

Dear Judges,

As you should be aware, all Australian National Judges are due for re-accreditation in June of this year.

National Judge Candidates still have 24 months from the time of their NJC course, so do not need to complete forms unless they have earned enough points to apply for upgrade to National Judge status.

More information about what to do before the end of June is to be found in the article later in this newsletter.

All the best from your Officials Committee,

Karen O'Malley

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Congratulations ... Go Go Go Victoria!

Thanks to Archery Victoria for running a Judge Training seminar in February, which has resulted in seven new NJCs for that RGB.

Thanks to National Judges, Peter Nelson-Furnell, Dawn Nelson-Furnell and Merv Grinstead for their organisation and welcome to Anastasia Anagnostou, Peter Cave, Brian Fitton, Fergus Forsyth, Stephen Jacobs, Terence Lyons and Alex Moulder.

Congratulations also go to Debbie Tremelling, also from Victoria, who completed her time as a NJC and is now a National Judge.

All the best for a long and successful judging career, folks.

A Little bit about Clout

Archery Australia rules changes come into force on January 1st of the year following their approval by the AA Board. As of January this year there has been a change to the procedures for scoring Clout.

Rule 12.8.7 has been amended to require all archers on a Clout target to remain at the scoring area until all arrows of all archers on that target have been scored. This is to bring Clout rules into line with the procedures followed in Target, where archers remain at the target until all arrows have been scored.

It is important that the scoring area, where the scoring cord is rotated around the Clout, should be either short grass or recently mowed to enable accurate scoring. Remember, the arrow scores in the zone where the shaft first emerges from the ground (AA Rule 12.8.12). 'Ground' in this context does not mean 'soil', but 'ground level'. So archers are not permitted to part the grass to seek the point as it emerges from the soil. The score is the value where the cord intersects with the grass ... no parting or digging in order to gain an extra point!

And yes, we've all heard the jokes about 'pulling the clout cord more tightly', but remember, the clout cord should have no slack or bends in it as it travels around.. Sometimes it may be necessary to lift the clout cord over the arrows and come back on them in order to ascertain the correct value.

Judges Appointments January to May 2016.

Thank you to the judges and National Judge Candidates who applied for the National events in the first part of 2016 and allow these events to proceed.

For your interest these are the appointees:

Olympics Training Camps (all held at SQld clubs)

Jan 23/4: A.Hagaman, M.Dixon, S.Stark, P.Buhot

Mar 7-9: B.Hagaman, A.Hagaman, K. Vaughan

May 20-22: (To be confirmed) K.O'Malley, S.Licht, S Stark

Australian Open, Samford Valley SQld: Mar 4-6: E.Crowther (CoJ), D.Sutton (DoS), K.O'Malley, E.Halil, P.Buhot, S.Stark, P.Gill, K.Manssen (judges), M.Logan (reserve)

National Youth Championships, Penrith NSW: Mar 24-30: K.O'Malley (CoJ), D.Deaves (DoS), E.Halil, S.Licht, B.Hall, A.Crampton, K.Winkler (judges)

National Matchplay Series Final, Adelaide SA: April 15-17: Jim Larven (CoJ), L.Attrill, G.Locke (judges)

National Crossbow Championships, Tanunda SA: May 9-11: G.Martin, R.Tripp, S.Caldicott (judges)

National Field Open, Sherbrooke Vic: May 13-15: S.Licht (CoJ), G.Licht, E.Halil, S.Atkins (judges), P.Nelson-Furnell (mentoring new Victorian NJCs)

I will send an email calling for volunteers for the National Championships in October, in coming weeks.

The Australian Open, South Queensland

The Australian Open was held in Brisbane last month. This was immediately followed by the Selection Trials for the Olympic Games to be held in Rio later this year.

Since Archery Australia is holding more Matchplay events through the hosting RGBs, this tournament provided a great opportunity for the seven local South Queensland judges to officiate at a high level Matchplay event.

Thanks to the Judges appointed to this event for your efforts and thank you to Samford Valley Target Archers for hosting the event.

Youth National Championships, Penrith, NSW



Photo: Archers arriving for Day 1

The Youth National Championships was held in Penrith over the Easter holiday break. This was immediately followed by the separate Youth Matchplay event, since Matchplay is no longer a component of the Youth Nationals.

Thanks to the judges for your professional and diligent work over the week and thank you to Penrith City Archers for hosting the event. Particular mention must go to Eric Halil and Andrew Crampton, who stayed on after the Youth Nationals to officiate at the Matchplay event, with very short notice. Congratulations guys!

