



Dear Judges,

Thanks to the hard-working team of Judges at the National Youth Championships and Trans Tasman events held in Morwell recently (see photo below). Thanks also to the judges at the Para and VI Championships in Canberra and the Australian Field Open also held in the ACT and the Australian Open and Matchplay series events held around the country.

Officiating at a National event is an experience I recommend to each of you at some time in your judging career. Apart from making new friends, you will have the opportunity to find out how things

are done in other RGBs and gain experience and knowledge which will assist you in your role in your own RGBs and clubs.

Kind regards,

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Congratulations and thanks ...

Special thanks to National Judge, **Denise Deaves** on her retirement from judging. Denise's efforts, both at RGB and National level, where Denise was a DoS at National Championships, are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to **Raoul Patel** for organising a Judges course in Western Australia, resulting in 4 new NJCs for the RGB.

Welcome to new National Judge Candidates: **Kristina Glover, Gavin Pikes, Raoul Patel** and **Nick Towill** in WA.

Congratulations also to **Bruce Symes** and **Peter Clarke** from ASQld and to **Chi Cheung** and **Jack Myers** from AVic who have accredited as a full National Judges.

We now have a total of 91 National Judges and National Judge Candidates active in the sport. Thank you all for your support of our archers.

Finally, thanks to the 40 judges who were present at **our first National webinar** on Thursday 31st May. There were another 5 who sent apologies. For those of you who did not make the meeting, please pay special attention to the **From World Archery** section of this newsletter.



Judges at the Trans Tasman Challenge, 4 of whom also officiated at the National Youth Championships

Reminders: Case Study Responses

As we are now half way through the current accreditation period, I draw to your attention that you should have completed half of the required Case Study responses.

That is, 100% for National Judge Candidates then a pro rata number emailed to each of you once you achieve National Judge status. National Judges, you must complete 50% at least, though it is to your benefit if you can complete them all.

There are a number of NJs who are falling behind in their responses. Please look at the number of emails you have sent the Officials Committee since June 2016 to work out your response rate. **All NJs must submit 24 case studies over the 4 year period.** This equates to 8 responses in total, or 2 per year. This is hardly an onerous task!

Get onto it, please, as those who do not fulfil the requirements will not be eligible to re-accredit in 2020.

Membership Renewal

As many of us were due to renew our Archery Australia membership on the 30th June, **please ensure you renew immediately** 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. Simply, 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 as soon as each event is over, where they can be kept in your electronic file. It is not necessary to send a scanned copy; a photo of the Evaluation is fine.

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. Just 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.

Working With Vulnerable People

Thank you to all those who have submitted their Working with Vulnerable People checks or whatever was relevant in your own state. Now that we know everyone who is officiating has the appropriate credential, the renewals will be required to be managed at RGB level.

So, if you have sent the Officials Committee your WWC card or number and it becomes due for renewal, please forward evidence of your renewal to your respective RGB Officials Co-ordinator. You may choose to cc officials@archery.org.au but your own RGB will be the place to demonstrate your continuing credentials.

In 2020 with the re-accreditation of officials across the country, Archery Australia requires only the number of your WWC check. This is included on the Officials Code of Ethics agreement form.

Archers Diary

Several judges have asked how **iScored today** handles Equipment Failures when the make-up arrows are not shot til the end of the distance or end of the event. Archers ask judges these questions on the spot, so it's good to be prepared.

The system allows you to 'score' the unshot/equipment failure arrows as 'M's for the time being. This way the other archers' arrow values can be put into the device and scoring for that end can be completed. As the system allows arrow values to be altered before the scoring has been finalised and uploaded, advise the archers to simply replace the 'M's with the correct values.

The scorers will, of course, need to cross check that the two score cards tally up before they finalise the electronic scoring.

2018 National Championships

New dates have been set for this event and competition will now run in Morwell, Victoria, from 3rd to 8th November. Judges will be required to arrive on the afternoon/evening of Thurs 1st Nov and depart on Thurs 8th.

