

Dear Judges,

Thank you to outgoing RGB Officials Co-ordinators, Alison Hagaman (SQAS) and Ray Denton (Tas), both of whom have been in that role for a number of years. You have left your RGBs in a good place regarding officiating and we are all grateful for your hard work.

This is the first *Judges News* to be accessed from an emailed link to the new-look Archery Australia website, where all our newsletters have been published.

Thank you all for being so interested in giving up your time in the interests of the archers. And don't forget to include a two-way radio, based on the recommended specs, on your wish list from Santa.

Remember the onus is on you to provide evidence of the renewal of your Archery Australia membership to your RGB Officials co-ordinator each year.

Finally, (thanks to David Robertson for noting) the error in the Field distances document on the AA website, has now been fixed. Yellow pegs 80cm face shoot 30-35-40m.

Kind regards,

Karen O'Malley

New National Judges

Congratulations to new Archery Australia National Judges, Brian Hagaman, Phil Buhot and Strafford Stark from South Queensland, who have upgraded from National Judge Candidate status since the last newsletter.

Also congratulations and thanks to Andrew Fluck, who has taken on the role of RGB Officials Coordinator in Tasmania and to Mark Logan, who has the same role in South Queensland. I hope you both enjoy your experience in the new role.

New-look Archery Australia Website

By now, you will have had a look at the new Archery Australia website. We have tried to make it more user-friendly and included a 'search' facility.

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The Judges information, checklists and other Archery Australia forms you might need are located under ABOUT ARCHERY/OFFICIALS, where you can also find links to the World Archery Rules and Judges Guide Book, and past Newsletters.

Additionally, we are building up an online FAQs section in the hope of helping archers understand the Rules and Procedures they can expect at Tournaments.

Please let the new tournament archers at your Clubs know that these tips are on the website to help them understand the Rules and what they can expect at events.

Applications for Judges at National Events 2014

Please see the Application Form (emailed to you) for the 3 National events for next year. Dates and locations are:

Australian Open (Hobart) in March
Youth Nationals (Adelaide) in April
National Championships (Victoria) in October

As we would like to inform all judges of the appointments in the December edition of the *Judges News*, please have applications to officials@archery.org.au by Sat, Nov 30, 2013.

Judging Procedures a bit of a worry, really!

Following the National Indoor event held concurrently at multiple venues across the country, I received a number of interesting photos of butt set-up, and enquiries from competitors about 'whether it had been done properly in their RGB'.

It would appear from the photos that some Judges were not ensuring that the Indoor events were run to the published rules, in both FITA Indoor and National Indoor competitions.

There is little use inspecting equipment and ensuring the archers comply with the rules if the whole event's results are rejected because of a set-up error that could have been corrected prior to the start of the event.

As Judges, especially as COJ, we represent the most highly trained individuals regarding the rules at our events and one of our purposes is to act as an on-the-spot Technical Delegate and guide the organisers to ensure that events are run to the rules, thus protecting competitors' results.

Please be aware of the requirements for any events you officiate at. Use the checklists provided on the website and make sure you are totally conversant with the requirements for the events you are appointed to. ***If you are not sure, please ask.***

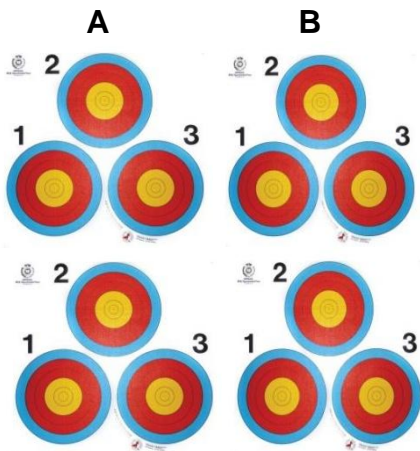
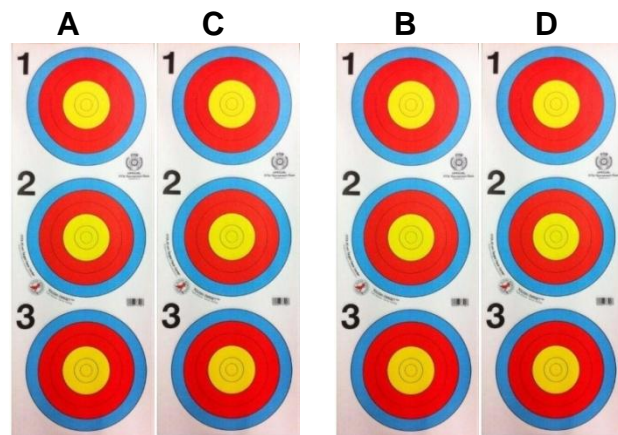
What appears below regarding Indoor Target set-up will also be kept as a separate document in the Officials section of the website, so it can be used as a reference for future Indoor events.

