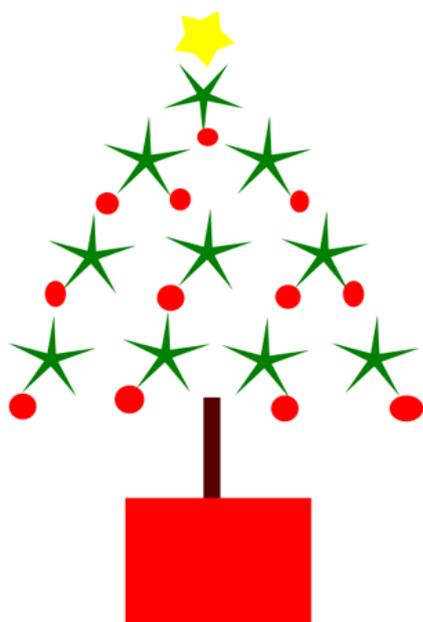


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Dear Judges

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 2017.

Kind Regards,
Karen O'Malley

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Congratulations

Services to Judging Awards

By the end of 2017, the following judges will have achieved milestones in their Officiating career.

30 years: Bruce Lang and Jim Beatty (both SA)

15 years: Junior Alexander (SA), Coral Dandridge (WA), Terrie Nielsen (NQld)

10 years: Mark Logan and Lynette Rankin-Tyack (both SQld)

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

Your badges and certificates of appreciation have been forwarded to your RGB Co-ordinator for presentation at a suitable event.

More National Judges ...

Welcome to new National Judge Candidates, Paula Duniam and Melissa Coull (Tas) and thanks to Andrew Fluck for running a judge training course.

Congratulations to the following people who have successfully upgraded their accreditation from NJC to become National Judges in 2017: Jeff Jones, Eric Hermanis, Simon Allen (all Tas), Alex Moulder, Peter Cave, Fergus Forsyth, Terry Lyons and Brian Fitton (all Vic).

Reminder: Judges at 2018 National Events

Please have your applications to officials@archery.org.au by Friday 5th January. If you apply for more than one event, please prioritise your choices.

The venue and dates for 2018 National Championships are Morwell, Victoria from 27/10/18 to 2/11/18. Please add in the blank space at the bottom of the Application for Events form if you want to apply for the 2018 National Championships in Morwell.

Reminder: Membership renewals

Remember, you must be a financial member of Archery Australia to officiate at events. Ensure you renew your membership promptly.

Reminder: Working With Vulnerable People Checks

There are still a number of Judges who have not sent in their paperwork, photo or card number for their Working With Childrn/Vulnerable People or police check.

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.

Equipment inspection

Of all the queries we receive from the archery community, the largest number are about whether equipment is 'legal'. We get comments like, 'the judges at one event allowed this (piece of equipment) but others at the next event did not. Could you please give me the answer?'

The first point to make is that most archers will be using equipment that has been purchased and is commercially available and from that point of view, is likely to be legal within the Rules. However, it is possible to use the wrong piece of equipment for the bowtype without realising, e.g. a recurver uses his recurve finger tab with a shelf to shoot his longbow, thinking 'a tab is a tab'.

In general terms, the Rules specify what **IS NOT** allowed on a Compound bow, and what **IS** allowed on all the other bowtypes.

General: No equipment in any discipline may be electric or electronic. Arrow diameter is limited in all divisions to 9.3mm (9.4 for the point), except in the Australian Indoor event where the maximum shaft size is 10.72mm and 10.82mm for the point. All arrows being shot should be fletched the same and have the same coloured nocks and have the archer's initials *on the shaft*.

Compound bows are limited to a draw weight of 60lb and may have an overdraw of no more than 6cm, i.e. to the pressure point of the arrow rest, measured from the pivot point of the bow. Anything else is allowed, as long as it does not compromise safety of the archer or other competitors. Arrows used must be identical in *any one end*. Multiple sight pins are permitted for Target and Marked field. Scope designs and modifications are limited in Unmarked field.

See Compound equipment rules at WA 11.2 and Field scope restrictions in the WA Judges GuideBook Appendix 1.14.

