

## Dear Judges,

Thank you to those who have sent congratulations to me in my new role. Thank you especially to the judges who have sent through some interesting questions which we can use as case studies in coming *Judges News*.

2012 is the year for all AA judges re-accreditation. Everyone who has fulfilled the current requirements will receive a new red Logbook to begin the new accreditation period. The new requirements will be written inside the cover.

Since I believe the Yakka and King Gee fawn trousers are becoming difficult to access in some states, I will include a sample of the fawn fabric should you need to find Judges uniform trousers of a different brand.

Kind regards and wishing you and your families all the best for a relaxing holiday season,

*Karen O'Malley*

## Reaccreditation Year ...

In the new year, your RGB Officials Convenor will contact **National Judges**, to cross-reference the Officiating duties you have performed from July, 2009 to the end of June, 2012. These should already have been recorded in your red Logbook.

As an attachment to this *Judges News* is the standardised form that is to be used. If you wish, you can download the form and begin to fill it in now.

The minimum requirements are written inside the cover of your current red Logbook and on the letter you received on first becoming a Judge (Minimum for officiating at events is 8 points; minimum from responding to case studies is 12 points, with a total minimum of 24 points).

Remember, Judges who have not fulfilled the requirements to maintain accreditation as an Archery Australia Judge will not be re-accredited, and will no longer be able to judge at AA events.

Currently, all **National Judge Candidates** have three years in which to fulfil the requirements to become a National Judge. If you are a Judge Candidate who accredited before 2012, you will remain so until that 3 years is up or you have gained the required number of credit points to become a full National Judge, whichever is sooner. If you are an NJC and are now eligible to become a National Judge, your re-accreditation period will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2012, like all the other National Judges. If you are unsure, please contact the Officials Convenor in your own RGB, in the first instance.

## AA's new QRE Guidelines

AA has a revised policy regarding QREs. Please see the AA website so that you remain up-to-date. These guidelines are available as a current news item. Note that while Judges or Judge Candidates are required at a QRE, only National Judges can claim officiating points for QREs.

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## Advanced Director of Shooting Training Course

RGB Administrators are invited to submit names of Judges or experienced National Judge Candidates who are interested in Advanced Training as DoS, with a view to working as DoS at major National Events, **and especially in learning more about running Matchplay.**

A training course will be held *on the day before the National Championships* in Tuggeranong, on Saturday, 24th March 2012. Participants will gain experience using the Danage timing equipment currently used at National Championships, Australian Open, Olympics Trials and other major tournaments. The aim is to increase the pool of DoS in Australia and hence, be able to appoint *both* a DoS and an Assistant DoS to major tournaments which run over several days.

AA's plan is to include Judges appointed to the 2012 National Championships in Tuggeranong in this training, and funding travel and one night's twin share accommodation in Canberra for **an additional person from each RGB**. If you are interested in attending and you wish to stay for a second night, this would be **at your RGB's expense**. In the first instance, please contact your RGB Officials Convenor. Any judges are welcome to attend, however, funding will only apply to the selected official from each RGB.

Should the additional judge also be attending the National Championship in some other capacity, eg Team Manager, Coach, Competitor, travel expenses will not be re-imbursed, but the extra night's accommodation would be paid for by AA. The Organising Committee will book the accommodation.

RGB Officials Convenors please email me names of interested Judges by 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2012.

## National Events in 2012

Thank you to all those who volunteered for National events in 2012.

Congratulations to the following Judges who will be officiating in Armidale at the Youth Nationals – Alison Hagaman (CoJ); Steve Caldicott (DoS); Peter Coghlan, Bruce Hall, Bruce Lang, David Robertson (Judges).

National Championships Judges are Helen Austin (CoJ); John Hyde (DoS); Steve Armstrong, Ed Crowther, Coral Dandridge, Denise Deaves, John Dowden, Michael Greenland, Karen O'Malley, Ken Winkler (Judges) and Bruce Hall (reserve).

The Australian Open event nomination form will be sent out next year, when details are finalised. The venue is Sherbrook in Victoria on October 27/28.

