



## Dear Judges,

We are already one year into the re-accreditation period, and it's good to see so many judges giving detailed responses to each set of Case Studies.

However, there are some NJs and NJCs who have submitted no case studies yet and I remind you, if you wish to remain a Judge, you MUST complete 50% of all Case Studies. Don't leave it all till 2018-20 ... Life will still get in the way in the second half of our re-accreditation period!

I can only hope these people are actively judging at events. I have checked the Judges Online Diary

and some of these people have entered no officiating activities either. PLEASE KEEP YOUR ONLINE DIARY CURRENT. On the other hand, if you wish to retire, please let the Officials Committee and your RGB Judges Co-ordinator know.

Your Committee met in late May for our AGM and as a result **there are two articles in this edition you need to act upon immediately to retain currency as a judge.**

Firstly, all Judges and NJCs, irrespective of when you gained your accreditation, must sign the 2017 agreement to the Officials Code of Ethics, which is being sent with this edition of the *Judges News* (see article below). This will be repeated with every four year re-accreditation cycle.

Secondly, all volunteers in the sport are required to have a Working with Children check (or whatever is the equivalent in your state). Many of you as Coaches would already have this. See the article below on Working With Vulnerable People.

Kind regards,

*Karen O'Malley*

## Congratulations and thanks ...

to **David Robertson** for running a Judges course in NSW, resulting in 4 new NJCs for the RGB.

**Welcome** to new National Judge Candidates: **Kristian Chambers-McLean**, **Lilia Hutchinson**, **Anabela Robertson** and **Greg Taylor** in NSW. Congratulations to **Jeff Jones** from Tasmania and **Fergus Forsyth** from Victoria who have accredited as a full National Judges.

We now have a total of 90 National Judges and National Judge Candidates active in the sport. Thank you all for your support of our archers.

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**Thanks** also to the hard-working team of Judges at the National Youth Championships. Pictured below are Bruce Lang (DoS), Eric Halil, Bruce Symes, Murray Frith, Chris Clerke, Sheryn Licht, Alex Moulder, Terry Lyons, Karen O'Malley. Thanks also to Brian Fitton who attended for 2 days to help out.



## Reminders: Membership Renewal

As many of us are due to renew our Archery Australia membership on the 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Responsibilities of 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. Just keep spare 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! It is preferable that you email them to [officials@archery.org.au](mailto:officials@archery.org.au) as soon as each event is over.

## Responsibilities of 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. Simply 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.

## Judges Code of Ethics agreement

The *Code of Ethics* agreement needs to be returned to Archery Australia with every Judges Re-accreditation application. We did not do this last July. For that reason, I am asking all of you, Judges and NJCs alike, irrespective of when you gained your accreditation, to complete and return to [officials@archery.org.au](mailto:officials@archery.org.au) the signed agreement to the 2017 version of the *Officials Code of Ethics*, which is being sent to each of you with this edition of the *Judges News*. You keep the copy of the Code and send Archery Australia your signed agreement to abide by the Code.

The deadline for this to be emailed (or snailmailed to the Archery Australia office) is 31<sup>st</sup> July. Please adhere to the deadline as I do not want to be chasing up people individually who do not return the signed document by the due date.

## Working With Vulnerable People

To fulfil the requirements of Archery Australia's Member Protection Policy, all volunteers in the sport are required to have a Working with Children check (or whatever is the equivalent in your state). We need this by the end of 2017 and will expect you to retain currency. Many of you as Coaches would already have had this check, so providing a photograph or copy of your card or other paperwork should not prove too difficult.

If you already have had this check and have an ID number, please include it when you return the Code of Ethics agreement form. There is a space at the bottom to include this information and the expiry date.

Otherwise, I will remind you all again in the September issue of Judges News that Dec 31 is the deadline for the checks to be completed. Please send your information or a photo of your paperwork/card to [officials@archery.org.au](mailto:officials@archery.org.au) as soon as you have it, but by 31/12 at latest.

## 2017 National Youth Championships



The National Youth Championships were held in Victoria, from April 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. Twin City Archers in Morwell were generous hosts for the event and more than 160 young people competed in Target, Field and Clout during the week.

The Championships provided a great opportunity for some new Victorian National Judges and NJCs to experience a large scale week-long tournament. While a Nationals is sometimes physically demanding and the days are often long, those who attended in Morwell as officials developed a great sense of camaraderie during the week's events.

As is the usual practice, attending judges collaborated on the current Case Studies and had a Judges Seminar, this time on *Principles and Practice of Matchplay*. This was timely as the Youth Match play event was held at the conclusion of the Nationals events and judges experienced both Team and Individual Match play.

