

JUDGES NEWS



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Dear Judges,

Your Officials Committee expresses special thanks to the Officials Co-ordinators in each RGB for their work for the sport.

We only need to look at the number of events on the Archery Australia calendar to realise it would be impossible to allocate officials to all Australian events from one central point.

We also wish to welcome **Raoul Patel** who has taken on the role of Officials Co-ordinator in Western Australia.

The Officials Committee wishes all officials a very Happy Easter.

Karen O'Malley

Thanks ...

Thanks to **Alison Hagaman** for running a Judges course in QLD, which has resulted in 2 new NJCs for that RGB. Welcome to **Paul Beavis** and **Aidan Hughes**.

Thanks also to those RGBs who are planning to run Judges training courses very soon. For everyone's information, until the Online Modules go 'live', RGBs should go ahead with the usual face-to-face training.

Congratulations to **Anastasia Anagnostou** and **Debra Popov-Conroy**, both from Victoria, who have attained their National Judge status since the last newsletter.

We now have a total of 93 National Judges and National Judge Candidates active in the sport. Thank you all for your support of our archers as Officials.

A special 'thank you' to **David Waller** from AV who has recently retired from judging and a 'welcome back' to **Andrew Crampton** who has returned to judging after some time off due to work commitments.

Re-accreditation reminder:

We will be half way through this accreditation period at the end of June. Please remember to enter all your officiating details in your Judges Online Diary as you go, to save yourself a crazy effort at the end.

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It is possibly worthwhile to check the number of days of officiating, collegial activities and case study responses that you have completed to date. Those who responded to the December edition's double set of case studies, please enter these as 95a and 95b as they count as 6, not 3 cases.

Final reminder:

Archery Australia required all officials & coaches to submit proof of their Working With Children check (or the state's equivalent) by 31st December last year.

Judges who failed to provide this to the Officials Committee have been emailed individually with a cc to their RGB co-ordinator. Judges in this group have been given 2 weeks to submit the current Officials Code of Ethics and 4 weeks to submit evidence of their having a Working With Children check.

Failure to complete this requirement will render such NJs and NJCs ineligible to officiate. Anyone who has not provided this evidence to officials@archery.org.au by the end of June 2018 will be de-registered as an Archery Australia official and no longer permitted to judge.

If you are in this group, please rectify this as soon as possible.

To that large majority of officials who have complied with the request to obtain or renew their WWC details and signed the current Officials Code of Ethics, we express thanks.

At the Australian Open at Whiteman Park, Western Australia



National Judges at the Australian Open, held last weekend in Perth, WA. (photo courtesy of Nick Towill)

2018 National Events: Judges Appointments

Many thanks to those of you who applied for National events for 2018. Without the appropriate number of officials, these events cannot go ahead. Bearing in mind the need where possible to have a mix of genders and experience, everyone has the appointment/s they applied for. The full list of 2018 appointees appears below:

Para and VI Championships ACT (Tuggeranong)

Alison Hagaman (CoJ)
Brian Hagaman (DoS)
Andrew Fluck, Steve Caldicott (Judges)
Peter Coghlan (Reserve)

Australian Open WA (Swan Valley)

Alison Hagaman (CoJ)
Alex Moulder (DoS),
Peter Coghlan, Coral Dandridge, Paula Duniam, Brian Hagaman, Lynda Strawbridge (Judges)

Youth National Championships Vic (Morwell)

Sheryn Licht (CoJ)
Eric Halil (Deputy CoJ)
David Robertson (DoS)
Kristian Chambers-McLean (Assistant DoS/Judge)
Peter Cave, Paula Duniam, Alex Moulder, Anabela Robertson, Kathy Vaughan (Judges)

2018 Trans-Tasman Challenge Vic (Morwell)

Bruce Lang (CoJ)
Eric Halil (DoS)
Paula Duniam, Kathy Vaughan (Judges)
Alex Moulder (Reserve)

Australian Field Open ACT (Tuggeranong)

Peter Coghlan (CoJ)
Paul Smith, David Robertson, Anabela Robertson (Judges)

National Matchplay Series Final NSW (Sydney)

Susanne Womersley (CoJ)
Steve Caldicott (DoS)
Alison Hagaman, Brian Hagaman (Judges)

Australian National Championships Vic (Morwell)

*New dates have been set for this event which will now be held from 2nd to 8th November (judges required from 1st November). I will send an Application form with the June **Judges News** seeking volunteers for this event. Please consider these dates. If you have already applied for the National Championships, I ask you to re-apply in June.*

Calibrating judges' equipment

Although the Rules allow for tolerances at different distances, some judges' equipment measures way outside these tolerances. Additionally, some archers want to know 'what did my bow weigh?' and try to engage in discussions about the validity of judges' equipment.

