



Dear Judges,

Thank you for your dedication to our sport and your support of our archers over the last four years.

As you will all be aware, Re-accreditation paperwork is due to me by the end of June.

Anyone who has not met the requirements will no longer be eligible to judge.

To those of you who are not continuing as part of the Judging family, I hope your future does not exclude Archery.

Kind regards,

Karen O'Malley

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Congratulations and thanks

Congratulations to International Judge Susanne Womersley (Vic) who was recently elected to the position of President of World Archery Oceania.

Congratulations also, to Chris Clerke and Kathy Vaughan (NSW), Helena Kemp and Alan Kemp (NQld) and Greg Cox (ACT) who have achieved full accreditation as National Judges, in under two years.

Thanks to the hard-working team of Judges at the National Field Open in Sherbrook over the Mothers Day weekend: Sheryn Licht, Gunther Licht, Eric Halil and Stuart Atkins.

Also attending the Field Open were 5 new Victorian NJs who wished to gain more Field experience. These NJs were supervised by Peter Nelson-Furnell over the weekend: Anastasia Anagnostou, Fergus Forsyth, Peter Cave, Alex Moulder and Terry Lyons. Thanks for being so generous with your time.

Wayne Goodman who may be familiar to many of you and who this year achieved the milestone of 20 years as a National Judge, has moved permanently to New Zealand. Wayne is busy renovating a house there as well as shooting at club level. He passes on his best wishes to those in the archery community who made his 20 years of judging at tournaments in NSW such a pleasure.



Retirement of Ed Crowther

One of Australia's most active Judges has chosen to retire after 23 years as a National Judge. Ed Crowther's face has been particularly familiar in his home state of Victoria, but most competition archers who have been in the sport for any length of time would know and respect Ed. He is well known to our elite archers, having served at Olympics Trials and World Championships selections.

Ed has been both a Continental and International judge, officiating internationally as recently as April 2016 in Tonga. Ed is a veteran Chairman of Judges, having worked at State, Youth and National level since he first became a judge in 1993. He has judged at the Paralympics, World Championships and World Masters Games, as well as training and mentoring new judges (myself included) under the National Officiating Scholarship Program in Australia.

Ed was a member of the Archery Australia Officials Committee for 8 years, and edited the Judges Case Studies. Additionally, he has contributed to the sport in other ways, as a Board member and member of the AA Constitution and Rules Committee.

While Ed is planning to focus more on his sport of lawn bowls, his commitment to archery has never wavered. He fulfilled his commitment to judge at this year's Australian Open in South Queensland even though his bowls team had made it to the Finals in their competition at State level. What a guy!

Ed was awarded the Archery Australia Gold Plaque at the 2015 National Championships for his exceptional contribution to Archery over many years. All the very best for your retirement, Uncle Ed, and thanks from the archery community.

Becoming a Technical Delegate (TD)

Archery Australia is seeking to build a pool of national Technical Delegates, to liaise with the Organising Committee for National Events. Training will be made available. Specific travel and accommodation will be paid for, if you are appointed. The intention is that you would not be a TD for events in your home state.

Criteria for Application include:

Length of time as a Judge

Minimum experience of 3 National events

Chair of Judges (at least once) at a State Championships or National Championships or Youth Championships or Australian Open.

Application must be on the form attached to the email sending you this newsletter and requires a brief outline of your experience in Archery and emailed to officials@archery.org.au by Sunday 3rd July.

Re-accreditation Conditions 2016 - 2020

As we require our Judges to be up-to-date with events and Rules changes, during the next accreditation period, the 'points system' will be replaced with a **minimum requirement in each of the categories of 'Officiating Days', 'Case Studies Responses' and 'Other Events'**.

1) Officiating Days:

We are looking for officials who participate actively in the sport (average of 4 officiating days per year).

To re-accredit in 2020, judges will need 16 officiating days over 4 years.

A two-day event counts as two separate days.

There are to be no shooting judges.

2) Case Studies:

Judges must complete **50% of all case studies** during the re-accreditation period. As currently is the process, officials@archery.org.au is to be cc'd emails, as the case studies will still be monitored nationally in case there is no RGB Co-ordinator.

3) Other Judging events:

The emphasis is on Collaboration with other Judges. There is an expectation that judges will participate actively in discussion with at least one other judge, **once a year**.

This includes, but is not limited to, face-to-face, Skype or phone discussion (e.g. collaboration in discussing the annual changes to the Rulebooks, talking about issues encountered at an event while judging, etc.). Face-to-face group workshopping of Case Studies is also valid.