Recurve equipment rules state what IS allowed. If not stated in the Rules, then it is not allowed in this discipline. See equipment rules for Recurve in WA 11.1 Essentially, judges are checking that the serving on the string does not end within the archer's view at full draw, that there is only one attachment to the string (lip or nose mark ... though rarely used these days), the clicker if used is not electric or electronic and only provides one draw check ... either visual or audible but not both. The sight tunnel can be a maximum of 2cm in the horizontal plane and an optical fibre if used may also be 2cm in length, measured separately, before it bends out of the archer's field of view. Arrows must be identical in *any one end*. Finger tabs may have a shelf but no device to assist in drawing or releasing the bowstring. Shooting gloves with a wrist strap are allowed.

Barebow recurve equipment rules are found in the Field Book 4 as World Archery does not recognise this bowtype for target events (see WA 22.3). The archer must be able to pass a 122mm ring over the bow when it is unbraced. This does not mean you ask every barebower to unbrace their bow, but have the ring on hand for any bows you are doubtful of. Bows cannot have shoot-through risers and may only have an arrow rest, nothing else on it. The serving on the string must not end within the archer's view at full draw. Weights if used must also pass through the ring when attached to the bow and be attached directly onto the riser, below the grip. Arrows used *throughout the event* must be identical.

Barebow compound is a category recognised in Australia so is not covered by WA rules (please see Archery Australia Rules 8.3 for the complete description). It differs from freestyle compound because no shoot-through risers are allowed, a stabiliser with weights, if used, may be no longer than 305mm and must be attached directly to the bow without mounting devices. If fitted with holes for a low cable guard, this is the position that must be used. The serving on the string must not end within the archer's view at full draw. Release aids are not permitted, but finger tabs with the same restriction as for **barebow** recurve are allowed. As is the case for freestyle compound, however, arrows must be identical in *any one end*.

Longbow as shot in Australia is under Archery Australia's rules, as WA recognises this bowtype only for 3D Field, not Target. A complete description of what is allowed for this bowtype can be found at AA 8.2. All arrows used must be fletched with natural feathers and identical *for any one end*. In Australia we allow wooden, or more commonly aluminium, arrows but not carbon.

The onus is on the competitor to use legal equipment. Judges provide Equipment Inspection as a courtesy; it also means every archer is seen at the one time. Should an archer not present for Equipment Inspection, make sure you find them and check them on the line! And do random visual checks during shooting, as some people will change or add items that have not been inspected (see Case Study 95.5 below).

Should a competitor attend Equipment Inspection and fail to pass, the judges should give them the opportunity to alter the equipment, e.g. wind down compound poundage, write initials on shaft not fletches, reduce the length of an optical fibre to 2cm for recurve. If this is not possible, e.g. cannot change

overdraw because arrows will not be long enough in compound, then the archer can still participate in the event but scores will not count for the competition. Make sure you follow up on anyone who needs to alter their equipment, before the event begins.

So, as a judge at Equipment Inspection, there is a lot to consider. It is not just a matter of checking for initials on arrows and looking at finger tabs. Please take the time before every event to read up on the Equipment rules so you have a firm idea of what you are looking for. See also WA Judges GuideBook 3.7.1.

2017 National Championships

An auspicious tournament – words and pictures by Judge Andrew Fluck, who attended his first National Championships, as Director of Shooting. His impressions are recorded below.

The 70th Australian National Archery Championships were run at Whiteman Park near Perth in Western Australia from 4-9th November 2017. So, how was it to officiate at this tournament?

First of all – the Director of Shooting (DoS) situation was superb. A bow window, jutting out from the clubhouse on a hill above the range, and 180 degree views looking right between the equipment and shooting line on the East and West sides. The target range layout was generous – lanes for each target were four metres wide, which seems to be the looming new standard. The weather was fine, clear and warm to hot throughout the tournament.



180° panoramic view from DoS office. East and West shooting lines both shot southwards.

Not so good: the Damage timer controllers had been reprogrammed to different menus to the spare and were different from the manual. Finding a new timing sequence for finals and medals matchplay was going to be VERY difficult.

This was a tournament with 180 archers, so therefore 9 judges were rostered on. Our first day was spent checking the range and equipment. Luckily the target faces were by JVD, still under a World Archery licence (unlike Bjorn faces). They passed the tolerance test. So did most of the target butts, but those with wheels were slightly high, those without, slightly low. We checked the range was square, collected tournament programs (very general at this stage) and target allocations for all events. Our six days comprised Official Practice, WA1440 target, WA Field, AA Clout, Matchplay and a final WA900.

A check of the Field course showed a potential safety problem when archers at one target might potentially hit those collecting arrows on another. It could be solved by moving one target 5m, or some pathway adjustments could mitigate the risks. The latter was chosen.