## Constitution & Rules Committee

Archery Australia has standing Committees, with different areas of responsibility. Please direct any questions you have about legality of Equipment to the C&R Committee for their ruling. There is a process in place which we must adhere to. Please contact [rules@archery.org.au](mailto:rules@archery.org.au) with your questions.

## Maintaining Accreditation from 2012

In order to make sure we have high quality officiating in Australia, from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2012, the requirements for Judges will change.

Briefly, the changes require you to officiate at more events, respond to more case studies and attend upgrade seminars, which will be offered regularly.

These requirements are posted on the AA website, under '**Community'**/'Officials'/'National Judge Reaccreditation'.

## **You be the Judge - Answers from Issue 70**

**Remember, our re-accreditation is due next year and you currently need 12 credit points from responses to Case Studies as part of re-accreditation as a National Judge.**

Thank you to everybody who replied to the Case Studies from Issue 70. The quality of responses was very good and detailed.

The table below shows the number of Judges in each RGB and the replies received for Newsletter 70:

RGB	Judges	Replies	RGB	Judges	Replies
AACT	7	7	ASA	15	8
ASNSW	24	11	AV	17	3
AST	11	2	SQAS	11	4
ASWA	10	2	NQAA	4	1
<i>Oceania</i>	7	1	<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>40</b>

### **Case studies responses.**

**70.1** *In a Target event, an arrow lands approximately one metre out from the shooting line but in front of an archer two positions away. The archer who shot the arrow asks you as the Judge, what to do. Describe your instructions.*

The relevant rules are: 7.4.5.1 regarding the 3m line  
7.4.2.4 regarding equipment failure

I am pleased to say everybody got this one right, with some variations of the following.

Clearly the arrow is within the 3-metre line. Whether directly in front of the archer who shot it is immaterial; it is still regarded as being 'not shot'. Judges would inform the archer that the arrow is not shot and that s/he may shoot another arrow. If it has taken some time for the archer to attract the judge's attention and for a ruling/explanation to be given, then the archer has obviously lost an amount of shooting time. Should this be the case it is only fair to treat it as an equipment failure and the DoS should be notified in order to allow 40 secs/arrow for the archer to shoot the remainder of the end. There are occasions when archers indicate that they do not need any more time and are happy to shoot within the time originally allocated.

Some few judges went further and discussed the fact that there is no equipment failure in Matchplay situations and the archer would have to shoot another arrow, just in case (7.4.2.7). Some people covered the possibility of the arrow's having rebounded. Only 3 judges mentioned that they would record the anomaly in their notebook.

**70.2** *i) In an Indoor event, what does an archer score if there is*  
*a) Centre 1 – 10 points;*  
*b) Centre 2 – 7 points;*  
*c) Centre 3 – (2 arrows) 9 points and 8 points?*

The relevant rules are: 8.6.2.2 and 8.6.2.3.

When an archer is using a triple face, then 2 rules are applied which results in the archer's losing arrow values as well as scoring the 3 lowest scores.

There are 2 arrows in Centre 3. Both count as part of that end but only the lower value arrow (8) can be scored; the other counts as a miss.

We now have four arrow values, namely 10 8 7 M. Only the 3 lowest values can count, so we have a score of 8, 7, M = 15

ii) *In an Indoor event, on a single face, what does an archer score if there are 4 arrows: 7, 9, 8, 10?*

Although again we have had 4 arrows shot, on a full 10-ring single face, simply score the lowest 3 values of those shot. Disregard the 10 and score only the 9, 8, 7, giving a total of 24.

*Explain the scoring, when the 2 archers have shot in the same colour zones.*

The difference between the handling of (i) and (ii) is because of the faces. Some archers, and from the responses received, some judges, appear to be unaware that there are different rules applying depending on the type of face being shot. Please look again at your Rulebooks because our new Case Study 71.3 below asks about an additional complication in Indoor events.

Ensure you check that the archers actually record the scores correctly on the scoresheets. Make a note in your judges notebook.

