

# JUDGES NEWS



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**Dear Judges,  
All the best for the  
Festive Season**

The members of the Officials Committee wish you a happy holiday time and hope you enjoy your holiday reading.

Thanks to all of you who officiated during 2016. Please make sure you read all the bulletins from Archery Australia which are sent to you. I will not in general be repeating that information in the **Judges News**.

Kind Regards,

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## **Congratulations**

### **Services to Judging Awards**

By the end of 2016, the following judges will have achieved milestones in their Officiating career.

Honorary Judge (retired): Ed Crowther  
30 years: Bob Welden (SA)  
20 years: Wayne Goodman (NSW)  
15 years: Darren Parker (NQld)  
10 years: Robert Tripp (SA)

Years of Service Certificates and Badges will be presented to these judges at a suitable event in 2017. Ed and Bob received their awards earlier this year.

Congratulations from us all and thank you on behalf of the archers you have served over the years.

## More National Judges ...

Congratulations to the following people who have successfully upgraded their accreditation from NJC to become National Judges in 2016: Most recently, Phil Gill from SQld, but also Chris Clerke and Kathy Vaughan (NSW), Deb Tremelling (Vic) and Alan and Helena Kemp (NQld).

We welcome a new NJC, Christopher Lowe, who has come to Australia from Great Britain and joined the SA judges recently. We have two other new NJCs - welcome to Bruce Symes and Peter Clark. Thanks to Alison Hagaman for running another training course in SQld.

## Membership reminder

To those judges in RGBs where you are due to renew your Archery Australia membership, make sure you do so before Jan 1, as you must be a financial member to officiate at events.

## Dealing with Bad Sportsmanship

All Archery Australia members have the right to attend an event and have an enjoyable day's shooting and the opportunity of achieving at their best. On occasions, the behaviour of some individuals can interfere with the enjoyment of others, either directly or indirectly.

Archery Australia already has a Zero Tolerance Policy in place regarding Unsportsmanlike Behaviour (Policy 1041). This is available for members to read on the Archery Australia website. Such behaviour is also prohibited in the Rules (AA 12.5.12; WA 15.1.7.1) and will be dealt with according to the existing Archery Australia policy, from 2017, so judges need to be aware of the contents of the Policy and follow the process outlined below, should the need arise, from January 1, 2017.

**FIRST OFFENCE:** A judge will warn the offending archer that their unsportsmanlike behaviour will lead to disqualification of scores if it does not stop. If the behaviour ceases, the judge indicates the circumstances of the behaviour on the Event Verification Form, a copy of which is sent to the address for Archery Australia and a copy to [officials@archery.org.au](mailto:officials@archery.org.au), and takes no further action.

The Officials Committee Chairman will file the Event Verification form, in case repeated first warnings are given to the same archer at subsequent events. Repeated offenders will then be brought to the attention of the Archery Australia Board via the CEO. See process at **SECOND or CONTINUING OFFENCE**, below.

**If the behaviour continues**, or if abuse is directed at the judge, the channel for removing an offending archer is outlined in AA Rule 12.5.12 'A judge shall first caution the offender and, if the offence is repeated, may direct the person to withdraw from the event.'

To indicate that the archer is to be disqualified, the judge shows the RED card, informing the archer he is disqualified from this point and records the circumstances

in the judges notebook (noting the time/end in the competition). The offending competitor (or spectator) is to be asked by the judge to leave the event.

The judge will later inform the organisers that from the point of disqualification, any additional scores for the archer do not count.

The circumstances of the disqualification are to be recorded on the Event Verification Form which as normal, is sent to the address for Archery Australia and as mentioned above, a second copy is to be sent by the judge to [officials@archery.org.au](mailto:officials@archery.org.au) The Chairperson of the Officials Committee will ensure this is dealt with at Board level.

**SECOND or CONTINUING OFFENCE:** The Chairman of the Officials Committee will put the case to the Board that the offending archer has been dealt with according to Archery Australia's policy and this should be followed up with an Official Caution and threat of suspension should the unsportsmanlike or aggressive behaviour be repeated.

The Chairman of the Officials Committee may also suggest to the Board that an archer's membership should be suspended for a period of 6 months, depending on the circumstances of the disqualification (e.g. continued sledging, or abuse directed to an official).

**RETURN TO COMPETITION:** Should the archer be suspended for any time, the next Event Verification Form should indicate whether the behaviour has stopped. Subsequent offences will be treated more severely, with further sanctions imposed (e.g. a behaviour modification undertaking agreed to before the archer's membership is re-instated).

Judges, this process is to support you as officials. Officials, other competitors and organisers must be treated respectfully. All Judges need to follow the procedure outlined above, in enforcing the existing Policy.