NOTE: To assist Judges meet this requirement, the Officials Committee will begin in 2017 to have Zoom (online) National Judges meetings to provide opportunities for collegial discussion and Rules clarification. In the first instance these will be for RGB co-ordinators but will be open to any other interested judges. We anticipate these will occur twice a year.

Failure to re-accredit: For those who do not re-accredit this time due to lack of points, there remains the option to apply to become an NJC and complete NJC requirements for one year. Applications to officials@archery.org.au will be dealt with on a case by case basis. *This is unchanged from our current policy.*

National Judge Candidates: From July 2016 any new NJCs will need to complete half the NJ Accreditation requirements, in a minimum of 12 months and a maximum of 24 months (*no change*).

'Officiating days' for NJCs must include at least one day acting as DoS or Assistant DoS (*no change*).

NJCs are entitled to officiate at both Tournaments and QREs; the proportion of QREs to Tournaments is currently under consideration.

Individual Judges and NJCs are responsible for logging their progress in their Judges Online Diary. No paper Applications will be accepted after June 2016.

Use of Smartphone Technology, especially in Field Shoots

There have been changes to the World Archery rules to disallow mobile phones and the apps which could assist in gauging distances and angles in Field.

All Judges please make it clear at Muster that while phones can be used for scoring electronically on Archers Diary, they must be in Flight mode and unable to be used as a Communication device or for any purpose to assist in working out face sizes or distances.

Reference current 2016 WA rules for Target:

11.3.2. Any electronic communication device, headsets or noise reduction devices in front of the waiting line provided that the use of software that simply allows the athlete to plot arrow impacts on the target as one would on printed paper used for the same purpose is permitted. No software that aids in bow sight adjustments may be used anywhere on the archery field (which includes any space either in front of or behind the shooting line up to the spectator area).

And for Field:

22.7. For athletes of all divisions the following equipment is not permitted:

22.7.1. Any electronic or electrical device that can be attached to the athlete's equipment.

22.7.2. Any electronic communication device (including mobile phones), headsets or noise reduction devices in front of the waiting line on the practice field and at any time on the course.

22.7.3. Any type of range finders or any other means of estimating distances or angles not covered by the current rules regarding athletes equipment.

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. Judges who are unfinancial are not permitted to officiate.

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.

Reminder: Responsibilities of NJCs

It is your responsibility, and a matter of courtesy, that Judge Candidates download and complete their own information on the NJC Evaluation Form for each event and give it to the Chairman of Judges to complete. Just keep spare paper copies in your Judges kit.

Also, 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!

The 'new' Judges Online Diary

Most of you by now will have accessed the new Judges Online Diary, from which you are now able to view and edit your own information, as well as exporting it as an Excel spreadsheet. This allows you to sort your entries according to Event Type, to facilitate your totaling your Officiating, Case Studies responses and participation in Collaborative/group activities with other judges.

Even if you have used the Online diary previously, you will now need to log on with your Archery Australia membership number and request a new password which will be emailed to the address you have given when you last renewed membership. Of course you are then free to re-set the password, but everyone needs to request a password at the first log-in.

Instructions are given on the home page. For new Judge Candidates, the Online Diary is located on the Archery Australia website under ABOUT US/ Judges and Officials/ Judges Information.

Please remember that ***YOU MUST enter all your judging history online to reflect your activities during the coming accreditation period 2016-20.***

2016 National Championships

The National Championships will be held in Adelaide, South Australia, from Oct 1st to 5th. Judges need to apply for the event to the Officials Committee at officials@archery.org.au by Sunday 19th June. The closing date has been extended as the original date was on the long weekend.

Successful applicants will be notified individually and the appointments will be published in the September edition of *Judges News*.

Ideally, we would have representation from each RGB and people with a range of experience, so don't be put off from applying if you are a National Judge Candidate with some experience already.

2016 National Indoor Event

The National Indoor Event is to be held in July (16th/17th). 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 Manual, and on the Archery Australia website.

It is our job to make sure the shooting rules are applied uniformly at each Venue. For the FITA Indoor event there should be 4 targets to each butt, ***even if there are not 4 archers assigned***. It does not matter whether the organisers 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 targets, the people at that particular venue have a 50% advantage over the rest of the country.

Similarly, while organisers can choose whether to offer triangular triple faces or vertical triple faces for the FITA Indoor, you cannot mix these within a category. If triple faces are used for the FITA Indoor, they all should be either triangular or vertical triple spots.

Regarding the Australian Indoor, there must also be 4 targets per butt, rotating the used faces top to bottom and bottom to top half way through, for similar reasons to those above. The rotation will be after 30 arrows.