I prefer bowscales to be a 'go/no go' piece of equipment, with a mark made at 61lbs against a dead weight. This prevents arguments or discussion about the accuracy or otherwise of our equipment. The bow is either 'over' 60lbs or 'under', as required by the Rules.

If possible, each RGB should try to have one set of calibrated equipment to which judges may compare their own rangefinders and bow scales. Having one set calibrated is not too costly and would allow judges to say 'my scales have been set against a calibrated set'. The RGB could even provide written proof to that effect.

Advertising on Clothing

Judges, please remember that all events run in Australia are to be run according to Archery Australia's Tournament Management Policy and under Archery Australia Rules. This means the AA dress code is to be applied at Australian events and this requires 'neat casual attire'. There is to be no camo type pattern on clothing, whether it be a target or field event.

Please do not try to apply World Archery clothing rules in Australia. The WA rules cover World Championship events and refer particularly to requirements for team members to look the same.

Similarly, the WA limit regarding Advertising on clothing does not apply in Australia. Archers are free to wear shirts with sponsors' logos and names on them, without a size limit.

In any case, it is not up to the Judges to monitor competitors' attire. This role belongs to the Organising Committee. Should you receive any complaints or queries, please do not get involved. Refer the person to the Organisers.

As Judges, our role is on the competition area, ensuring all registered events are run according to the Rules. Irrespective of what our personal opinion is regarding archers' clothing, our focus should be on the Field of Play.

Online webinars

Your Committee has plans for two opportunities for judges to engage in online learning during 2018. The first of these is on Thursday 31st May at 7pm Eastern Standard Time and will deal with changes to the Rules in the Archery Australia and World Archery Rule books.

While you do not need to pre-register, should you have any questions you would like addressed, please email officials@archery.org.au by the end of April, so we ensure your questions are covered (see below). Unfortunately, because of its nature, this webinar will not allow interaction, so questions are required in advance. We anticipate it lasting between 30 and 45 minutes. All judges will be emailed an invitation to join the meeting in the days prior. All you need to do is click on the link you will receive and follow the prompts to log in.

There will be a second webinar later in the year. You will receive further information in the September edition of *Judges News*.

New World Archery Rules, 2018

The new World Archery Rule Book incorporating recent Rules changes, comes into force from April 1, 2018. There have been quite a few Rule changes, following the last Congress.

You will need to go to the World Archery site to download the current WA rule books.

Presently, the website includes 2 sets for each new (2018) Book, one the April 1 version and the other outlining the changes that have been made from the 2017 Books. You may note that the whole of Book 4 (Field and 3D) has been rewritten to make it simpler so there is no 'modifications' version for Book 4.

Getting acquainted with the new format Rulebooks will allow you to compose your questions before the webinar in May.

Archery Australia website

Please download the current (January, 2018) version of the Archery Australia Constitution and Shooting Rules from the AA website and have another look at the *AA Judges Guide Book Appendix* (2017).

If you have any suggestions about what we can add to the Officials section, please contact me with your ideas or requests, at officials@archery.org.au

You be the Judge - Answers from Issue 95

Remember NJs, you need to answer more than 50% of Case Studies to remain accredited and NJCs need to answer all of them. You have 8 weeks to reply ... do it now!

The table shows the number of Judges and NJCs in each RGB and the replies received for Newsletter 95:

RGB	Judges	Replies	RGB	Judges	Replies
ACT	8	8	SA	11	9
NSW	16	10	Vic	23	13
Tas	13	9	SQld	12	6
WA	3	2	NQld	5	1
<i>Oceania</i>			Total	91	58

Case studies responses.

Firstly, some general comments ...