## ***Farewell QRE Officials ... hello Event Judges***

The Officials Committee and IT Committee members have been working together to create further online training courses which will be made available in 2017.

The next online training course, 'Principles of Judging', will be available free of charge to all members early next year and all existing QRE Officials will be required to complete the course before the end of March 2017.

There will then follow three discipline-specific training Modules, 'Target & Indoor', 'Field' and 'Clout', any one of which existing QRE officials can complete online. This will earn them the new title of 'Event Judge-Target' or 'Event Judge-Field' or 'Event Judge-Clout'. Event judges will be provided with a royal blue EVENT JUDGE polo shirt, in the same style as the new red National JUDGES shirts.

Any Event Judge wishing to become a National Judge Candidate would need to gain their competency certificate in all 5 online Modules. **The online training does not replace the current face-to-face delivery of Judge training**, which can still be delivered over one weekend or across several weeks, depending on students' needs. However, it gives people the possibility of becoming a judge at their own

pace from home and, as the course modules can be done over a number of sessions to suit the student's needs, we see this style of training as an opportunity for people in more remote places to become National Judge Candidates.

National Judges who did not have the required points to re-accredit in June 2016 may elect to complete any one of the discipline-specific Modules and remain on as an Event Judge. These people will not need to complete 'Principles of Judging' as they have already been a Judge and have undertaken that training. This will allow experienced judges who do not wish to reaccredit as National Judges to run QREs and officiate at local events in the discipline in which they are accredited.

Event Judges will not need to complete Case Studies. However, as Rules and procedures change, it will be a requirement that Event Judges re-do the training Module every 2 years to ensure they remain up-to-date.

## ***World Archery Rulebook and Interpretations***

Regarding Rules, World Archery is looking at the possibility of reducing the size of the compound Indoor target, so that the overall size of the target in relation to the smaller 10 ring would be proportional and all scoring zones would be 20mm in width.

This new target face (for Compound Indoor events only), will be on trial to get feedback from archers at indoor events in Europe over our Summer.

Please go regularly to the World Archery website to look for Rules/by law changes and Official interpretations, in order to stay abreast of the current state of play.

Examples of the latest Interpretations:

What constitutes a 'bounce out'?

Can an archer use a range of marks for field sights?

What is the definition of a wheelchair?

Unfortunately, the interpretations are filed alphabetically, not by date, but as you become more familiar with the content, you will recognise any additions.

## ***Judges at 2017 National Events***

The Application Form for next year's appointments has been sent to all judges and NJCs. To refresh your memory, following are the event dates:

Australian Open (Brisbane, March 3-5),  
Aus Field Open (Canberra, March 10-12),  
Para & VI Championships (Canberra, March 24-26),  
National Youth Championships (Morwell, Vic, April 8-13),  
National Matchplay Series Final (Sydney, May 6-7),  
National Championships (Perth, November 4-9).

Remember, the **closing date** for applications for all 2017 events is next Friday, Jan 5th. *Particularly consider volunteering for one or other (or both) of the National Championships (Morwell or Perth).*

Archery Tasmania will be hosting the Archery component of the Australian Masters Games in Burnie, from 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. If you are considering accompanying someone to the Australian Masters Games, or planning a little holiday in Tassie at that time of the year, please let me know at [officials@archery.org.au](mailto:officials@archery.org.au), should you like to volunteer as a judge.

The week's events will be 2 days Target, one day Clout then 2 days Field.

*(Please note: travel and accommodation would be at your own expense as this is not an Archery Australia-managed event.)*

## **You be the Judge - Answers from Issue 90**

Thank you to everybody who replied to the Case Studies from Issue 90. Remember you need to answer more than 50% of Case Studies to remain accredited.

The table below shows the number of Judges in each RGB and the replies received for Newsletter 90 which is an **excellent response level from all our newly re-accredited judges. Well done!**

RGB	Judges	Replies	RGB	Judges	Replies
ACT	8	8	SA	12	12
NSW	13	5	Vic	17	13
Tas	13	11	SQld	12	9
WA	5	3	NQld	5	4
<b>Oceania</b>			<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>65</b>

### **Case studies responses**

90.1 At an AA clout event, an archer takes an additional arrow forward of the shooting line and into the scoring zone. The judge at the event takes the archer's highest scoring arrow for that end, quoting AA Rule 12.8.3 *'When approaching the target athletes shall not carry any arrows in their quiver. All spare arrows shall be left behind the waiting line.'*

What is your opinion of the judge's decision?

The judge is correct in quoting the rule that prohibits archers from taking arrows forward of the Waiting Line when approaching the scoring area. However, the Rules do not include any penalty for doing so.