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 and make sure everything is as it should be, before the event begins. Use the Indoor checklist and the Target setup document, found at the following link:

<http://www.archery.org.au/Portals/22/INDOOR%20TARGET%20LAYOUTS%20FINAL%202014.pdf>

From World Archery

The newest edition (2016) of the World Archery Rule Book is now online. This edition is current from April of this year.

It is your responsibility to keep yourselves updated on Rules Interpretations and By-Laws. Please visit the World Archery site regularly at and go to the 'Rules' section on the Home page.

Recent By-law changes to be implemented from April 1 2016, can be found at <http://extranet.worldarchery.org/documents/index.php/html/?dir=151>

And all the recent interpretations about equipment especially, can be found at: <http://extranet.worldarchery.org/documents/index.php/html/?dir=63>

You be the Judge - Answers from Issue 88

Thank you to all who replied to the Case Studies from Issue 88 ... the last for the current accreditation period.

RGB	Judges	Replies	RGB	Judges	Replies
AACT	9	9	ASA	11	7
ASNSW	17	5	AV	19	4
AST	15	10	SQAS	13	5
ASWA	8	3	NQAA	7	5
<i>Oceania</i>		1	Total	99	48

Case studies answers from last edition are given below.

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?

This case was to check whether you had read the information about Clout in the last newsletter! 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.

A good judge would educate the person who had asked about the Rule and explain the process on the way back to the shooting line, so as not to delay the scoring process unduly, and explaining that the Clout Rules are in parallel with the Target Rules which do not allow archers to touch the face or butt until all arrow values have been recorded.

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>

The Tournament Management Policy is unequivocal and perfectly clear. We just need to be aware of what it contains and ensure it is followed absolutely.

'The event must be delayed, suspended/postponed if lightning poses a major risk.' It goes on to say at *'the first sign of lightning, even in the distance, all shooting shall be immediately ceased and the field of play evacuated until the threat has passed.'*

Please judges, make yourself familiar with this document as you, in consultation with the organisers, make the decision about if and when an event is delayed, postponed or cancelled due to weather conditions.

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

Thankfully everyone who answered got this just about perfect because you did a re-write of WA Field Rule 24.4:

'In case of equipment failure the order of shooting may be temporarily changed. In any case no more than 30 minutes shall be allowed to repair any equipment failure. The other athletes in that group shall shoot and score their arrows before allowing any following groups to shoot through. If the repair is completed within the time limit, the athlete in question may make up any arrows remaining to be shot on that target. If the repair is completed later, the athlete may rejoin his group but shall lose the arrows his group has shot in the meantime.

In the case of an athlete being unable to continue shooting because of a medical reason which occurred after the beginning of the shoot, the same provisions apply.

So, you as a judge have indicated at your Muster briefing before the event started (preparation prevents problems!) exactly when the 30 minutes make-up time will begin. Will it be when the Judge is called and arrives at the group with the affected archer? Will it begin from the time the archer exits the field accompanied by the judge? Should you as a Judge notify via the Organisers to the coach or other support people that the archer is on the way out of the field and could be met with the necessary material to effect repairs, or a spare bow? Of course, this time will be measured differently from course to course depending on terrain and the time it will take to exit the field from the furthest target. As long as all archers have been given the same information, all should be well.

On another note, you should first explain the process to the whole group and it may be necessary to radio another judge and explain the situation, in case the repairs cannot be made within the time and the group needs to continue shooting.

Finally, if it was only ever a group of 3 archers, either a judge or someone from the OC (or even the person with the equipment failure) will need to accompany the remaining 2 archers to verify scoring for the remainder of the course.

NEW CASE STUDIES You be the Judge, No 89:

These are the first Case Studies for the new Accreditation period. Remember you need to answer at least half of the case studies to maintain your accreditation as a National Judge.

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

89.1 May a Compound archer attach a release aid to a string before the athlete is to shoot his/her arrow and leave it hanging there so that when it is that athlete's turn to shoot he/she can load the arrow and simply take hold of the release aid and draw the bow?

89.2 What markings if any, are allowed on the back of a riser (the side facing the archer) for Field events?

89.3 A Compound archer presents this release aid shown below at equipment inspection. What is your determination about the legality of such a release aid and explain your reasoning, based on the Rules.



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 MUST log your Case Study responses in your *Judges Online Diary* at www.archery.org.au in the ABOUT ARCHERY/OFFICIALS section. The space to list Case Studies is on the right half of the screen menu.

Until next time - Happy Judging!

Karen