

## OFFICIATING IN AUSTRALIA

Archery Australia provides self-paced online courses which are available free of charge at [www.archeryeducation.com.au](http://www.archeryeducation.com.au)

The different levels of officiating appear below.

### CLUB OFFICIALS

Each club in Australia is encouraged to have a club member who has completed the **Club Official** course. This self-paced course provides the information which assists clubs to run club events at an appropriate level. The aim is to prepare club members for participation at Tournaments at RGB or National level.

Club officials participate in the club shoots if they wish.

### EVENT JUDGES

**Event Judges** are qualified to run QREs in either Target/Indoor or Field. Archery Australia has *Event Judges: Target and Indoor* and *Event Judges: Field*.

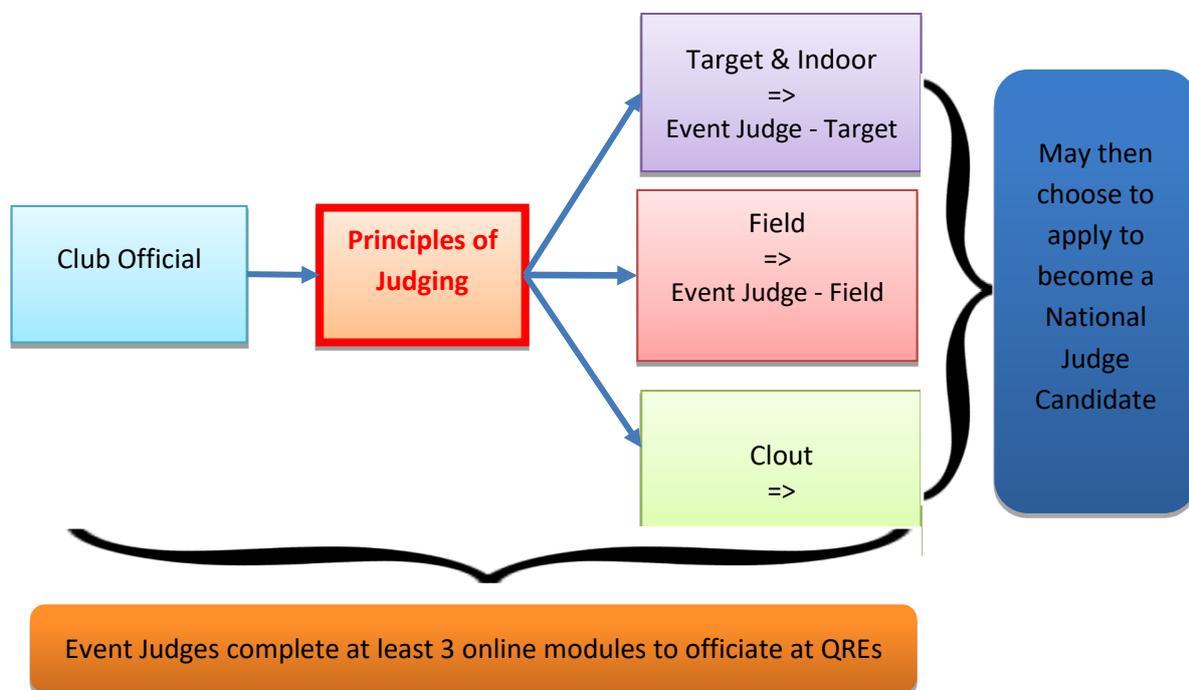
To become an Event Judge, a person must be an Archery Australia member and have had 2 years experience in archery. A candidate must first complete the self-paced **Club Official** course online, before attempting the module **Principles of Judging**, then choose either of the modules **Target & Indoor** or **Field**. Some Event Judges have completed both the elective modules and can therefore officiate at both Target/Indoor AND Field QREs.

For a list of the Event Judges and the discipline(s) in which they may officiate at QREs go to the Event Judges page in the Officials main menu. Clubs running QREs can approach any of these people to officiate at their club.

Event Judges have Archery Australia-provided blue polo shirts which they are entitled to wear, *but not if they are participating in the event as an archer, as we do not accept shooting judges.*

In the case of a shortfall of National Judges required for RGB events in Target, Indoor or Field, the RGB Officials Co-ordinator may approach an Event Judge to add to the number required for that event. However, *Event Judges are not permitted to be the only judges at any event, except at QREs*. For scores to be valid, there must be **at least one non-shooting** National Judge at each event on the Archery Australia events tournament calendar, appointed by the RGB Officials Co-ordinator, not by the Club hosting the event.

If a person is acting as a judge at a registered tournament, they cannot participate as an archer in that event.



## NATIONAL JUDGES

There are 2 pathways to becoming a **National Judge Candidate**.

1) Passing all self-paced *online modules* is one alternative to becoming a National Judge Candidate. For this reason, there is also a **Clout** module online which prospective National Judge Candidates must complete if they are going the path of online training. Prospective National Judge Candidates following

the Online pathway need two years experience in archery and must be Archery Australia members.

2) Experienced National Judges in RGBs can run *training courses*, either over a weekend, or over several evenings, as suits their purposes. Prospective candidates for these courses must be Archery Australia members and need a minimum of one year of experience in archery.

National Judge Candidates must be supervised by a **National Judge** for a minimum of 12 months (maximum of 24 months), acting as a judge in Field and Target, as well as operating as a Director of Shooting, and receive positive evaluations from supervisors, before applying to become a National Judge.

The RGB Officials Co-ordinator generally passes the evaluations on to the Officials Committee for consideration, with their endorsement of the National Judge Candidate's application to become a full National Judge, but the NJC may apply to the Officials Committee on their own and provide the supporting documentation themselves.

**If a person is acting as a National Judge or National Judge Candidate at a registered tournament, they cannot participate as an archer in that event.**

## **ONGOING EDUCATION**

National Judges and National Judge Candidates are required to officiate at a specified number of events over their accreditation period and reply regularly to Judges Case Studies, in order to be re-accredited each 4 years.

They must also attend either RGB seminars or Online Judges training sessions held twice a year, as part of their ongoing education.

Event Judges are welcome to attend these, as well as accessing the quarterly *Judges News*.