TARGET SET-UP OPTIONS

(1) FITA INDOOR

Depending on entry numbers and archers' preferences, organisers may need to use any of the following variations, each of which is 'legal' according to **World Archery's rules for a FITA 18m Indoor**. Illustrations on this page are for 4 archers.

Make sure the allocation of archers into the two flights, A-B; C-D is followed correctly.



NOTE:

Irrespective of the numbers printed on the 3-spot faces, spots may be shot in any order.

On 3-spot faces, only one arrow is allowed per spot.

Additional arrow/s will be recorded as a 'M'.

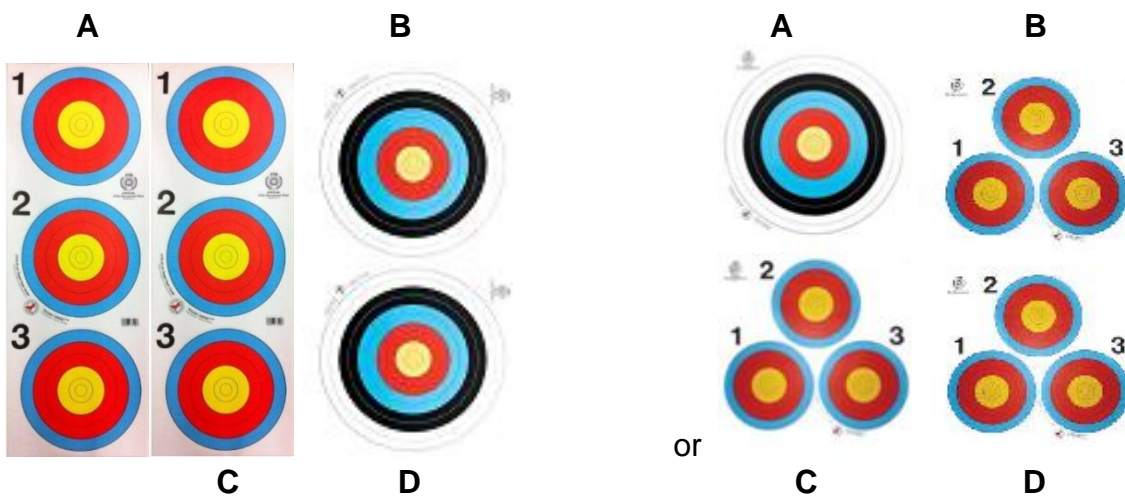
If more than 3 arrows (total) are shot, only the 3 lowest scores are recorded, including the 'M's.

Any arrows shot out of time cause the loss of the highest scoring arrow of the end, which is crossed over and initialled, and scored as a 'M'.

If 3 archers are allocated to a target, the set-up is as for 4 archers. Target 'D' remains unused for the competition, as happens with 4 face set-up in field with 3 archers competing.

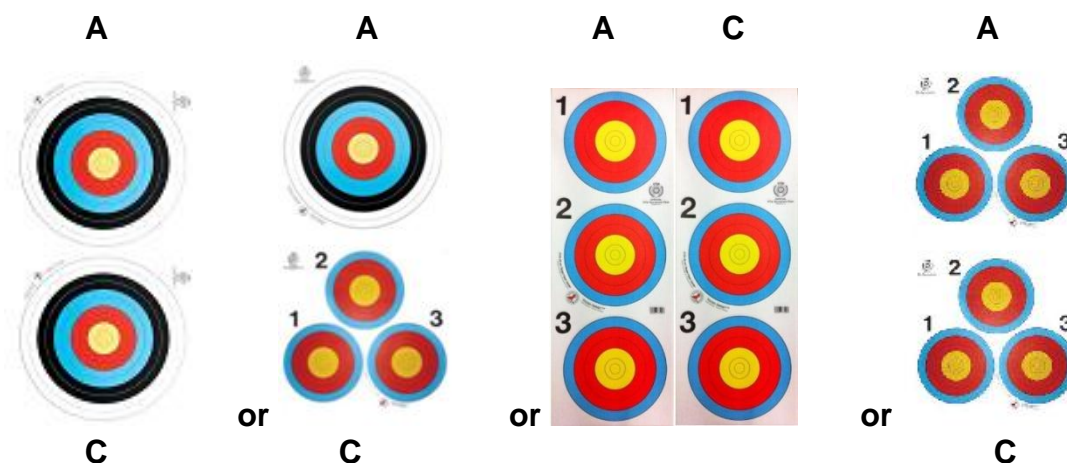
Other configurations allowed, for 3 or 4 archers, are shown below (faces may also be affixed in the reverse order, swapping right to left).

