

Dear Judges,

This year, most of you will have received a new red Judges Notebook. Your Officials Committee looks at ways to show Archery Australia's appreciation of the hard work of our National Judges.

In 2017, each National Judge and National Judge Candidate who officiated at a National Championships, often using personal leave from work for a week, was given a red Archery Australia Judges Notebook.

They were so popular with your RGB Co-ordinators that most RGBs bought a supply for distribution at RGB level, also as a thank you to their judges.

For 2018, the Archery Australia Board has approved each judge at National Championships be given a free JUDGES polo shirt. Keep that in mind when you complete your Application for 2018 events, as I will need each person's polo shirt size and preference for long or short sleeves.

Kind regards,

Karen O'Malley

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Congratulations & Thanks

Congratulations to **Noel Snazelle** (NSW), **Lynda Strawbridge** and **Chester Gibson** (WA), **Aileen David**, **Dodz David** and **Steve Jacobs** (Vic) who upgraded from National Judge Candidate status since our last newsletter.

Thank you to the Officials Administrators and supervising National Judges who oversaw the accreditation requirements and took care of the paperwork.

Thanks to **Andrew Fluck** who ran a mid-winter judges course, resulting in 2 new NJCs for Tasmania, **Melissa Coull** and **Paula Duniam**.

Thanks also go to recently retired National Judges, **Russell Hoffman** (Tas) and **Bob Tripp** (SA) for their work as judges over the past ten years.

Finally, thank you to the Officials co-ordinators in the RGBs who are running online discussion of judging issues and case studies. We have increased our case studies response rate markedly as a result.

REMINDER TO ALL RGBs RE TRAINING OF NEW NJCs:

Archery Australia Officials Committee personnel are available (at cost) to run Judges Training or Judges refresher courses/workshops on a variety of topics for the RGBs.

Should you have a request please contact officials@archery.org.au to discuss your requirements.



National Matchplay Finals

Pictured are the Judges and DoS for the 2017 Matchplay Finals held in Western Sydney.

Despite wet weather in the days before, the archers shot in calm and dry conditions on raised platforms. Thanks to the hard working team who helped make the event such a success.

Reminders: (1) Working With Vulnerable People

I remind you that in order 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). Thank you to the many judges who have already sent this information which we need by the end of 2017 in order for you to retain currency. Send either a photo of your card or other paperwork. You will have noticed there is a space at the bottom of the Code of Ethics Agreement form to include this information and the expiry date at future re-accreditations.

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 as soon as you have it but by 31/12 at latest.

(2) Use of Electronic Devices (from Board News, June 2017)

World Archery has currently in place a rule for World Championships and World Cups that electronic communications are not permitted on the Field of Play. That is the area in front of the Waiting Line (Target, Indoor and Clout) or, for Field Archery, anywhere on the Field Course.

The purpose of this Rule is to prevent people undertaking communications with people which could involve coaching, providing information on Field Course conditions, scores etc.

This now brings into question the use of Electronic Communication Devices (phone, tablets etc.) for scoring.

It has been suggested these are not permitted but this then prevents the use of these devices for scoring purposes.

As has been recently communicated by World Archery, the World Archery Rules are intended for World Championships and World Cups, and National Federations (such as Archery Australia) can adapt the rules to fit their own unique requirements. We have done this previously with such rules as Shooting in the Shade, changing of Arrow Values on scorecards and the use of Camouflage equipment, which Archery Australia permits but World Archery does not.

The Archery Australia Board has agreed that the following policy on Electronic Communication Devices for all tournaments conducted in Australia will be effective immediately;

Electronic Communication Devices are permitted on the Field of Play for the purposes of scoring only.

They cannot be used for communication purposes such as personal communications, phone calls, emails, texting, messaging, social media etc. while on the Field of Play.

The use of Electronic Communication Devices for purposes other than scoring is not permitted.

Completing the Paperwork

National Judge Candidates who have fulfilled the requirements to become a National Judge should contact their RGB Administrator in the first instance and submit at RGB level all Evaluations covering the NJC period.

While you have 24 months to complete the required events in Field and Target, as well as being the DoS, it is necessary for the RGB to endorse the readiness of the candidate to become a National Judge and to submit the paperwork as a job lot to the Officials Committee.

