

Dear Judges,

Officiating at a National event is an interesting experience and one I recommend to each of you at some time in your judging career. You are, after all, **National Judges!**

Apart from making new friends, you will have the opportunity to find out how things are done in other RGBs and gain experience and knowledge which will assist you in your role in your own RGB and club. See the reminder later in this issue of *Judges News*.

Kind regards,

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Congratulations ...

Congratulations to our first NJC who has completed his training using the online Modules, **Bill Robins** from NQld.

Congratulations also to **Edd Gough** from AVic and **Paul Beavis** from ASQld and to **Raoul Patel** from AWA who have accredited as a full National Judges.

We now have a total of 99 National Judges and National Judge Candidates active in the sport. Thank you all for your support of our archers.

Finally, thanks to the 41 judges who were present at our first National webinar for 2019, on Wednesday 15th May. There were another 7 who sent apologies because they were working, travelling, competing in another sport or running a club event at that time. And a special thanks to **Andrew Fluck** for his presentation, despite poor quality connection for some of it, and to **Paul Beavis** and Andrew who put together the 'Quick Guide to Matchplay' document which was distributed to all attendees.

For those of you who did not make the meeting, please pay special attention to the **Webinar** section of this newsletter so hopefully, you can make it to the next one.

Reminders: Case Study Responses

As we have only one year to go before our re-accreditation is due, I draw to your attention that you should have completed three quarters of the required Case Study responses.

That is, 100% for National Judge Candidates then a pro rata number emailed to each of you once you achieved your National Judge status. National Judges, you must have completed 50% at least, though it is to your benefit if you can complete them all.

There are a number of NJs who are falling behind in their responses. Please look at the number of emails you have sent the Officials Committee since June 2016 to work out your response rate. **All NJs must submit 24 case studies over the 4 year period.** This equates to 8 responses in total, or 2 per year. This is hardly an onerous task!

Get onto it, please, as those who do not fulfil the requirements will not be eligible to re-accredit in 2020 (see *AA Judges Guide Book Appendix*, on the judges pages of the AA website for those who have reasons for requesting special consideration of an extension of time).

If, on the other hand, you have decided not to re-accredit, please email me with your decision.

Membership Renewal

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

Currently, Membership cards are processed by the Archery Australia office in about a week. As you need your Archery Australia membership card, make sure you renew soon, if necessary.

Scopes on the Shooting Line

This is a quick clarification about spotting scopes. There are 4 main things to remember:

- 1) The highest part of the archer's scope must be no higher than the archer's armpit when they are at full draw (WA 11.1.9.2)
- 2) Athletes may leave their scopes on the shooting line if there are 3 archers shooting but must remove them if 4 archers are shooting in 2 details, unless 2 archers agree to use the same scope (e.g. at an indoor event). However 1) above still applies, and the height must be no higher than the armpit of the shorter athlete (WA Judges Guide Book 4.8)
- 3) By convention, archers in adjoining spaces on the line are allowed to entwine the legs of their scope tripods (in the 3m area towards the target), **as long as both archers are happy with that arrangement.** This leaves one tripod leg behind the shooting line and 2 in front, with the archers fitting within their allocated minimum of 80cm space on the line. As the legs of the tripods are stationary and the athletes are 'equally disadvantaged' by loss of space, this is a different matter to an archer flinging the bow into an adjoining archer's guaranteed 80cm of airspace on release.

This convention has been the accepted procedure LONG before the 3m line was instituted. It is not found in the rulebook or guidebooks but is a practice adopted to accommodate archers and their equipment comfortably on the shooting line. Organising the archers on the shooting line is a job for the judges and should be monitored during practice.

- 4) If athletes cannot accommodate each other in this way, the judges may require them to remove their scopes from the line all together.

Evaluation Forms for NJCs

NJCs, it is your responsibility, and a matter of courtesy, that you download and complete your personal information on the NJC Evaluation Form and give it to the Chairman of Judges at each of the events you attend as an NJC. Simply, keep spare copies in your Judges kit.

