it in and bring it in a sealed envelope to the tournament and hand it to the Chairperson of the Tournament Judges Commission. In case of a medical emergency this envelope will be handed to a medical practitioner or emergency personnel, otherwise it will be returned to the judge at the end of the tournament.

A copy of the form is attached for your information. If you have any comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## Judges training

Four RGBs have taken up the offer of the Officials Committee to provide funding to the extent of \$500.00 to conduct some form of training for their judges.

ASNSW will train all judges on the new DoS equipment and improve skills in match-play; ASA will run a workshop to give all their judges crossbow qualifications; SQAS will have a session on general judging issues, getting more consistency in rule applications and AV will update all their judges on recent FITA rule changes and rule interpretations.

These proposals have been approved by the Officials Committee; consequently the organisers of these trainings sessions are encouraged to inform their judge with further details at their earliest convenience.

## Oceania Judges

The FITA Development Officer for Oceania had asked me to organise a judges seminar for candidates from the Oceania region prior to the AA National Championships.

Seven candidates from the Oceania region participated in a National Judge Course conducted by John Womersley prior to the Open National Championships, passed their exams and got practical experience with the Australian judges during the week of the championships.

Thank you to John for running the course and to the Australian National Judges officiating at the tournament for making the Oceania judges feel welcome.

Until more formal arrangements are made by the Oceania Archery Federation, AA will take these judges under their wing. They will receive the AA National Judges newsletter and are invited to reply to case studies. Consequently, from next issue onwards, there will be another section in the replies table titled "Oceania".

## Code of Ethics

In compliance with Australian Sports Commission requirements each Australian judge and DoS is required to sign a Code of Ethics form.

Please print off the attached form and return in **hard copy – snail mail** (do **not** fax or e-mail!) **by 30 June 2005**.

## **FITA Rules – Bylaw changes**

I attach a copy of changes that have been approved by FITA council late last year and have been published by FITA earlier this year. Please familiarise yourselves with those that are relevant.

## **FITA Interpretations**

### **1. Practice Distances**

Can practice take place at distances other than the longest distance during a FITA Star that is not a FITA World or Continental Championships?

#### Response from the Constitution and Rules Committee

C&R are unanimous to rule that practice arrows or warm-up arrows can be shot at any distance in the breaks between distances of a Star Shoot if the practice targets are not on the competition field and if the schedule of the tournament is not influenced by these practice arrows. Moreover we consider these practice arrows a service of the organiser and not to be a part of the competition.

### **2. Shade**

Can archers shoot under shade in outdoor FITA archery events?

#### Response from the Constitution and Rules Committee

No. The reason is anybody taking up this sport does so because he/she wants to. He/she knows the risks involved when practicing this sport and has to take adequate precautions individually or choose a different sport. Organisers cannot be held responsible for the choice of the archers.

#### Note from the Executive Director

As a matter of risk analysis, adequate sun protection can be offered by organizers behind the shooting line in the form of sun shelter. Also individuals can take precautions (hat, sun cream, slacks and long sleeves).

## **You be the Judge - Answers from Issue 46**

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

| Society | Judges | Replies | Society | Judges | Replies |
|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| AACT    | 8      | 7       | ASA     | 13     | 12      |
| ASNSW   | 11     | 3       | AV      | 10     | 7       |
| AST     | 6      | 5       | SQAS    | 7      | 4       |
| ASWA    | 7      | 1       | NQAA    | 5      | 4       |

Total: Judges: 67      Replies: 43      Proportion: 64%

***That is an absolute record! Keep up the good work! Get together with other judges in your RGB and discuss the case studies, then send one written answer – there is nothing wrong with that!***

**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.*

**Nobody was going to cancel the tournament, good. As for b and c, answers were split in half.**

**Here are the comments of the FITA Judge Committee: It is obvious that scores shot at targets which do not meet the size requirements cannot be considered for world record. The decision as to whether or not the tournament is valid for world ranking is not in the hands of the judges, but they should report to FITA about the problems with the faces. It is important that an announcement be made at the team captains meeting regarding the wrong size of the targets.**

**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?*

**24 judges would not allow scopes at all, if archers cannot sort out the problem between them (and some suggested that they will, if the other option is “no scopes”), 13 judges would allow the scopes to be placed behind the shooting line and 6 had other suggestions, eg sharing of scopes.**

**Here are the comments of the FITA Judge Committee: The general consensus is to do everything possible, so that the archers can have their telescopes on the line or as close to it as possible, making sure that the**

**ins-and-outs of the archers using the scopes do not cause disturbance to the other archers around.**

**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?*

**More than half of the replies would score 9, 7, M, as the last arrow cannot be considered to be shot, as it fell within the 3m line. Some suggestions were that it may be claimed the competitor was trying to let down after the signal to stop shooting was given and misfired, and he should not be penalised for that.**

**The other answers would score 7, M, M; citing that the highest scoring arrow must be deducted if an arrow is shot after the signal. The intent of the 3m line was mentioned, which does not include arrows shot clearly after the signal.**

**Here are the comments of the FITA Judge Committee: Technically speaking, the thirs arrow was not shot, because it lay inside the three meter zone.**

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

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

47/1 and 47/2 have been submitted by two Australian Judges after attending major events.

**Please remember to give reasons and quote appropriate rules for all your answers.**

**47/1:** Two archers take the first peg in a walk-up during a National field event, both proceed to shoot 3 arrows at the single face target before realising that they should have moved forward to the closer pegs. They call a judge, asking whether they should score their arrows before shooting their last arrow.

*How would you advise them to proceed?*

**47/2:** At a national FITA tournament, the three archers assigned to a particular target proceed to the target to score the final end of the 90m distance. On

approaching the target the archers find two arrows, each from a different archer, on the ground in front and to the right of the target butt.

The archers agree that the two arrows were the result of bounce outs, which were not apparent during the shooting of the end. The archers call upon a judge to resolve the situation.

Upon examination of the target face, two unmarked arrow holes are found on the right hand side of the target face, one in the 9 scoring zone, the other in the 5 scoring zone. There are no other unmarked holes in either the target face or on the butt.

All archers on the target are using similar type and size arrows.

*As the assigned target judge, how would you resolve the problem to the satisfaction of all the archers on that target?*

**47/3:** At a world ranking tournament, archer X completed only the 90 and 70 meter distances. At the start of the 50 meter distance he had a serious equipment failure which he could not repair before the 30 meters concluded. There are 62 archers in the competition, and byes will be allowed for the 1/32 elimination round.

*Would you allow this archer to compete in the individual Olympic Round?*

**Just for fun.....**