It is not an immediate upgrade at the end of your 24 months. This may seem harsh, but once you are a National Judge you can be appointed as Chairman at events (and deal with the unpredictable issues that may arise). We do not want to put anyone in a situation of responsibility for which they are not yet ready.

NJCs, remember it is your responsibility to provide NJs at events with an Evaluation form already completed with your details at the top, so the form can be done immediately at the event.

Consequences of Breaking the Rules: Losing the score of arrows

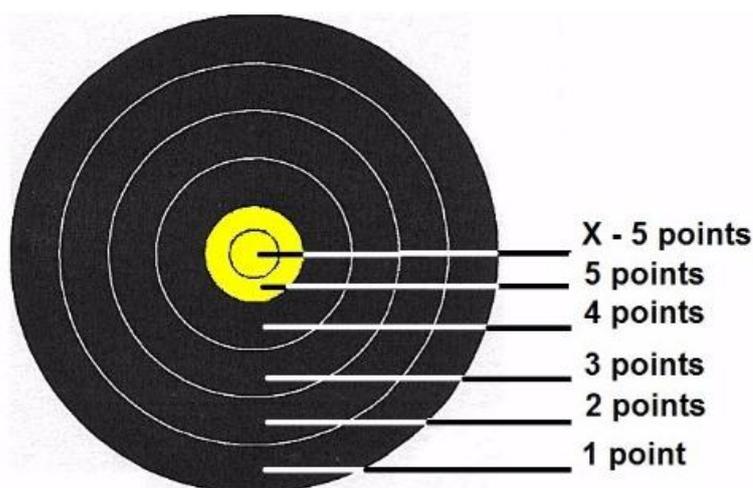
As judges we sometimes find there is no direct ruling covering a situation we encounter. That is when we need to use our experience and knowledge of the rules to make a **JUDG**ement. So, for example, the Archery Australia rules 12.8.3 say 'when approaching the (Clout) target athletes shall not carry any arrows in their quiver. All spare arrows shall be left behind the Waiting Line'. However, there is no designated consequence, should an athlete cross the 3m line with an arrow still in the quiver.

Simply because someone makes an error does not mean a judge can invent punishments ... certainly in the above case, the judge should ask for the arrow to be returned to behind the waiting line, or take the arrow until scoring is completed. But no judge should tell the archer 'they will lose their highest scoring arrow' for making this mistake. If you think about WHY that rule is there, it's to stop someone dropping an extra arrow into the scoring zone. All the judge needs to do is prevent that from happening by ensuring the spare arrow is identified (e.g. standing it up on the way down to the scoring zone)

The National Field round: Rules change since Jan 2017

This is information we all need to know and some of the following appeared in the June edition of the AA Board News. I bring it to your attention again here because this round will be shot at the upcoming Australian Masters Games. Whether you are there as a competitor or a judge, you need to be aware of how this round is shot. Refer to AA Rules 11.1.3.

The National Field Round consists of 28 targets and 112 arrows to be shot. Scoring for the National Field Round is – Four (4) arrows shot at each target (a possible score of 20 points per target) with a total score of 560 points. The Gold is worth 5 points with the X still scoring 5 points but scored as an X for tie-breaking purposes. The other scoring values are 4 points, 3 points, 2 points and 1 point (see below).



The course has very specific requirements. While the different bowtypes shoot from their 'regular' coloured pegs, some targets require archers to shoot walk ups at specific, given distances that are not in 5m increments.

This is a round for which archers need to get sights for the closer distances, ranging from 12m to 4m, depending on bowtype. See the distances at AA Field rules, S.11A.2.1.

2018 National Events

We are seeking applications from Judges and National Judge Candidates for National Events to be held in 2018.

Please consider your availability and willingness to gain experience by applying for one, some or all of the following:

Para and VI Championships (Tuggeranong, ACT. March 10-11)
Australian Open (Perth, WA. March 24-25)
National Youth Championships (Morwell, Vic. April 12-17)
Trans Tasman Challenge (Morwell, Vic. April 19-23)
Australian Field Open (Tuggeranong, ACT. April 28-29)
National Matchplay Series Final (Sydney, NSW May 13)
National Championships (TBA) *Notification will be in the Dec edition of **Judges News**.*

Applications are invited by the closing date of Friday, January 5th, 2018. Successful applicants will be informed by email. Judges' allocations will be published in the March 2018 edition of *Judges News*.