It is not allowed to mix vertical with triangular 3-spot faces. **Use one or the other.**



Now, for 1 or 2 archers on a Target, for a FITA Indoor, the set up can be any of the following, but **there must be 2 faces on the butt**. Archers shoot as A and C, or just 'A'.

Scoring NOTES above still apply, irrespective of the number of archers.



TARGET SET-UP OPTIONS (2) AUSTRALIAN INDOOR

Archers are assigned to a target for this event and choose between themselves who shoots left or right and who **will begin the shoot (first 15 arrows) on the bottom row**, and place their own targets accordingly.

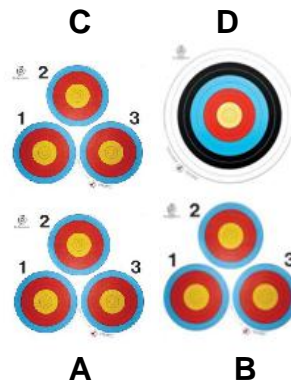
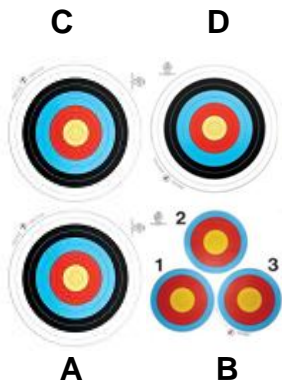
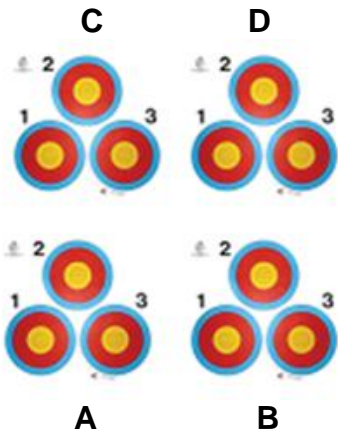
A and B are always the archers aiming at the bottom two target faces and always shoot first.

After 5 ends (15 arrows) have been shot, athletes will change their target faces from top to bottom and bottom to top.

If only 2 archers are allocated to a butt, **the faces must be placed vertically**, and the archers become C (top) and A (bottom).

Only single spot or triangular 3-spot targets are permitted.

What *IS* allowed for 3 or 4 archers in Australian Indoor:

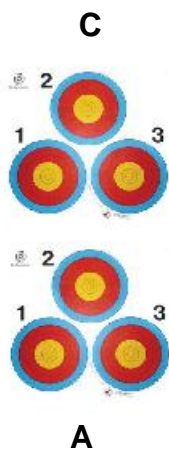


(NOTE: The variations showing mixed target types may also be placed on the butt in the reverse order of what is illustrated, left to right or top to bottom.)

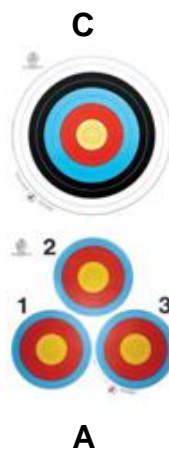
For one or two archers, the following layout/s are allowed:



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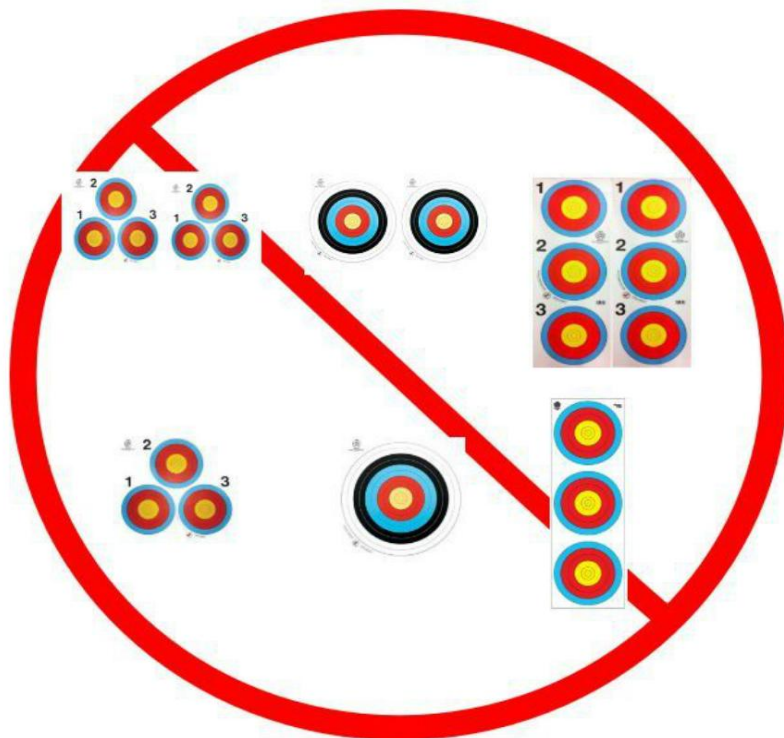


or its reverse.

WHAT IS *NOT ALLOWED* in AUSTRALIAN INDOOR:

Any of the following combination of the faces are not permitted when there are 1 or 2 archers to a butt.

Irrespective of the amount of space or number of competitors at the event, organisers must provide 'room for archer error' in aiming at the right face.



World Archery Rulebook and Interpretations

In the FAQs section of the World Archery website, you will find answers to some questions frequently received at the World Archery Office on various topics in relation with the Rules, but that are not official interpretations from World Archery as per its Constitution and Rules.

Below is an extract from the 27 pages of this section. **I urge you to go frequently to the World Archery and Archery Australia websites, to keep abreast of the latest information.**

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Frequently Asked Questions on "Rules"

FAQ - Athlete's Equipment

Book 2, Article 7.3.1.5

Book 2, Article 7.3.3.5

Book 3, Article 8.3.1.5

Book 3, Article 8.3.2.5

Book 4, Article 9.3.5.1

Book 4, Article 9.3.5.3

Question:

Is this double ringed sight pin legal or illegal (see picture below)?



Response:

This sight is legal in the recurve and compound bow divisions, indoor, outdoor and field archery, including the unmarked portion of the field archery rounds.

Book 2, Article 7.3.1.5

Book 3, Article 8.3.1.5

Book 4, Article 9.3.5.1

Question:

Can a flat clear plastic or glass inside the sight hood (or tunnel)—offering no magnification and/or light change (with or without an aiming mark on it)—be used in the recurve division?

Response:

Such a clear disk is perfectly legal in the recurve division as long as it is simply a “support” to the aiming dot, ring, cross, optic fibre ...

Warning! The item described is neither a lens nor a prism; because a lens/prism has one or two curved surfaces and has the ability to alter light and/or view passing through it. A lens/prism is not allowed in the recurve division (see article 7.3.1.5.1.); it is only allowed in the compound division (see article 7.3.3.5.1.).

Book 2, Articles 7.3.1.7, 7.3.2.1.5 & 7.3.3.7

Book 3, Articles 8.3.1.7 & 8.3.2.7

Book 4, Article 9.3.7

Book 5, Articles 11.10.3.1.7, 11.10.3.2.6 & 11.10.3.3.7

Question:

Is the Starrflight FOB Engineered Airfoil legal for World Archery competitions? This is an airfoil which is attached to the arrow shaft in place of fletchings. A description of the airfoil may be viewed at www.starrflight.com.

Response:

Legal in all divisions.

Book 2, Article 7.3.3.2

Book 3, Article 8.3.2.2

Book 4, Article 9.3.2.4

Book 5, Article 11.10.3.3.2

Question:

Is the Timberline No-Peep Bow Attachment legal for World Archery competitions?

Response:

Legal in the compound division but not legal in any other division.

Question:

Are string silencers legal for use in the recurve, compound and longbow divisions?

Response:

Legal only in the compound divisions and not in the recurve or longbow divisions.