Ensure you keep a copy of all your documentation so you can provide these evaluations when you apply for National Judge status. While your RGB Co-ordinator should receive copies from the CoJ, this may not always be the case and it is very difficult to establish your effectiveness as a judge at an event two years after it has happened!

It is preferable that you email them to officials@archery.org.au as soon as each event is over, where they can be kept electronically in your file. It is not necessary to send a scanned copy; a photo of the Evaluation is fine.

And, NJs ...

When you are asked to complete Evaluation forms by an NJC at an event, please make an honest appraisal. The Officials Committee takes your Assessments very seriously as you are the National Judge on the spot. You do an NJC no favours by saying they are 'Outstanding' at their first event, with no areas indicated for them to try to improve.

I am not suggesting you should 'low ball' a person, either, simply because they are starting out. Just show the areas where the NJC has done well, and indicate some areas where they could improve. You could say something like 'performance was above satisfactory at this stage in X's judging career'.

None of us, no matter how long we have been judging, could be considered 'Outstanding' across the board and there is always room for improvement.

Please remember to have the NJC sign the form and send it to the RGB co-ordinator.

What cannot be appealed?

There are only two occasions when a judge's decision cannot be appealed. One of these is the use of the yellow card. The other is in calling an arrow's value if there is a disagreement amongst the archers.

Since archers are not allowed to appeal against these decisions, it is vital that we understand the responsibility each entails and perform our role appropriately. Let's take them one at a time ...

YELLOW CARDS: In archery the yellow card is ONLY used in Team Match Play. Contrary to the understanding of some judges, *we do not use a yellow card as a warning* (e.g. 3 yellow cards, then you get a red!). Yellow cards indicate a time penalty and are given for the following reasons only:

- The archer crosses the 1m line either before the signal to shoot has been given or, while the previous archer still has one foot grounded in the 1m area.
- The archer removes an arrow from the quiver, allowing the point to become visible, before standing on the shooting line.
- A compound archer approaches the shooting line with the release aid already attached to the string.

In each case, the offending archer must return behind the 1m waiting line and return to the shooting line to start again. They may be replaced by another team member in the meantime. They must not come forward of the 1m line until the arrow is returned to the quiver, or the release aid is removed from the string.

There is no limit to the number of yellow cards that may be awarded to a team. Judges should name the team, or state the target number, e.g. 'T13, yellow card, foot fault'. If there is a team coach, show the card clearly so they can see.

The red card is only used here to indicate an occasion when the archer disregards the judge's yellow card and goes ahead and shoots the arrow. Then, the TEAM loses its highest scoring arrow of the end.

ARROW CALLS: While not everyone has been a judge at a Match play event, everyone has been called upon to perform a line call.

It is quite possible an archer may win or lose a competition by one point. Hence, the importance of treating arrow calls seriously as a judge. In your training, you were all shown the correct way to do this and I will not repeat that here (see World Archery Judges Guide 4.1.8).

I do hear complaints from archers about the haphazard way some judges approach this task. It is certainly not a time to make jokes about bribery, nor to say things like, 'oh, this is really difficult ... I'm going to have to call this a ...'. We need to maintain credibility from our community, not appear uncertain. After all, the 3 archers could not agree and all we have that they don't, is a magnifying glass.

The correct judging process is, you ask, 'which arrow please?', make up your mind using your magnifying glass, then say 'the arrow is a ...'.

No discussion. No further comment. **Please get this right!**

New Name for QRE Officials

I know some of you have had a go at the new online training Modules at archeryeducation.com.au. These began as an idea in 2012, as a means to train judges in remote areas, or those who were unable to devote a weekend to the face-to-face training courses to become a National Judge Candidate.

Now that all courses are completed and available free of charge to the Archery Australia community, it is appropriate to thank those from the Officials Committee who wrote the content and multiple choice questions which make up the modules 'Club Official', 'Principles of Judging', 'Target & Indoor', 'Field' and 'Clout'. So, thanks to each of you.

In 2016, Archery Australia required all the then current QRE Officials to complete the 'Club Official' course. This gave us an indication from the list of people registered as QRE Officials who actually wanted to continue in that role.