A separate Application Form has been emailed to each of you with this *Judges News*. Judges would need to arrive at least the morning of the day before the event dates. Following your appointment, your Chairman of Judges will provide exact details.

From World Archery

There are major changes being sought by the various World Archery Standing Committees (e.g. Field Committee, Target Committee, Constitutions and Rules Committee) at the upcoming Congress of Member Associations where the recommendations from the committees will be considered. If these changes come into place, we will see a very different World Archery Rule Book in 2018.

I will not go into details here; rather, let's wait to have the outcome from Congress. However, if the recommendations are accepted, we will need a more comprehensive Archery Australia Rule Book, since many rounds shot in Australia (e.g. the 1440 rounds) would be moved to the current WA Book 5: Miscellaneous Rounds.

You be the Judge - Answers from Issue 93

Again, thanks to the RGB co-ordinators who are organising discussion groups, whether meeting face-to-face or online. This is our best percentage return ever.

Come on, newer National Judge Candidates ... while it's good to see some of you have a go, many of you haven't even started ... just answer the ones you are sure about!

RGB	Judges	Replies	RGB	Judges	Replies
AACT	8	8	ASA	11	10
ANSW	15	11	AV	24	14
AST	10	8	SQAS	12	11
AWA	3	2	NQAA	5	4
<i>Oceania</i>			Total	88	68

Case studies answers from last edition are given below.

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?

This question provided quite polarised answers from Judges. About 55% would go by the Rules which state (WA 13.8) 'in no circumstances' may more than 12 arrows be made up, and only then if the lateness is because of circumstances beyond the archers' control.

About 50% of replies would allow the archers to make up all the arrows they had missed because the event was begun early and it was not the archers' fault, but only if the archers had arrived before scoring ends were scheduled to begin. (There is no rule to say you must be at practice). Otherwise, the feeling was to proceed as above (12 arrows max.)

Two very clever respondents calculated the minimum of 20 mins practice plus 3 missed ends of say, 10 minutes each, would mean the organisers must have started an hour early ... unlikely ... and so the archers were going to be late anyway and therefore would forfeit all arrows already shot!

As Chairman, it is part of your job to make sure Equipment Inspection, Practice and Scoring happen at the advertised times. Despite the calculations above, in this scenario, we must apply the Rules and allow the archers to shoot ... when they shoot their make-up arrows is a matter for the judges at the event and dependent on the round being shot.

There may even need to be reallocation of targets to slot the two archers back in.

It was very satisfying to see how many of you really thought about this scenario ... kept deliberately vague to allow you to consider all possibilities, and without a 'Rule' to fall back on.

Everyone was in agreement, however, that the archers must not be disadvantaged by a poor decision made by the organisers, and that the judges should have prevented this from happening in the first place.

Being a Judge means **using your judgement and knowledge of the Rules** to deal with the unexpected. Where possible, we must try to maintain an equal playing field (don't forget late archers would delay the shoot for those who had already gotten into the rhythm of the event).

Bear in mind that any decisions you make, except arrow calls and using a yellow card in matchplay, are open to Appeal. If anything out of the ordinary has occurred, ensure you write notes in your (new red) Judges notebook in case of an Appeal. But, better still, keep to the scheduled times ... certainly do not begin an event **before** the scheduled starting time, even if everyone is there.

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?

Well done judges! Again, we had 2 schools of thought which arose from the two interpretations of the word 'retired' as used in the scenario. Here is a real-life example of the need for the judge on the spot to deal appropriately with an issue and make it absolutely clear to all archers exactly what the choices entail and how it is to be managed.

One school of thought was that if an archer has **retired** from the field (**meaning 'does not intend to return'**) for whatever reason and then finds he is able to continue shooting, while he could re-join the group, he would not be able to continue scoring, as he has retired and the remainder in the group has moved on, as instructed by the judge. The archer cannot make up the missed arrows; the group may have even 'retired' the archer from electronic scoring. But he could continue to walk the course with his group. Correct answer ...

The second (larger) group believes the situation is covered by the 'medical treatment/equipment failure' rule for Field, which allows 30 minutes to return to the group before they may move on. These judges assumed the archer returned from his medical care after 30 minutes had elapsed and said he may rejoin his group (as per WA 24.4) but, as that group has continued on for a further 3 targets, he would not be allowed to shoot those missed targets. Also correct ...

