

Dear Judges,

It is good to see that some of you are already using the online Judges Diary. For those people whose Archery Australia Membership numbers have changed, you can log in with either at the moment, as the system has cross-checks in place.

We are already one year into the re-accreditation period, so on average, we should each have achieved around 12 points. Apart from Officiating, there have already been 12 points worth of Case Studies and opportunities for seminars in most RGBs.

This will be the last *Judges News* emailed to you directly. From the next edition, you will be emailed a link to the Archery Australia website where our newsletters are published.

Thank you all for being so interested in giving up your time in the interests of the archers.

Kind regards,

Karen O'Malley

New National Judge Candidates

Thanks to Ray Denton and Andrew Fluck in Tasmania, for running a recent Judge training course for this RGB. Congratulations to our four new NJCs from Tasmania: Ian Bessell, Mark Dixon, Jeff Garner and Tom Wild. I hope you have a long and enjoyable career as National Judges.

We now have a total of 84 National Judges and National Judge Candidates, most of whom are active in the sport. Thank you all for your support of our archers as Officials.

Reminder: Membership Renewal

As many of us are due to renew our Archery Australia membership on the 30th June, **please ensure you renew prior to the end of June** to maintain currency as Judges who are unfinancial are not permitted to officiate.

If your club is set up to do so it is possible to renew your Membership online, which makes it a simple process. Currently, Membership cards are processed by the Archery Australia office in about a week, so if you need your card, make sure you renew soon.

Some members will have new 4 digit Membership numbers on renewing this year, replacing the previous alphabetical prefix.

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Radios for Judges – by John Hyde

So that Officials can communicate effectively at events without interference, it is preferable that Judges purchase their own radio unit. This allows Judges to maintain and charge their own personal radio for each day of an event and will ensure that the Judges are familiar with their own equipment and how it works.

Also, it allows you to use your own earpieces if you wish, without the hygiene worry of shared earpieces or mikes. A full listing of all the specifications for your radio can be found on the AA website in the Officials Section and if you should have any questions before purchasing a unit please let us know.

Basic Requirements

Minimum of 40 channel (some of the newer radios have 80 channels but these include the first 40 channels on older radios so that they can be used alongside the older units) UHF hand held CB radio, minimum output power 0.5w (preferred 1.0w).

Must include the provision to use CTCSS codes as explained below. The CTCSS feature which will allow all the Judges to communicate without interference from other radio users on the same channel.

Recommended features

Radios should have a rechargeable battery and include chargers, but can also use disposable batteries if needed as an emergency standby. A small lightweight size and belt clip are also preferable.

There are several units available at very good prices ranging from less than \$100 for a twin set of radios to as low as \$50 for a single 0.5w unit.

CTCSS Tones

Continuous Tone-Coded Squelch System or CTCSS is used to reduce the annoyance of listening to other users on a shared two-way radio communications channel like UHF CB and is quite often referred to as tone squelch. Where more than one user group is on the same channel, CTCSS filters out other users if they are using a different CTCSS tone or no CTCSS. Instead of turning **on the receive audio for any** signal, the two-way radio receiver's audio turns on only in the presence of a signal AND the correct tone.

2014 and beyond

From 2014 and beyond, a UHF hand held radio, as per the description above, shall become part of a Judges basic required equipment. This gives us the rest of 2013 to obtain the radios and get familiar with them.

Youth National Championships

These will be held in Brisbane in the first week in July. There will be a practical Judges Seminar on Matchplay on the Saturday afternoon prior to the Opening day for the Judges allocated to the event and anyone else who wishes to attend. If you wish to attend and have not let us know, please do so immediately at officials@archery.org.au

2013 Australian Open

The Australian Open has been registered by Archery Australia with World Archery as a World Ranking event this year. This will necessitate at least the Chairman of Judges and one other be International Judges. Fortunately, in addition to our appointed National Judges, both James Larven and Karen O'Malley have been able to make themselves available for the event which is being hosted in August by Armidale Archers.

National Indoor Event

The National Indoor Event is also in July (20th/21st). If your RGB has appointed you as a Judge for the Indoor, please ensure you are familiar with the rules governing this event, which can be found in the championships Manual, on the Archery Australia website, under TOURNAMENTS/Upcoming Events.

Judges Polo Shirts

Archery Australia has received a new shipment of Judges polo shirts, up to size 5XL. Any Judges who wish to replace or add to their collection of shirts, please contact info@archery.org.au. If you wish to order online, don't forget to go through the Members Login at the online shop to get the correct members prices for your uniform items.

Red JUDGES spray jackets are also available from the Archery Australia office in sizes 'adult' and 'large adult'. Photos soon to be added at the online store!

From World Archery

There have been 6 Interpretations of sections of the World Archery rules this year. We may act in a voluntary capacity, but need to present ourselves as a professional, united group of Officials.

It is your responsibility to keep yourselves updated on Rules Interpretations and By-Laws. Please visit the World Archery site regularly at www.archery.org.au

Frequently Asked Questions ...

We are in the process of developing a FAQs section of the Archery Australia website in the hope of increasing archers' knowledge and understanding of the Rules governing competition in our sport.

While we can anticipate some questions archers may have about the sport, it is preferable that these be 'real' questions from real archers, so there is a piece in the forthcoming AA Committees newsletter asking all archers for questions they would like to be answered.