## 2017 National Indoor Event

The National Indoor Event is to be held in July (22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>). 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 Operational Guidelines for the 2017 National Indoor, 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 targets per butt, rotating the used faces top to bottom and bottom to top half way through **even if there are not 4 archers assigned**. The rotation will be after 30 arrows. **Please note that this year, the National Indoor round is to be shot first.**

For the FITA Indoor event there should also be 4 targets to each butt. 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 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, you cannot mix these within a shooting category. They should be either all triangular or all vertical triple spots for the FITA Indoor.

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.

## From World Archery

It is your responsibility to keep yourselves updated on Rules Interpretations and By-Laws. For those of you who don't know, the newest World Archery rulebook comes into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April each year and incorporates any new Rule changes. Please visit the World Archery site regularly at [www.archery.org](http://www.archery.org) and go to the 'Rules' section on the Home page.

There are also interesting articles on shooting, equipment and events on the WA website and they change regularly. Archery-TV has excellent YouTube footage of high level events from which you can learn a lot as a judge.

## You be the Judge - Answers from Issue 92

Thank you to all who replied to the Case Studies from Issue 92.

RGB	Judges	Replies	RGB	Judges	Replies
AACT	8	8	ASA	12	9
ASNSW	16	9	AV	24	17
AST	10	5	SQAS	12	8
ASWA	3	3	NQAA	5	4
<i>Oceania</i>			<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>61</b>

### Case studies answers from last edition are given below.

**92.1** At a target event, the paper scorecard has had an arrow value changed from a 10 to an X, without having a judge's signature. The archers thought as it was the same value, there was no need to call a judge to initial the change. On the electronic scorecard, however, an X has been recorded. The two totals agree, but on a countback, the organisers discover this archer error. What value is the archer to be awarded, the X as per the electronic score card or the 10 on the paper scorecard, or is the arrow value a M? Explain your decision.

It is gratifying that most people got this one correct. One RGB came to no conclusion about what they would do, but quoted WA Rule 14.4.1 which was to apply in this case, so I assume it was a just so obvious to them that they didn't complete the response.

Even though the electronic score agreed with the '10' altered to an 'X', if a score has been written over on the paper score, the lower value is the score. Of course, the value must be recorded as a '10', as the lower score would stand on a paper scoresheet where the value had been over written.

**92.2** During official practice of 20 minutes at an indoor event, an archer has an equipment failure. After fixing the equipment, the archer asks for extra practice time as he believes he has been disadvantaged and is entitled to practise. What do you reply?

As the Judge in question, you would reply he should use whatever time is left to make sure the equipment is in fact fixed. He is just unfortunate because there can be no extension of the practice period to accommodate his equipment failure. (One might add, it's his responsibility to attend events with equipment that's not going to fail, but that's only likely to inflame the situation.)

The Rule applying to Equipment failure which so many of you quoted in responding to this Case Study, applies to the Qualification Rounds, that is, to scoring ends. This is to safeguard an archer's scores once the event has begun, should they experience an equipment failure. It does not apply to Practice and while WA Rules 16.1 refer to a maximum of 45 minutes practice, after which scoring ends are to begin, there is no minimum to be offered, except at World Championships.

**92.3** At Equipment Inspection for a 1440 Target event, an archer shows you two sets of arrows and asks if it is ok to shoot one set at the longer distances and one set at the shorter distances. What do you reply?

Arrows shot in any one end must be identical (WA 11.1.7.1). The archer is within her rights at a Target event to have multiple sets of arrows, as long as all have been shown at Equipment Inspection.

Had this archer been in the Barebow Recurve division, all the arrows used must be identical throughout the event. This is because Barebow Recurve equipment is covered in the WA Field rules.

However, both Barebow Compound and Longbow, shooting target, are covered by AA rules which treat their arrows the same as sighted archers, saying they must be the same 'in any one end'. Sad but true.

## **NEW CASE STUDIES      You be the Judge, No 93:**

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

**93.1** Two archers arrive 'late' missing the designated practice time for a target event. However, the scoring ends have already started and they have missed 3 ends because the organisers had been told the archers were not coming and began the event earlier than scheduled. You are CoJ at this event. How do you deal with the two 'late' archers?

**93.2** At a WA registered field event, an archer retires from shooting because he is injured and is escorted off the field by a judge. After receiving first aid at the muster area, the injured archer decides he he can shoot again and wants to re-join the event. However, his group has continued, as there are still 3 competitors and have shot another 3 targets. As the judge with the competitor, how do you handle this situation?

**93.3** You arrive at a clout event and in checking the distances to the scoring area, discover they are wrong. To move the clout would mean part of the scoring area would not be in the mown section.

What are your options so that the event can go ahead?

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](mailto: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](http://www.archery.org.au) in the ABOUT ARCHERY/OFFICIALS section.

**Until next time - Happy Judging!**

*Karen*