The Application form seeking volunteers for this event was emailed with your copy of this **Judges News**.

If you previously applied for the 2018 National Championships, I ask you to re-apply by Fri, July 27th to indicate your availability for the new dates. Appointments will be published in the next *Judges News*.

Invictus Games

Thanks to those of you who volunteered to judge at the Invictus Games in October. Names were sent to the Games organisers for security checks and individuals will be contacted by Archery Australia when these are completed.

2018 National Indoor Event

The National Indoor Event is to be held on July 21st/22nd. 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 2018 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 to the target butt**. The rotation will be after 30 arrows. **Please note that the National Indoor round is to be shot first. This is partly to assist the organisers as it is the archers' responsibility to put up their faces and rotate them half way through.**

For the WA 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 up only 2 target faces, the people at that particular venue have a 50% advantage over the rest of the country.

While archers have been given a choice as to whether they shoot single or triple spot faces in each event, there should still be 4 faces placed on each butt. These may need to be a combination of 2 triple spots and 2 single faces, even if only 3 people are allocated to that target butt.

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 and check on availability of back-up lighting in case of a failure like we dealt with in the last case study!
Especially, familiarise yourself with how to score if archers make a mistake and shoot 2 arrows into the one face on triple spots. See WA 14.1.6 (second p

From World Archery

For all of us, but especially for those who were unable to attend the Webinar in May, the following are two of the changes to World Archery rules which came into force 1/4/18.

*13.6.2 When there is individual alternating shooting, athletes competing shall go to the shooting line upon the 10 seconds alerting signal. At the end of the 10 seconds, one sound signal shall start the 20 second shooting period for the first athlete in the match. As soon as the first arrow is shot and the score is posted or the time runs out, the countdown clock for the opponent athlete is started to indicate his 20 second shooting period to shoot one arrow. The athletes of the match shall continue to alternate their shots following the countdown clock visual signal **until each athlete has shot his three arrows or the athlete is sure he can no longer win the match. The losing athlete may then vacate the shooting line and congratulate the winner.** (Note from WA Judges Committee: The procedure to implement this new by-law from a judging point of view is still being discussed).*

If the time runs out a sound signal shall indicate to the other athlete/team the start of his/their time period or the end of the end/set.

14.5.2.2 If both archers score a 10 (recurve) or X (compound) on their first shoot-off arrow, then the match would be considered a tie and a second shoot-off arrow will be needed to resolve the match. Any subsequent shoot-off arrows will then be decided by closest to the centre to declare a winner.

You be the Judge - Answers from Issue 96

Thank you to all who replied to the Case Studies from Issue 96. **We have an increased %**

RGB	Judges	Replies	RGB	Judges	Replies
AACT	8	8	ASA	11	11
ASNSW	14	11	AV	21	12
AST	11	10	SQAS	14	10
ASWA	3	1	NQAA	5	4
<i>Oceania</i>			Total	87	65

Case studies answers from last edition are given below.

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?

There are basically two possible actions,

1. Advise Archer C to shoot two of his arrows (top and centre target) and advise the DOS who will hold back the archers at the completion of the end. All the archers on the target will proceed to the target and score all arrows. Upon returning to the Shooting Line, Archer C is to shoot his remaining arrow.
2. Advise Archer C to stand down and advise the DOS who will hold back the archers at the completion of the end. All the archers on the target will proceed to the target and score all arrows. Upon returning to the Shooting Line allow Archer C to shoot the three arrows.

This is an example of something where you would be required to use your judgement and common sense. Most of you went with one or other of these strategies.

However, it was disappointing to see some judges taking the 'too bad, so sad' attitude and telling Archer C to shoot all 3 arrows with everybody else. Even worse, they cited WA Rule 14.3.1 which refers to arrows *accidentally left in the target* (i.e. not brought back to the shooting line). It also shows a misunderstanding of what is meant by 'the shooting shall not be interrupted'.