Book 2, Article 7.3.3.5.2

Book 3, Article 8.3.2.5.2

Book 4, Article 9.3.5.3.1, 3rd bullet

Question:

In field archery, can a compound archer have two scopes mounted on the sight?

Example for a right handed archer: one scope to the left on the sight, and another one, mounted on the same rod, mounted to right.

Comments:

Usually the scope on the right side of the sight is more powerful and is used for evaluating the shooting distance on the unmarked course, which contravenes the following rules:

- 2nd bullet of #9.3.5.3.1
- #9.3.11.2
- #9.3.11.3

Nevertheless, the answer below does not take this illegal use in consideration.

Response:

In the compound division (as in the recurve division, by the way) only one sight point is allowed. See articles:

- #7.3.3.5.2 for outdoor target archery
- #8.3.2.5.2 for indoor archery
- 3rd bullet of # 9.3.5.3.1 for field archery

Hence two scopes are definitively not allowed on a compound bow in field archery.

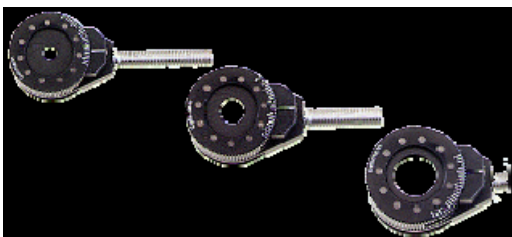
Book 4, Article 7.3.1.5.1

Book 4, Article 8.3.1.5.1

Book 4, Article 9.3.5.1.3

Question:

Can an Iris type sight pin be used?



Response:

A ring sight pin fitted with a variable iris aperture does not contravene any World Archery Rule covering archers' equipment. As, however, it provides a convenient method of estimating distances, its use is not permissible in shooting unmarked distance field courses. Therefore, it can be used in all World Archery disciplines except for unmarked distances in field and 3D archery.

Question:

May an archer use an adjustable iris lens system (like the adjustable opening of a camera) on his shooting glass for his aiming eye? Articles 9.3.9; 7.3.1.9.3, 8.3.1.9.3



Response:

The World Archery Technical Committee agrees unanimously that the use of an adjustable iris lens on the shooting glass is not legal.

You be the Judge - Answers from Issue 77

Thank you to everybody who replied to the Case Studies from Issue 77. Case studies answers from last edition are given below.

Come on, National Judge Candidates ... be brave and have a go!

RGB	Judges	Replies	RGB	Judges	Replies
AACT	7	7	ASA	11	6
ASNSW	20	11	AV	10	4
AST	12	8	SQAS	12	6
ASWA	7	4	NQAA	4	2
<i>Oceania</i>		1	Total	83	48

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?

Longbow in Australia is shot under Archery Australia rules, which allow Longbowers to compete for Target awards, though World Archery does not recognise Longbow for target events. AA's rules regarding Longbow equipment conform closely to World Archery rules and since Jan 1, 2013, Longbow archers in Australia may use only one or the other of the 2 types of release allowed under the rules.

In the above case, the judge should ask the archer to show the tab he has been using for the first two distances. If he says he has been using the 'Mediterranean' release, where the fingertab is split to allow one finger above and two below the arrow, then he must show you the second tab as being also suitable only for Mediterranean release.

As a side issue, Judges would be well advised to take note during the shooting, of the type of release being used by each longbowyer at an event. Face walking and string walking are not permitted by longbowyers, who must use a consistent anchor point and therefore may not change release techniques

part way through an event. Specifically, this archer may not begin to shoot the 3rd distance with 3 fingers under the arrow if he has been shooting with a Mediterranean release for the first part of the event. The Judge should ensure this is the case when the shooting re-commences.

Everyone got the reference correct to the fingertab rules for longbow in Australia (AA 8.2.4.1) but only about half the responses made reference to archers making a choice for the whole event between the Mediterranean OR 3-fingers under and explaining the difference between the two types of tab (see AA 8.2.6.2/3/4). Even fewer judges made the comment that they would note the event in their Judges Notebook.

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?

Our judges responses were divided on this question. Everybody made the reference to the 30 minute rule correctly (WA 24.4/29.8) and many people made the comment that the archer should have been under the direct supervision of a judge. Additionally, they need to be escorted back to their group safely by the judge ... otherwise how do we know when the '30 minutes to repair and return to shooting' begins and ends? An archer who leaves the field without notifying a judge is indicating they have finished shooting for the day.