However, as Judges, we have a different perspective, so please forward any ideas you may have, or any specifics you repeatedly deal with at events, to officials@archery.org.au (Note this is different to articles or Case Study examples, which I am also grateful to receive and include in our *Judges News*.)

You be the Judge - Answers from Issue 76

Thank you to everybody who replied to the Case Studies from Issue 76.

Some of you took the opportunity to answer one or two of the cases, rather than all three. That's OK ... have a go. **BUT**, make sure you reference the **current versions of the Rules** (2012 for Archery Australia and 2013 for World Archery).

I'm very pleased to say that 99% of those who answered got all three case studies correct. **Congratulations!**

RGB	Judges	Replies	RGB	Judges	Replies
AACT	7	7	ASA	11	8
ASNSW	21	10	AV	10	2
AST	12	8	SQAS	12	7
ASWA	7	4	NQAA	4	4
<i>Oceania</i>	7	1	Total	84	50

Case studies answers from last edition are given below.

76.1 What score would you give to the arrow on the left, below? Why?



While the arrow appears to 'touch' a white line which separates the 9 and 10 scoring zones, this is a printing error. The arrow is scored as a 9, because the shaft has not touched or cut the black dividing line (WA 14.2).

The lesson is that the judges should have checked and measured the target faces carefully before the event began, noted anything unusual and told the archers about it to prevent problems or discussion during the event.

76.2 Competing at an Indoor event, in the first scoring end an archer shoots an arrow which misses the butt and strikes the back wall, which is brick. The arrow rebounds off the back wall with great force, landing on the floor and slides back towards the shooting line, eventually coming to rest within the 3m zone. Is the archer entitled to re-shoot this arrow? Explain why.

Firstly, no arrow may ever be re-shot. However, there are two cases when an arrow may be considered as having been 'not shot'. WA Rule 12.5.1 (dot point 1) clearly indicates an archer is not entitled to re-shoot as the arrow has simply rebounded to within the 3m zone and must be scored as a M.

76.3 In a FITA field round, Archers A and B approach a target and shoot 3 arrows each into an 80cm face. When Archer C uses binoculars before he shoots his first arrow, he sees the face is missing one pin in the top corner. As it is very windy, he asks the Judge to have the field crew fix the face before he shoots. There is no field crew, so the Judge goes to the target and moves a pin to the top corner. When the Judge returns to the shooting peg, Archers A and B complain that the face has been touched before the arrows have been scored. Do they have grounds for Appeal? What would you have done as the Judge in this situation?

Archers A and B are referring to WA Rule 27.2.1 (no target face, nor arrows are to be touched until scoring has occurred) and are correct, though strictly speaking, it is a rule referring to the behaviour of the competitors, not the judges. (For example, sometimes in order to call an arrow a judge may inadvertently 'touch the face'.) The rule is about scoring the arrows in exactly the position they have landed and this is a lesson we need to re-inforce at club level, where many archers touch their arrows as they call out the score.

It is important that Judges consider their course of action from the perspective of all the competitors. While 'helping' Archer C, by doing as he requested, the Judge in the case above may in fact have been 'disadvantaging' Archers A and B, by inadvertently moving the face relative to the arrows' position, affecting line-cutter scores, perhaps.

Remember there are only two cases when a Judge's decision cannot be appealed ... giving a yellow card in a team match play and calling the value of an arrow ... so the Archers have grounds for Appeal. In this case, however, as there was no evidence of what the scores might have been, there was nothing to be gained in their Appealing.

The Judge would have acted properly to have had the archers accompany him to the butt and check and record the scores of the shot arrows before re-pinning the face to the butt. That way, all Archers would have been fairly served and the event would not have been unduly delayed. It is a similar scenario to handling a bouncer or hanging arrow in a Target event.

Note that, had it been an Unmarked Field, the Judge would take Archers A & B only, and ask Archer C to go back to the Waiting Area so he could not gain any advantage by watching the others go forward to the Target to score the arrows and fix the face.

NEW CASE STUDIES

You be the Judge, No 77:

Please remember to give reasons and quote appropriate World Archery or AA rules and references for all your answers.

77.1 You are the Judge for the Longbow archers at part of a Target event and one competitor who has been shooting with a 'Mediterranean release' asks if he may change fingertabs between the second and third distance of the competition. What should you be looking out for as you check his new tab?

77.2 You are a Judge at a Field tournament and during the event, in your walk between your allocated targets, you encounter an lone archer shooting on the practice butts. In your conversation, he says he has had an equipment failure with his sight and is 'just checking it is properly fixed' before he rejoins his group who are waiting for him at Target 16 where the equipment failure was discovered. What do you do?

77.3 Have a look at the photos of this arrow, 'hanging' from the orange fletch of an arrow in the 10 zone, but touching arrows in several scoring zones and with the point off the butt altogether. What score would you give the arrow? Why?





Please have your replies with RGB administrators by mid August, who in turn are asked to collate and forward replies by the end of August. Alternatively, Judges can e-mail their answers directly to officials@archery.org.au by August 31st, (but inform your RGB administrator you have done so).

REMEMBER you can now log your Case Study responses in your **Judges Online Diary** at www.archery.org.au in the ABOUT ARCHERY/OFFICIALS section.

Use the membership number on your present card. If your number changes when you renew your membership, then after that, use the new 4 digit AA membership number.

Until next time - Happy Judging!

Karen