**70.3** *In a Field event, Archers A and B take the peg. Archer A shoots more quickly than Archer B and Archer C immediately takes the shooting position before Archer B has shot the last arrow. Archer B complains to you, as the judge. When you approach Archer C to inquire, he says he 'took the shooting position as soon as it became available, as required by the Rules'. How do you respond, as that judge?*

The relevant references are: 9.4.2 about the waiting line  
9.5.1.12 about taking the peg without delay  
9.5.1.3 about shooting in pairs

Responses were divided on this one, with about half the Judges saying archers are required to go to the peg as soon as possible after the shooting position becomes free and it is safe to do so. The other half interpreted Archers shooting in pairs to mean you wait until both members of the other pair have completed shooting before either member of the second pair takes the peg (as Archer D's 'position' has not yet become available, they argued that Archer C cannot just 'jump in' and shoot).

Some noted that etiquette prevails in Field, just as in Target events, where it is customary to wait for the person behind you to complete their shot before leaving the shooting line.

Some responses said 'taking the peg as soon as it became available' brought up issues such as, when does Archer C's time begin? what if it had been Archer B who had finished shooting earlier as Archer C should be shooting on the same side as Archer A (ie left hand side of the peg) all the way around the field course? There were some who referred to the rule which allows for 'temporary changes to the shooting position' and that there is nothing to stop all 3 archers shooting together, if room allows.

Please look again at the scenario. We do not know the nature of Archer B's complaint. Presumably he is claiming that he has been distracted and he may have some justification for this. While there is no stated penalty to apply to Archer C for this perceived breach, he has possibly acted in an unsportmanlike fashion, in his competitor's eyes. And, as a judge, *you have been asked to deal with a complaint and a Rule has been cited to support the complaint.* So, what do you do?

9.5.1.12 (bullet point 1) which does require the archers to take their position as soon as possible after it becomes available, only applies where archers are causing undue delay and have been issued with a warning and a time limit of 3 minutes is being applied.

A good response would be to call the whole shooting group together and explain the meaning to all of them so that they all hear one message rather than talking to Archer B and Archer C separately.

Indicate that you understand the positions taken by both archers to ensure that you are not taking sides in this instance because it is clear that both need to have their concerns addressed so that no animosity arises within the group and that they can keep shooting together for the remainder of the round in a friendly and cohesive way.

## NEW CASE STUDIES

### You be the Judge, No 71:

**Here are the new case studies, and remember, reaccreditation is in 2012.**

**Please have your replies with RGB administrators by mid February, who in turn are asked to collate and forward replies by the end of February. Alternatively, judges can e-mail their answers directly to Karen at [dragonladyofthelake@gmail.com](mailto:dragonladyofthelake@gmail.com) by Feb 29, (but inform your RGB administrator you have done so).**

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

#### 71.1



In an AA Clout event, (see photo at left), an arrow is found lying on the ground, having pierced the yellow flag and bounced back from it.

You can see the stick upon which the flag was flying. The clout itself is out of the picture, on the left hand side.

What score value would you give this arrow?

**71.2**

You are Chairman of Judges at a FITA Star event. The two long distances have been shot. During the lunch break a competing archer goes to the practice range and shoots at a target at 25m. There is no face on this target.

Two judge candidates observing have different interpretations – one says the archer could shoot, the other says the archer could not, because a specific rule cover this. He says that in Outdoor Archery any arrow shot during the breaks between distances or rounds, means the archer will lose the highest scoring arrow(s) of the next scoring end.

They ask you, as Chairman, whether the archer is allowed to shoot on the practice range during the break between distances. What is your response?

**71.3**

In an indoor event, the archers ask you how the following should be entered on the scoresheets:

i) On a triple face

Centre 1 – 10 points;

Centre 2 – 7 points;

Centre 3 – (2 arrows) 9 points and 8 points AND, one arrow is shot out of time?

ii) On a single face, when there are 4 arrows: 7, 9, 8, 10, AND, one arrow is shot out of time?

**Until next time - Happy Judging!**

*Karen*