On the first day of shooting, **Monday**, we had a WA1440 on the range whilst the Field started at the same time. Things went very smoothly until a swarm of bees was spotted. However, the swarm passed by without settling, so no need to pause shooting. Archers were very cooperative, and we were pleased to see the CEO and Vice-President of Archery Australia chatting with many archers and officials. Scoring was done on paper and electronically. It was rather irritating to have a couple of 'Archers Diary' problems, which turned out to be user error for one incident, and handset failure on the other. Everyone else successfully used the electronic scoring which sped things up. One tip we learned – if an arrow cannot be scored (equipment failure etc.), just leave a

blank in Archer's Diary, (NOT a MISS), and go back to re-enter the value when the arrow has been shot later. Before syncing....

Tuesday's Clout competition got off to a slow start. Basically a low headcount for the groundcrew meant timers and horns needed to be set out and plugged in. To my delight, a T network worked just as well as the serial layout required in the instructions, saving 100m of cable. Some competitors were not familiar with electronic scoring in Clout, but the organising committee had done us good service by pre-selecting scorers and arrow finders on every target from amongst the archers. The sandy soil prompted several calls to hammer in the clouts more firmly. And ticks!! Many of these bloodsuckers were found scampering over clothing. The white clouts did not show up very well against the white sand dune background, so a black shade cloth backing was erected, which was tolerably effective for archers. Personally I would have put a contrasting colour trim around the clout. Archers at one clout decided to shoot a third practice end – despite an announcement of the start of scoring. We got them to make up their missed end in their lunch break – and got some verification checks done on their public address system speaker.

The Matchplay day, **Wednesday**, went well, with as much of the competition keeping to simultaneous shooting as possible. The four medals matches (bronze and gold for recurve and compound) were shot using blinds, a Target Judge and a Line Judge. That speeds things up immensely. It was comforting to have target allocations in hand for each stage of the competition. There was a little confusion among the archers about whether they should make the 'who shoots first' decision based upon their initial ranking from the Ranking round (two days before) or their current rank at each stage of the competition (archers handed the lower numbered card = higher ranking, to the winner of each match). *(But the Judges set things straight ... of course it's based on the Ranking Round – Ed.)*

On the last day, **Thursday**, the tournament finished with a pair of WA900 rounds because there were so many archers registered. That went smoothly!!

In summary: the Organising Committee did a fantastic job. Starting 8 months ahead of the event they had ordered a marquee (mostly used for daily presentations), fantastic catering, sound system, a whole cadre of volunteers, new butts, target faces, water cooler Eskis, tournament programs with target allocations for all events .. the list goes on. The quality of an Organising Committee is often signalled by their capacity to cope with unpredictable events – how about a puncture in the main venue water pipe on the first day?? Fixed in 3 hours – before shooting commenced – whew!!

From a judge's perspective, everything went very smoothly. As a team, we all worked very well together, and it was great to have mutual support in depth. The butts stopped all arrows – no pass-throughs (compounds) and very few bounce-outs (longbows).

There are some things about judging at a national event which are outside the control of the Organising Committee. Ticks in the outfield and heat for instance. Travelling from cooler climes of Tasmania, I was prepared for cold, but only had one pair of shorts for the week-long event. I must buy some light-weight, sand-coloured trousers! I preferred short sleeved shirts for the comfort, but will have to be more careful in future about sun exposure.

From World Archery

World Archery Congress was held in Mexico on 13/14 October this year.

From decisions made there, we will see a very different World Archery Rule Book in 2018. The intention is that Books 2, 3 and 4 will only contain material relevant to running major World events.

One of the changes includes moving the 1440 round to Book 5 (Miscellaneous Rounds) as the 1440 round is no longer used as a Qualification round at World Target event. Archers may still shoot records and claim awards for these rounds, however, and claim pins as in the past.

There were also some Rule changes by laws passed. Please visit the World Archery website for more information.

You be the Judge - Answers from Issue 94

Thank you to everybody who replied to the Case Studies from Issue 94. 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 94.

RGB	Judges	Replies	RGB	Judges	Replies
AACT	8	8	ASA	11	10
ANSW	15	8	AV	24	14
AST	12	11	SQAS	12	8
AWA	3	3	NQAA	5	1
<i>Oceania</i>			Total	90	63

Case studies responses

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?