By April of 2019, all QRE Officials were required to complete 'Principles of Judging', and by the end of July 2019, they are required to complete one (or more) of the discipline-specific modules. The name 'QRE Official' will no longer be used and these people will be known as 'Event Judges' in the particular discipline(s) for which they have completed the training module(s). So we will have Target and Indoor Event Judges and Field Event Judges able to run Archery Australia's QREs in Target, Indoor and Field.

We do not have QREs in Clout, but the module is useful to anyone who may be holding a local level Clout event which does not require judges. The Clout module was added for completion of the set, in order to provide online training to people who wished to become National Judge Candidates. However, completing all the modules does not automatically make someone a National Judge Candidate.

Anyone who wishes to progress to that position must apply to the Officials Committee at officials@archery.org.au just as they do at present.

Event Judges will receive a royal blue JUDGES shirt to indicate their status. If they wear the shirt, they are not permitted to shoot the QRE, as we do not have shooting judges. However, contrary to what is

being circulated in some circles, Event Judges, just like the current QRE Officials, are permitted to shoot the event at which they officiate. *They just do not wear their JUDGES shirt on those occasions.*

2019 National Championships

This event will run in Morwell, Victoria, from 3rd to 8th November. Judges will be required to arrive on the afternoon/evening of Thurs 31st October and depart on Thurs 7th November. The Application form seeking volunteers for this event was emailed just after the previous **Judges News**.

Your travel is covered by Archery Australia, to the value of a budget return airfare from from your capital city to Melbourne. Should you choose to drive, this is the maximum you will be refunded. (The '60c per km' on the Travel Claim form is directed at local judges who are travelling by car each day.)

Your twin share accommodation and transport to and from the competition venue is at the Organising Committee's expense. Family members are welcome to stay with you, but you will be responsible for 50% of the room costs, and any other expenses associated with your family member.

Most other information is available in the document '*Travel of Judges to National Events*', found in the Judges Documents section of the website.

Please note that, while the closing date for applications is by Fri, July 26th to indicate your availability for the event, you are free to apply any time before that. The Appoinment list will be published in the next *Judges News*, but successful applicants will have been contacted individually.

2019 National Indoor Event

The National Indoor Event is to be held on July 20th/21st. It is essential that this event is run as near as possible to the same way in all locations across the country. 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 National Indoor Championships Manual 2019, on the Archery Australia website under *Tournaments*.

It is our job to make sure the shooting rules are applied uniformly at each venue. Regarding the Australian Indoor, there must be 4 target faces per butt, rotating the used faces top to bottom and bottom to top half way through **even if there are not 4 archers assigned to the target butt**. The rotation will be after 30 arrows. See AA Rules 10.1

Please note that the National Indoor round is to be shot first. This is partly to assist the organisers as it is the archers' responsibility to put up their faces and to rotate them half way through.

Also note that, since 2017, it is up to the Judges when to change a target face, not the archers. This brings the AA Indoor into line with the procedures for the WA Indoor

For the WA Indoor event there should also be 4 target faces to each butt. It does not matter that the organisers may have enough space at their venue to spread the competitors out. Part of the difficulty of Indoor shooting is making sure you are aiming at the correct face and if organisers put up only 2 target faces, the people at that particular venue have a 50% advantage over the rest of the country.

While archers have been given a choice as to whether they shoot single or triple spot faces in each event, there should still be 4 target faces placed on each butt. These may need to be a combination of 2 triple spots and 2 single faces, even if only 3 people are allocated to that target butt.

Appointed judges, we are there to ensure an even playing field across the country. Please co-ordinate information with the local Organising Committee, and arrive early at your venue to make sure everything is as it should be, before the event begins.

Use the Indoor checklist and the Target setup document, found on the Archery Australia website and check on availability of back-up lighting in case of a failure.

Especially, familiarise yourself with how to score if archers make a mistake and shoot 2 arrows into the one face on triple spots. See WA 14.1.6 (second paragraph)

Next Judges Webinar

The next opportunity for collegial connection online is scheduled for Wednesday 1st October. Alison Hagaman is officiating at the Para World Championships in the Netherlands and has had more experience with other Para events. She will be doing a session on Judging Para archery. Please put this in your diary now. You will get another reminder in September, with the invitation link. And, as with the last webinar, those attending will receive additional materials afterwards.