New Judges Polos

In the photo below, Judges appointed to the Youth Nationals are seen wearing the new version of the JUDGES shirt, which will be provided free to all Archery Australia National judges re-accrediting from July. The current polos are still part of the AA Judges uniform for those of you who have them, but will be phased out as the new 'quick dry' version replaces them over time.



Photo: Judges at Youth National Championships

World Archery Rules

Just as the Archery Australia Rules come into force on January 1 each year, so too, the World Archery Rulebook is made official from April 1 each year.

There are several new bylaws you should be aware of which come into force from April 1, 2016. Please see the World Archery website:

-  Chest strapping [Bk3 Art21.6.5 Chest strapping.pdf](#)
-  Fee for Interpretation [Bk1 Art1.16.8 Fee for Interpretation.pdf](#)
-  Margin on Target Butt [Bk2 Art8.1.1.8 Margin on Target Butt.pdf](#)
-  Target Butt Equipment [Bk2 Art7.2.1.2 Target Butt Equipment.pdf](#)
-  Target face for W1 [Bk3 Art21.4 Target face for W1.pdf](#)
-  VI Coaching [Bk3 Art21.12.9.8 VI Coaching.pdf](#)

NOTE: Use of camouflage equipment: (in force at high level international events, from 2016 does not apply to bows in use at events in Australia)

http://www.worldarchery.org/Portals/1/Documents/Rules/Bylaws/2014/Bk3_Art.11.3.3_Art.20.1.1_Bk4_Art.33.1.pdf

Judge Re-accreditation 2016

National Judges, your RGB judges co-ordinator will receive a copy of the details you have included in the Judges Online Diary, and will be asked to verify this information against their records.

For this last accreditation time only, individual judges are asked to complete the proforma called '*National Judge Re-accreditation Record*' and forward to your RGB judges co-ordinator, who will verify and forward to me at officials@archery.org.au

And, yes, we are aware that some people will be filling in their information from their little red books this time, but no more!

For the accreditation period 2016-20, we plan to begin a new database in the Judges Online Diary with individual log-ons and passwords, so each of you who re-accredits will be able to view your own online records, as will the RGB co-ordinator. This is in response to the enquiries regarding access to your individual information.

Any National Judge Candidates who have enough points to upgrade to National Judge need to complete the proforma called '*National Judge Candidate Accreditation Record*', whether this is in June or anytime later.

The Officials Section of the Archery Australia website under *ABOUT ARCHERY* contains the pro-formas you will need, so there is no need to contact me to send them to you.

You were all sent the 'secret judges business' password in 2014 and, as this section of the website has all the material you would need to access to perform your judging role, I'm certain you know your way around there by now. However, both of the proformas required for June 2016 are available without going into the password protected area.

The requirements to re-accredit are on the 2 forms. Please download now and begin the process.

*Under the current process, any NJ with insufficient points to re-accredit is entitled to apply to the Officials Committee who will consider applications on a case-by-case basis. The expired NJ **may** be entitled to remain as a NJC for the minimum accreditation period (12 months) and re-fulfil the requirements to become a National Judge, including working under the supervision of a NJ at events and completion of all case studies.*

Please contact me at officials@archery.org.au if this might apply to you.

You be the Judge - Answers from Issue 87

Remember you need to answer more than 50% of Case Studies to remain accredited. You have 7 weeks to reply ... do it now!

The table shows the number of Judges and NJCs in each RGB and the replies received for Newsletter 87:

RGB	Judges	Replies	RGB	Judges	Replies
ACT	9	8	SA	11	11
NSW	18	8	Vic	11	8
Tas	15	8	SQld	13	8
WA	8	2	NQld	7	6
<i>Oceania</i>		1	Total	92	59

Case studies responses.

87.1 At an outdoor WA-registered Qualifying and Ranking Event, scoring was done on paper and electronically.

However, either only one electronic device was available for three targets, or the others had malfunctioned. The result was that one person was operating the electronic scoring across all three targets.

For the first target that person was able to score the arrows as they were called and simultaneously written on paper. For the second target it was barely possible to get the scores before the arrows were pulled. The scores for the third target were transcribed from the paper scoresheet.

As a judge noticing this, how would you proceed?

This case raises a few issues which some judges identified correctly. As the rules state at 14.4.1, there will be two score cards for each target, one of which may be electronic. Double scoring is required at each target so that errors are minimised. Everybody recognised that; well done.