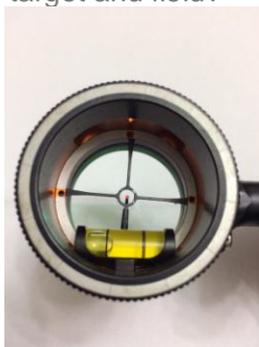
Overall, the responses were very good and attracted credit as 2 sets of Case studies, 95a and 95b. Thank you for such an effort.

Most judges give thorough and considered responses and the vast majority get the answers correct. There are many judges who access the appropriate rule and include the whole text of the rule in their answers. This is great as we are trying to have people familiarise themselves with the Rule books.

For the future, please make sure you *also answer the question*, not just find the Rule. I am looking for how you would apply the Rules in a real situation. So, when the Case Study asks 'what would you do?', please include this in your response.

95.1 A compound archer presents this scope at equipment inspection.

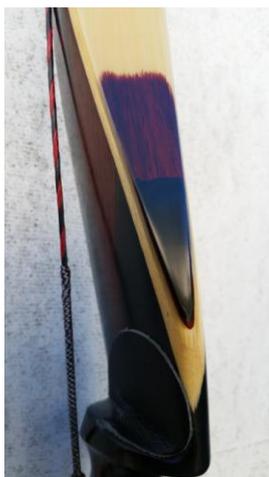
What is your opinion of its legality for target and field?



This scope is perfectly legal for both Indoor and Outdoor Target. However, for UNMARKED Field, it would not pass Equipment Inspection because it has a sight pin, a circle and lines to the edge of the housing. To make the scope 'legal' the sight pin would have to go. (Of course the sight is *not legal* for the *barebow* compound division for target or field!)

The WA Judges Guide Book gives a sketch of this scope. Too many judges said this scope was legal for compound based on the fact that it's not electric or electronic. Though we do not shoot much unmarked field in Australia, you need to be aware of the rules.

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?



The face of a Longbow must have no markings which could be used as a sighting aid (AA 8.2.1.4 and WA 22.5). The bow in the picture has different coloured laminations which could be used in aiming and would need to have the face in the bow window taped over during competition. The bow in the picture also has leather on the vertical part of the sight window which is more than 1cm above the resting arrow (see WA 22.5.3).

Other things we should be checking with Longbow equipment is that the string touches the bow only at the tip string nocks, that the string is bare ('cat whiskers' are allowed as long as they are not in the archer's field of view), the serving does not end within the sight picture of the archer, that the bow is of the required length (150cm for youth and women, 160cm for men) and in its unbraced form would pass through the 122mm ring, that the shelf if there is one has no rest, but may have hard covering of material which extends no further up the window than 1cm.

Arrows must be identical and fletched with natural feathers. You need to discover whether the archer is going to use the Mediterranean release (in which case the finger tab or glove may have a split to accommodate the arrow, but no anchor plate) or 3-fingers under (in which case the tab or glove must have one continuous surface).

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



Some people use bog to change the shape of their grips. Others add, change or remove sideplates. How is this device any different? The archer's hand is still free to pivot in both vertical and horizontal planes.

One or two people considered this device to be covered by 11.1.1.2, the rule about a brace not consistently touching the archer's hands or wrist. This rule is referring to the kind of brace forming part of the riser of a bow.

Two judges found this piece of equipment to be illegal quoting that it 'assists the archer to draw, hold and release'. Some people considered this to be an anti-torque device (like the red ball which was deemed legal for Compound but not recurve). This tailor-made grip is not the same thing.

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



All 3 tabs are legal for barebow recurve. Opinions were divided regarding the tab in the middle picture with some judges saying this tab was illegal for barebow because the brand name BAREMAX may allow archers to associate a letter with a 'distance' and others because the metal rest for the little finger provides assistance to the archer 'to draw and release the bowstring'.

A WA interpretation from 2017 showing the tab above right, states,

It is the majority decision of the Technical Committee that the tab shown is legal for use in the Barebow Division of World Archery. The tab has lines of uniform shape, color and spacing produced by the manufacturer of the product. Although there are two lines of differing length, both are uniform in their length and in all other aspects. Should tabs be produced with more than two differing line lengths for the Barebow Division, it would be necessary for additional review by the World Archery Technical Committee and Field and 3D Archery Committee.