However, a substantial number of responses argued that WA 30.1 allows for practice facilities being made available to archers 'before, during and after the event' and that the archer was therefore within his rights to shoot a few 'practice arrows' following repair to his equipment.

These people did not read the core part of WA 30. The whole of Book 4, Rule 30 is referring to *World Championship events*. (These take place over a week, and during that time a supervised practice area is available for any times the archers are not involved in competition i.e. at the beginning and end of the day.)

The correct answer is that ***archers are not permitted practice arrows for any reason when attending to equipment failures***. World Archery (FITA, in 2007) made this clear in an Interpretation, the text of which is reprinted below. While the numbering refers to the previous (FITA) rulebook, the interpretation was included in the 'Interpretations' of each section of the rules and was clearly meant to apply to all equipment failures in all event types.

'A question was raised by a Member Association on whether an archer who has had an equipment failure is allowed to go to the practice field to shoot a few arrows to check his equipment right after he has fixed it and during the competition.

Response from the Constitution & Rules Committee:

The C&R Committee is unanimous that no practice arrows are allowed during the competition.

C&R Committee, 19 September 2007'

The archer in the case study may have unknowingly done the wrong thing in more than one way, as he is also holding up the other competitors longer than necessary; he should rejoin his group as soon as possible.

We must be careful not to invent rules – even though the archer has done the incorrect thing here, it is important to educate, not invent a punishment. There are very few occasions where an archer loses the score of his arrows and in field, and this is not one of them. Unless the archer has taken more than his allotted 30 minutes to effect repairs, the Judge should escort the archer back to join his group at Target 16 immediately, and explain the relevant rules both to this competitor and to the rest of his group.

As a result of this case study, the Officials Committee will send a request to World Archery for clarification in the wording in the Rulebook, as there is also no reference made to the need to contact a judge before leaving the Field course.

77.3 Have a look at the photos of this arrow, 'hanging' from a 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?



Most people got this right – if they could see the picture clearly enough. Those that couldn't see the picture clearly, treated it as if it was a hanging arrow and quoted the correct section of the rules – well done.

Some hypothesised as to how the arrow got there – rebounds, complex mid-air collisions, but then no actual score was given. Some judges said they would score the arrow as a zero because the point was not in any scoring zone. One person said they would take an average of the highest and lowest arrows it touched ... Fortunately, most people gave the archer the benefit of the doubt, realising if possible, we try to preserve scores, not take them away.

The arrow would score a '10' as the fletch which has been struck comprises part of an arrow (see definition in WA 11.1.7.1) and the struck arrow can be clearly identified. WA 14.2.6.3 and 14.2.6.5 clearly implies that if you hit another arrow and either 'rebound' or 'robin hood', the score is the same as the struck arrow, so our 'hanging' arrow would score the same as the arrow it has 'embedded' itself in. Lucky archer!

NEW CASE STUDIES

You be the Judge, No 78:

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

78.1 We know the 3m line is to be measured from the middle of the shooting line to the far side of the 3m line (i.e. the whole of the 3m line, however wide it is marked, must be within the 3m allowed), but how far does it extend to left and right of an archer's lane?

An archer on Target 24 (or whatever is the target number at the edge of the Field of Play) mis-shoots his arrow and it lands outside the end of the marked field of play, but less than 3m in front of his shooting position. You are the Judge at the event and the archer calls you for a judgement. How would you handle this situation?

78.2 As Chairman of Judges you arrive at a FITA Indoor event and discover that the organisers have arranged the target faces with a combination of 40cm three spots and single 40cm faces on the same target butts. What do you do?

78.3 As Chairman of Judges you arrive at an outdoor Target event and discover that the organisers are using two brands of faces, which are slightly different to each other in colour. The organisers tell you this is OK because they are all licenced FITA faces. What do you do?

Please have your replies with RGB administrators by mid November, who in turn are asked to collate and forward replies by the end of November. Alternatively, judges can e-mail their answers directly to Karen at officials@archery.org.au by November 30th, (but inform your RGB administrator you have done so).

Online Diary ...

Remember you can log the number of your responses at your Online Diary at www.archery.org.au under ABOUT ARCHERY/OFFICIALS/JUDGES DOCUMENTS.

For those of you who are *National Judge Candidates*, ensure you make it clear in the Online diary the events at which you have acted as Director of Shooting, as there is a minimum points requirement for being a DoS.

Until next time - Happy Judging!

Karen