The judge's blanket statement about arrows being left behind the Waiting Line would also prevent archers from having spare arrows at their shooting position (in a ground quiver, or in their belt quiver attached to a spotting scope, or simply stuck into the ground, all of which are quite OK. The intent of the Rule is to prevent someone shooting 5 arrows and 'accidentally' dropping a 6<sup>th</sup> arrow in a high scoring zone ... i.e. cheating. Archery Australia 12.8.3 was introduced to prevent odd arrows falling out of quivers, given the nature of clout scoring (thank you for this information ASA).

Judges must be aware of what the archers on their target are doing, not just blindly walk to the scoring area. Should a judge notice someone with one or more arrows in their quiver beyond the 3m line, the obvious thing to do is to send the archer back to deposit the arrow behind the Shooting Line, or ask the archer to stick the arrow upright in the turf to be collected on the way back, or to give the arrow to the judge to carry.

This is an example of when a judge also acts as an educator ... and the DoS, whoever it is, should have reminded all competitors that no arrows were to be taken forward of the shooting line on scoring ends.

90.2 At equipment inspection a Youth archer presents a recurve bow and arrows which are perfectly legal. During practice it is evident that the bow is too short for this archer's drawlength. As a judge, what do you do?

At equipment inspection judges are checking for the legality of equipment, not for whether the equipment is 'safe' or 'faulty'. We are applying the Rules to ensure an equal playing field within each category of competition.

So, while you may notice a broken nock or a fraying string, or even limbs put on upside down, it is not our job to ensure the archer has equipment safe to use. We may notice a youth archer who is struggling with a bow of too high poundage, or arrows that are too short. It is all in the way we approach the competitor (or in the case of young/inexperienced archers, preferably their parent or another member of their club).

In our scenario here, you might bring the item to the archer's notice, but do so in a non-threatening, friendly way. And certainly, you cannot prevent the person from shooting 'in case there might be an accident' ... Archery Australia DOES have insurance and we are not there as judges with a duty of care in this respect.

Remember when you have the red shirt on, you are seen to be speaking as a Judge, not as a concerned person or experienced coach. This is one reason we must restrict ourselves to comments only about legality of equipment. Another reason is that, should we be pointing out apparently 'unsafe' equipment and miss one faulty piece of equipment (e.g. cracked arrows), we are not being equally (un)fair to every archer.

90.3 (a) An archer has headphones in his ears while standing behind the Waiting Line. What do you do, if anything?

There is nothing in the Rules to prevent an archer from listening to music or coaching/relaxation material behind the Waiting Line. See WA 11.3.2

(b) You notice during the practice ends that an archer has cotton wool or earplugs in her ears when on the shooting line. What do you do, if anything?

Practice is an excellent time to check archers' drawing methods and other items. If you encounter the above situation, approach the archer and ask nicely why they are wearing the cotton or earplugs. If the response is 'to drown out background noise', then the judge may well ask the archer to remove the items from their ears (maintaining an equal playing field and safety ... they need to hear sound signals and announcements).

If the answer has a medical basis, then ask to check whether there is anything electronic in the ear behind the plugs or cotton wool (not allowed under WA11.3.2), then allow the archer to continue. We are not medically trained and cannot pass a medical judgement. However, the judge should tell the archer that if they have a medical condition which necessitates such intervention, in future they need to have a medical certificate to allow them to do so. Note the circumstances in your Judges Notebook and make sure the circumstances are recorded on the Event Verification Form, in case the archer is a 'repeat offender'.

## **NEW CASE STUDIES**

### **You be the Judge, No 91:**

91.1 a) Before Practice begins, you as a judge notice an archer warming up behind the Waiting line in the Equipment area, by repeatedly drawing his bow. What do you do?

b) The same archer shoots 7 arrows in his first Practice end. What do you do as a judge?

91.2 An group of archers calls you over for a line call which you handle according to procedure by looking along the tangent to the arrow and you make your call, saying 'the arrow is a nine'. However, the archers say they are not happy with your call and will record the arrow score as a ten. What do you think about this situation? How would you handle it as a judge at the event?

91.3 Part way through a Field shoot, you come upon a group which includes a sighted Recurve archer shooting from the Blue pegs. When you question him, he answers that he swapped allocations with an archer from another group so he could shoot this event with his novice son, who is in the barebow recurve category. How do you handle this situation as a 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.**

Please have your replies with RGB administrators by mid February, who in turn are asked to collate and forward replies by the end of February. Alternatively, judges can e-mail their answers directly to [officials@archery.org.au](mailto:officials@archery.org.au) by Feb 28th, (but inform your RGB administrator you have done so).

Remember to log your responses in the Online Judges Diary as 'Case Studies #91'.

**Until next time - Have a restful holiday season**

... *Karen*