However, should an archer attach a tape over the stitching or brand name and put his own 'equally spaced' lines, this would constitute 'memoranda' as it is not part of the manufacturer's design, and would therefore be illegal for barebow. See the interpretation from WA in 2014 below (text only included here):

It is the majority decision of the Technical Committee that the use of tape or other such temporarily applied material for producing marks or lines on a tab is not legal in the barebow division. In this particular case, the use of tape on each of the tabs in the attached photos represents memoranda. Since the tape it is not a permanent part of the tab, but simply a strip of adhesive, it is not physically part of the tab construction. The tape as used in the sample tabs is similar to bow sight tape which is placed on the bows sight bar where athletes mark in the distance.

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



There was a World Archery Interpretation in 2014 about using such an appliance on a bow and it was declared illegal on safety grounds. It states,

It is the decision of the Technical Committee that the bow sight cover/visor device shown in the photo below, or any device like it, is not legal in any division of World Archery. This decision is due to reasons of safety. Regardless if the device may come under controversy as a ranging device or other means of judging distance, the issue of safety supersedes all other concerns. The device creates a substantial visual impairment of a large section of the archery field and greatly limits the archer's ability to see people, animals or other safety issues within the area blocked by the cover/visor. As such, the device is determined to be illegal in all divisions of World Archery due to safety concerns.

The judge must ask the archer if this device was on the bow during equipment inspection (and if yes, this presents another problem for the judge to sort out with other judges at the event!) and ask him to remove it before competition starts ...

It is a good idea to have copies of any WA equipment decisions which you think might assist you in explaining legality of equipment to archers.

All but 3 judges said they would have the archer remove the black rectangle based on the WA interpretation and on safety grounds. Those who disagreed based their decision on the fact that an archer may wear spectacles or an eyepatch which also blanks out a portion of their vision, yet these are acceptable.

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?

Congratulations! Everyone recognised the need for 'a continuous surface or connected finger stalls' if a longbowyer is shooting with 3 fingers under the arrow. One judge suggested that if the archer was unable to do a makeshift alteration using tape, the choice was to shoot with a Mediterranean release.

NEW CASE STUDIES You be the Judge, No 96:

Please remember to give reasons and quote appropriate and **CURRENT World Archery (April 2018 now online) or Archery Australia (January 2018) rules and/or judge guidebooks to reference each of your answers.**

96.1 At an World Archery registered Indoor Tournament, each target butt is fitted with four vertical triple faces.

Detail A and B comes to the Shooting Line; during the course of shooting the end, Archer B shoots an arrow into the 10 of the lower face of Archer C's target.

As the second detail, C and D, is about to come to the shooting line, Archer C complains to you, the judge, about the arrow in his target face and wants the arrow removed as he considers it a distraction and is concerned it may interfere with his arrow.

How would you handle this situation?

96.2 At the same Indoor Tournament, each target butt has individual target floor-based lighting.

At the start of each end, the individual target lights are switched on and then switched off for scoring.

During one end, the lights for Target 12 do not come on and Archers A and B who are about to shoot raise this with you as a judge, saying they do not want to shoot under these conditions.

How would you handle this situation?

96.3 You are Judging the 1/16 Eliminations Men Compound matches following the Qualification Round in an Indoor competition. At the completion of the first end of the 1/16 match you are called to a target where there is a dispute over scores. One archer is claiming he has shot three '10s' but the other archer is calling them '9s'.

Upon looking with your magnifying glass, you call the three arrows '9s'. The athlete questions your decision and you advise him that as this is the Compound division, the Compound 10 is being used. He appears to be quite surprised by this comment and advises he was not aware.

You then ask him how did he score during the Qualification Round. He does not provide an answer but clearly may not have scored correctly.

What would you do in this situation?

Please have your replies with RGB administrators by mid May, who in turn are asked to collate and forward replies by the end of May. Alternatively, judges can e-mail their answers directly to officials@archery.org.au by May 31st (but inform your RGB administrator you have done so).

Remember to log your responses in your Online Judges Diary.

Until next time - Have a great Easter break

Karen