Electronic devices in front of the waiting line are only to be used for scoring using the Archers Diary app. Should a judge see archers using their phones for any other purpose, they must be asked to stop immediately. Some archers will test judges to see how much they can get away with and soon you could have more than one instance to deal with. On the other hand, when the event is over and scoring done, there is nothing wrong with an archer taking a photo of his fellow competitors at the target butt and this is allowed under Archery Australia's policy on Photography (1027). You could suggest this as a sweetener should you need to deal with a situation as outlined in the scenario.

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 arrows forward of the shooting line or they will lose their highest scoring arrow of that end. How do you deal with this situation as a judge?

It is always a tricky one when you hear or see a judge make a public error, whether you are a co-judge or a competitor at the event. The best course of action here is to quietly (out of earshot of anybody else) talk to the CoJ and ask if he meant to say what had come across in the muster.

Ask to see the rule he is basing that call upon. In this case, there is no rule, though some interpret AA 12.8.18 'if more than six arrows are shot, only the six lowest will be scored' to mean any arrow taken forward of the shooting line is counted as a 'shot' arrow. NOT SO!! A good judge will remind archers at the first scoring end to

leave all spare arrows behind. Part of our job is to prevent problems before they occur.

Back to the errant CoJ, we are only human after all. In a different scenario, it may well be that you are mistaken and the CoJ is right! The main thing is that competitors are not misinformed about Rules, as this will be passed on to other archers, 'because it was said by a judge'.

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 ... ?

This scenario is covered in WA Judges Guide Book at 4.11.4 and refers to WA rules 14.1.6 and 14.2.2.

We have a 10, a 9 and 7, and a 9 on the 3 spot faces. When more than the required arrows are found on the target, we score the 3 (or 6 for outdoor) lowest values. Now, what values do we have here?

A 10, the 9 becomes a M, a 7 and a 9. For the visual learners, we have

10
9M 7
9

The 3 lowest values are 9,7,M. **The M must be counted on the scoresheet ... the mistake cannot just 'go away'!** Please don't confuse yourself and the archers by saying 'you lose the highest scoring arrow' (the 10) because this is in fact not true. We simply score the 3 *lowest* values.

So, to those judges who came up with 10, 9, 7, please do some practice scoring for indoor triple faces and field bugs eyes! You can't get a better score by shooting too many arrows!

NEW CASE STUDIES

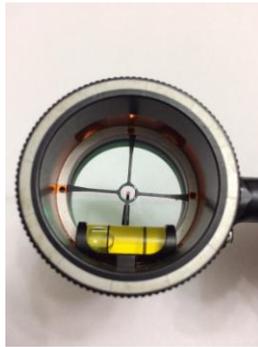
You be the Judge, No 95:

Because it's **Christmas**, you have **6 case studies** this time ... counts as two sets if you answer them all!

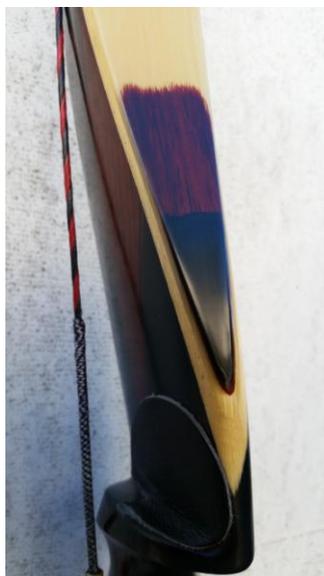


Please remember to give reasons and quote appropriate World Archery or Archery Australia rules and/or judge guidebooks to reference each of your answers.

95.1 A compound archer presents this scope at equipment inspection. What is your opinion of its legality for target and field?



95.2 The next archer presents her unstrung longbow to be inspected. The picture below is of the face of her bow (i.e. the part facing the archer) with the grip at the bottom of the picture. What is your response? What else should you be checking on a longbowyer's equipment?



95.3 A recurve archer presents this bow at equipment inspection. What is your opinion of the legality of the removable handgrip shown below?



95.4 Would you accept these finger tabs for the barebow recurve division?



95.5 You are walking along the shooting line during practice and you see the compound set up below. What do you do?



95.6 You are presented with a longbowyer's equipment and he is using a shooting glove, saying he shoots 3 fingers under. What are you looking for regarding the glove and what do you do?

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 by Feb 28th, (but inform your RGB administrator you have done so).

Remember to log your **(double)** responses in the Online Judges Diary.

Until next time – please remember to send me your 2018 event application forms by 5 Jan and Working With Children/Vulnerable People/ Police checks by Dec 31 if possible.

Have a restful holiday season ...

Karen