I am sure, both as judges and competitors, we've all witnessed one archer actually doing the scoring and the second 'scorer' merely copying from the first. This case is much like that and it is not OK to proceed in this way. The judge needs to tell the archers double scoring means TWO separate scorers recording and adding individually. Here is our opportunity to educate our competitors.

Additionally, Rule14.2.1 requires 'none of the arrows, the target face or butt shall be touched until until the value of all the arrows on the butt have been recorded'. Some of you said correctly that one thing a judge could do is ask the archers to leave their arrows in the butt until the person with the electronic scoring device got to their target ... which of course may cause delays in scores being recorded.

The best responses also mentioned using your radio to contact the organisers to get paper score cards for the targets that did not have an electronic device.

These would need to be out at the targets before the scoring of the next end took place and would satisfy the double scoring requirement.

Should the organisers need the scores to be recorded electronically, the scores later can be transferred into the electronic device from the paper score cards.

87.2 At an Indoor competition, a judge noticed a young archer had an unusual stance on the line. This archer was in good standing and had a chance to get a high ranking score. The competition was being held in a fairly new hall, and the painted basketball floor markings were being used to designate the shooting line. These markings are about 7-10cms in width.

It looked like the young archer's rear foot was on the line, putting the body somewhat in front of other archers who had feet equally distant from the line.

Because of the difficulty of getting a clear view, and anxious not in any way to discomfort any archer, judges conferred to see where exactly the rear foot was placed.

The rules indicate archers should stand 'astride' the line, but it was difficult to interpret this exactly. Measurements for an unshot arrow go from the centre of the shooting line.

The best observations agreed the archer's foot barely grazed the painted line on the floor. The judges decided not to speak to the archer who went on to shoot a very good score.

However, the judges wanted to know how far this behaviour could go:

- Should feet be roughly equi-distant from the line on either side?
- Could the rear foot be on the painted shooting line at all?
- Could the majority of the rear foot be behind the centre of the shooting line, and still be legal?

At what point would you have spoken to the archer? (Please have a good look at the Rulebook regarding this case study.)

Judges, here is another example of using the Official Practice time effectively. This unusual positioning of the archer should have been picked up before the competition began, as it appears to give the archer an unfair advantage.

Rule 12.4 is clear ... 'Except for persons with disabilities, athletes shall shoot from a standing position and without support, *with their body above the shooting line.*' This wording has replaced the previous 'astride the shooting line' which a number of you quoted, in order to be inclusive of the archers with a disability.

I was interested in the variety of responses to this question, including those judges who consulted the dictionary for a definition of 'body', and those who are still referring to numbering in a previous Rulebook.

Please download and use the version of the WA Rules current at April 1, 2016.

87.3 You are a judge at a Target event and an archer approaches you saying there is not enough room to fit all 3 scopes on the shooting line for her target. You are conducting equipment inspection and there is 30 minutes until the beginning of Practice.

What is your response to the archer?

Here is a case which asks you to make a judgement about using your time wisely. One assumes as judges you have arrived early enough to satisfy yourselves that the field of play has been correctly set out and that each archer has the minimum of 80cm on the Shooting Line as required in the Rules.

Almost nobody in the responses I received would tell the archer to go and sort this out with the other archers assigned to their target. What surprised me was how many of you were prepared to leave your job at equipment inspection to deal with this archer. I believe there would be some annoyed people in the Equipment queue!

Scopes are dealt with in Rule 11.1.9.1 and 11.1.9.2 and at 4.8 in the *World Archery Judges Guide Book*. It has been my experience that when faced with the possibility of having all telescopes removed from the line, the archers soon work out a way to fit themselves and their equipment within their allocated space.

This case provides us with an example of when archers may need/wish to change from their allocated shooting position, A,B or C to allow two people to share a scope, or to allow tripod legs to be entwined.

NEW CASE STUDIES You be the Judge, No 88:

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

88.1 At a state level Clout event, you are asked to call an arrow value as the ground in the scoring zone is uneven and there is some discussion about where this arrow first emerges from the turf, which is quite long.

One archer asks you if he is permitted to separate the grass to see where the arrow emerges from the soil at ground level. What is your reply?

88.2 At an outdoor Target event, the wind has been very gusty and skies are darkening. In the distance you see flashes of lightning and hear thunder. How do you proceed?

Please look at the Archery Australia Tournament Management Policy on the website to assist with your answer at

<http://www.archery.org.au/About-Us/Policies-and-Procedures/Policy-and-Procedures>

88.3 At a Field event, an archer calls you and says he has an equipment failure. How do you handle this situation?

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

Remember to log your responses in your Online Judges Diary.

Until next time – Hope you had a great Easter break

Karen