From World Archery

Sad news came from World Archery in May to announce the passing of Morten Willman, the Chairman of the World Archery Judges Committee. Morten played an active role as a Judge, then Judge educator at the international level and certainly was a mentor and friend to the Australian International judges. He will be sorely missed by us all.

Vale Morten.

You be the Judge - Answers from Issue 100

Thank you to those who replied to the Case Studies from Issue 100, **however, we have a big decrease in the % of replies in most RGBs. See below:**

RGB	Judges	Replies	RGB	Judges	Replies
AACT	12	12	ASA	11	9
ASNSW	17	6	AV	22	8
AST	10	4	SQAS	14	10
ASWA	7	1	NQAA	6	3
<i>Oceania</i>			Total	99	51

Case studies answers from last edition are given below.

100.1 A recurve archer comes to equipment inspection at a local shoot with a string with two knots about 10 cm from each of the loops. The knots are made with the same string, probably to shorten it. Would you allow these knots?

Most of the judges who replied agreed that the rules refer only to attachments to the string (i.e. one attachment is permitted to serve as lip or nose mark), and that the bowstring must not assist in aiming. The knots are not attachments, but are part of the string and out of the line of sight of the archer. Therefore the knots are allowed under the Rules.

Some of our judges suggested advising the archer not to use the knots at future tournaments, and a few brought up the safety issue of such a string. Some suggested it is irrelevant at what level event this bow was presented. The rules apply equally at all events. The point is, that it is unlikely that an experienced archer would present such a bow set up at a major event!

100.2 An archer shot an arrow which broke into 3 pieces; 1 piece ended up behind the shooting line, 1 piece fell at her feet and the other piece ended up 20 metres out in front of the shooting line. The judge allowed her to shoot another arrow by the wording of rule 12.5.1. Was the judge's decision correct or incorrect?

There were split opinions here, but the majority of the judges quoted rule 12.5.1, especially the phrase *'a part of the arrow shaft lying within the shooting line and the 3m line'*. The rule does not say it has to be the complete arrow, or even the section of the arrow with the point. However, an unattached nock would not count as part of the arrow!

If, as in the case study, a portion of the arrow is found 20 metres in front of the line, there must have been some attempt at shooting here, but since a different part of the arrow is in the 3m area, the archer is entitled to shoot another arrow and the judge's decision was correct.

100.3 What would be the end score for the Compound archer in the QRE situation below?



Assuming the arrow at the top of the target is an '8', the score would be X9988M. This case study was to remind everyone that we score an arrow at the end closest to the point, even if another part of the arrow is in another scoring zone.

NEW CASE STUDIES

You be the Judge, No 101:

101.1 In a WA indoor event, on the first of three practice ends, an archer shoots an arrow after the signal for shooting to cease has sounded. What should the judge who notices this do? What penalty should be applied?

101.2 An archer at a field shoot goes to the butt to score the arrows, and unknown to him, an arrow falls from his quiver to the ground. While scoring the end another archer sees the arrow on the ground and says that the archer has shot an extra arrow and must lose his highest scoring arrow. The archer pleads his innocence and a judge is called. How would the judge handle this situation?

101.3 You are a judge appointed to a National event. On practice day, the Chairman of Judges calls you aside and says your hat does not comply with the requirements of AA's judges uniform and that you may not wear it on the Field of Play during the event. You explain you have always worn it at RGB events and no one has previously objected.

You add that in the winter time, you wear a red woollen beanie and matching scarf wrapped around your face.

- a) What is your opinion regarding the situation outlined above?
- b) What are the requirements for judges' headwear in Australia and where is this information to be found?
- c) Does the hat you wear comply to the requirements of Archery Australia National Judges?

Please remember to give reasons and quote current World Archery or Archery Australia rules and/or judge guidebooks to reference each of your answers.

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 email their answers directly to officials@archery.org.au by August 31st, (but inform your RGB administrator you have done so).

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

Until next time - Happy Judging!

Karen