Archers are entitled to a clear scoring zone. If we followed that flawed logic, shooting would not be interrupted for bouncers or hanging arrows!

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?

Again, this is a case of using your judgement and common sense.

This is an example of 'equipment failure' which is not the archers' fault, so they should not be disadvantaged. Remember, we are to provide equal circumstances for all competitors with regard to lighting in Indoor events.

Everyone agreed the judge would have all archers on the affected target butt stand down, and advise the DoS of the situation. The DoS would hold all archers back, following the completion of the end. Once the lights are fixed, you all said you would allow the affected archers to shoot their end.

Our judges proved quite creative in the options they put forward as to how to deal with the situation, especially if the lights were not able to be repaired or replaced with a spare set. Some of the suggestions included (in order of popularity):

- Move the remaining floor lights further apart so that all targets are illuminated evenly
- There may be spare target lanes that could be used

- There may be targets with only 2 or 3 archers allocated, so that the archers on the affected target could be moved to fill those spaces.
- The final, worst case option, is for the archers on the effected target to wait until the end of the shoot and then complete their Ends (not suggested by many of you).

It's also good to see how many of you would write the incident in your Judges Notebooks. Well done!

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 you call the three arrows '9s'. The athlete questions your decision and you advise him this is the Compound division and as such 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?

Except for one judge who would immediately disqualify the group who incorrectly scored in the first round (!), everyone correctly agreed that the Qualification round SCORES would stand. I want to acknowledge a couple of really good responses to this scenario.

David Robertson from NSW said, 'While it does seem likely that the archer may not have scored correctly in the qualifying round, it is too late to lodge an appeal once the next stage of the event has commenced. However, I would still bring this issue to the attention of the event organisers in case a record may be claimed during the qualifying round. It may be possible to identify that the archers were scoring incorrectly if X's as well as 10s appear on their scoresheet and therefore invalidating any record claim. However, the result for the qualifying round would still stand.'

Everyone agreed you would need to educate the archers about the correct method of scoring. You would monitor the group for a few ends to check they were now doing it correctly. Once satisfied that the archers can competently score, leave them to it for the remainder of the event unless called for a ruling. We do not need judges standing over competitors!

Other good points people made include:

- Have the DoS make a general announcement about scoring procedures
- See if this archer's previous competitors are also still shooting and look at what they are doing with their scores in this Elimination phase of the competition
- The judge should inform the CoJ of the incident so that arrow value calling carried out by this archer in subsequent matches could be observed and monitored by all judges to ensure that any future incidences of incorrect calling of arrows are detected.

A final word from Peter Cave in Victoria, who made the point that with electronic scoring for Compound Indoor there is no "X" for the scorer to use, so this scenario is unlikely to occur in Australia. Thank you!

NEW CASE STUDIES You be the Judge, No 97:

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

97.1 At a target event, the target face tears away from the pins and folds over, just as the first archer shoots the first scoring arrow. The group calls you as a Judge.

How do you handle this situation?

97.2 At a target event, the DoS gives the end signal when there are still 25 seconds on the clock, not seeing an archer who is at full draw. The archer releases the final arrow on the signal.

You are Chairman of Judges ... how would you deal with each of these questions?

- a) The DoS wants to allow the archer to shoot the arrow again as there was still time left on the clock and it was his error.
- b) The archer claims to be entitled to 40 seconds to shoot the arrow again as the time was cut short.
- c) Other competitors insist the archer shot after the signal and should lose the highest scoring arrow.

97.3 You are judging at a target event and a compound archer calls an equipment failure. He tells you because it is so windy, his arrows are being blown off the rest. In fact his last arrow landed almost at the feet of a competitor 3 places away.

What do you do?

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 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 in the ABOUT ARCHERY/OFFICIALS section.

Until next time - Happy Judging!

Karen