Our lesson is that the judge needs to have made it absolutely clear to the injured archer that **'retiring'** from shooting means not coming back onto the field. If the archer had a medical issue and did not 'retire' (only needed medical attention), the 30 minute rule applies and the group should have waited 30 minutes for the archer to return. If this was the case, the judge should have instructed the remaining archers of this when he took the injured person from the field.

Now, let's suppose the judge had not made the situation clear, and the group did not understand they needed to wait for 30 minutes before going on, what about those 3 targets which the rest of the group had shot but the archer concerned had missed out on?

Even if it is to make up arrows under the 30 minute limit, a group cannot go backwards through the field for safety reasons, in order to let the injured archer make up arrows. It would take additional time, and may cause fairness issues if it was an unmarked course. The only solution, as some of you mentioned, is to walk the field forward at the end of the day to the point where the injured archer can shoot his 3 targets, accompanied by the rest of the group, to legitimise the scoring.

So you see how important it becomes, firstly to clarify the equipment/medical issue and its repercussions with the archer, and secondly, to explain to the remaining archers, 'if we are not back by x o'clock, you can continue with the course', before you as a judge accompany the injured archer off the field. Good, clear communication is essential.

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?

Again, well done! Everybody got this right, saying there are two choices, either to move the clout or to move the shooting line, 3m line and spectator area. And everybody quoted Archery Australia Rules, Ch 12.

Most people said they would ask the organisers to get a mower and move the clout to the correct distance as a first choice. They also said how important it is to arrive early for a clout event as most are not on club grounds and have been set up from scratch that morning.

There is nothing in the AA Rules that says the clout scoring area has to be mowed. If the grass on the unmowed area was not too long it may be possible to move the clout (a simpler option most of the time) without mowing. If the clout is moved, the new clout area needs to be suitable for scoring; the clout and flags must be visible from the shooting line as required by the Rules. With longer grass it would be necessary to remind archers not to move any grass during scoring.

If the condition of the ground outside the mowed section poses a safety issue e.g. hard ground, rocks etc., it would be more sensible to move the shooting line/s, noting the need for a minimum 10m between arrow flight paths on staggered shooting lines.

In any event we can't penalise the archers or put them at a disadvantage. So for the sake of archery records, sight settings etc., the distances have to be correct, and even if there is a delay, the field crew would need to fix the issue with the correct tools that they hopefully have on hand (e.g. a lawn mower). If this is not possible, the event could still be held but the judge would need to note on the Event Verification Form that the distances shot were incorrect, as no records could be claimed on the clout scoring area set at the wrong distance.

NEW CASE STUDIES

You be the Judge, No 94:

Please remember to give reasons and quote appropriate World Archery or Archery Australia rules and references for all your answers.

94.1 Archers at a target event are using their mobile phones to record scores electronically on Archers Diary. However, they begin to use the phone to take 'selfies' of themselves and their target results each end. Soon they are photographing other competitors and the judges. At what point do you speak to these competitors and what do you say about their use of mobile phone technology?

94.2 At a Clout event, you are judging with 2 other judges. At the muster before practice begins you hear the CoJ tell the archers not to take spare arrows forward of the shooting line or they will lose their highest scoring arrow of that end. How do you deal with this situation?

94.3 In an Indoor event, an archer shoots 5 arrows in the timed practice and makes the error of continuing to shoot more than the 3 required when the scoring ends begin. In his first scoring end he shoots 4 arrows before other competitors tell him to stop. On his triple spot target he has 10 in the top face, 9 and 7 in the middle face and 9 in the bottom face. The archers call you over for advice on how the archer's arrows are to be scored. You reply ... ?

Please have your replies with RGB administrators by mid November, who in turn are asked to collate and forward replies by the end of November. Alternatively, judges can e-mail their answers directly to Karen at officials@archery.org.au by November 30th, (but inform your RGB administrator you have done so).

Online Diary ...

Remember to log the number of your responses at your Online Diary at www.archery.org.au under ABOUT ARCHERY/Judges & Officials/Judges Information.

For those of you who are *National Judge Candidates*, ensure you make it clear in the Online diary the events at which you have acted as Director of Shooting, as there is a minimum requirement for being a DoS.

Until next time - Happy Judging!

Karen