

Dear Judges,

Thank you to those who volunteered for the Invictus Games. Although this is not an Archery Australia event, the Archery component is being staffed by archery volunteers, including the Officials. There were some judges who needed to make a choice between volunteering for the Invictus Games and the National Championships, as the two are only a couple of weeks apart.

Best wishes to all our archery volunteers. We hope you find Invictus archery a rewarding experience.

Kind regards,

Karen O'Malley

Congratulations & Thanks

Congratulations to **Anabela Robertson** and **Kristian Chambers McLean** (NSW) who upgraded from National Judge Candidate status since our last newsletter.

Thank you to the **Kathy Vaughan**, the NSW Officials Administrator, and to National Judge **David Robertson** for conducting the latest course. Welcome to our four new NJCs in NSW: **Adrian Downes**, **Daniel Hunter**, **Huseyin Pilavci** and **Adriana Tan**.

We also welcome **Edd Gough** (AV) who hails from Great Britain via New Zealand. Edd is a National Judge in the UK and has been working in Victoria as an Archery Australia NJC. Thank you for your commitment to our archers, and to **Sheryn Licht** who has been showing Edd the ropes in Australia.

????? Expressions of Interest Welcome ?????

Are there any National Judges who would be interested in becoming a Continental level Judge? World Archery Oceania wants to determine if there is any interest before organising a Continental Judge course and if so, where would be the best location to hold it the second half of 2019.

Prospective attendees would need to have had 2 years' experience as a full National Judge. If you are interested, contact officials@archery.org.au

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Reminders: (1)

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.

Reminders: (2) Upcoming Webinar

We are pleased to announce that our second webinar will be held online, on Thursday 29th November from 6.30pm EST. Please 'save the date' in your diaries. There will be a personal email to each of you with the invitation, closer to the date.

The next topic will be 'The Ethics of Judging'. If you have any questions you would like covered, please send them to the Officials committee at officials@archery.org.au by 14th November.

Reminders: (3) Use of Electronic Devices

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.

NJCs ... 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.

Do not expect 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 the 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.

Appointed Judges to the 2018 National Championships (Morwell, Victoria 2-7 November)

We are pleased to announce the judges who have volunteered to make up the team for the upcoming National Championships. Thank you all for giving of your time.

Karen O'Malley	(ATas – CoJ)
Sheryn Licht	(AV – Deputy CoJ)
John Dowden	(ACT - DoS);
Chris Clerke	(ANSW)
Phil Gill	(ASQld)
Brian Hagaman	(ASQld)
Alan Howell	(AV)
Terry Lyons	(AV)
Raoul Patel	(AWA)
Kathy Vaughan	(ANSW)

Reserve:
Brian Fitton (AV)

2019 National Events

We are seeking applications from Judges and National Judge Candidates for National Events to be held in 2019. You were all sent the Nomination form for events listed below in a separate email in late August.

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

1. Para and VI Championships (Mt Petrie, SQld, 25-27 Jan)
2. **(total of 7 days officiating)**: Australian Open (Victor Harbour, SA, 1-2 March)
and National Matchplay Series Final (Victor Harbour, SA, 3 March)
and a High Performance camp (Victor Harbour, SA, 4-6 March)
3. National Youth Championships (Armidale, NSW, April 12-18)

National Judge Candidates with some experience are welcome to apply, as we seek to have a variety of experience levels with appointees from across all RGBs at National events. For enquiries contact officials@archery.org.au

Applications are invited by the closing date of Friday, November 9th, 2018. Successful applicants will be informed by email. Judges' allocations will be published in the December 2018 edition of *Judges News*.

Applications for other National events in 2019 will be requested in due course when venues are finalised.

From World Archery

While the Rules section of the World Archery website is under re-construction, should you wish to look for interpretations, you can still access the previous at

<https://extranet.worldarchery.org/documents/dir=47>

If you haven't been to the World Archery site lately, have a look ... the Rulebooks are in a more user-friendly format. I have been told that the Interpretations and By Laws will eventually be attached to the particular Rule in question, so this will make things easier in the long run.

New Equipment Alert

There is now an arrow manufactured by Carbon Express called Heritage that looks like a wooden arrow but is a carbon composite arrow. See the weblink below:

https://www.feradyne.com/search.php?search_query=heritage§ion=product



“The **Heritage™** arrow is designed for the hunter who wants the look and feel of classic cedar with the high-tech performance and toughness of carbon composite. This perfectly spined shaft is the ideal choice for recurve or **longbows**.”

According to the AA rule below this arrow is not allowed in the Longbow division.

8.2.3.4 *Wood and aluminium arrows are permitted, **but carbon or carbon/aluminium composites are not permitted.***

I expect many judges would not be aware of these arrows and they may start to appear at events. (Thanks to David Robertson, NSW, for bringing this to our attention)

You be the Judge - Answers from Issue 97

Thanks to the RGB co-ordinators who are organising discussion groups, whether meeting face-to-face or online. This is improving our percentage return.

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

RGB	Judges	Replies	RGB	Judges	Replies
AACT	7	7	ASA	11	10
ANSW	14	6	AV	22	12
AST	10	5	SQAS	14	13
AWA	7 (yay!)	5	NQAA	5	1
<i>Oceania</i>			Total	90	59

A word about this group of Case studies ... I deliberately used examples which required you to 'work outside the square'. They were not quite as straightforward as usual... but they are all scenarios that have really happened.

It was disappointing that a large number of you didn't have a go at even one of the three ...

I wish to acknowledge the excellent answers from the collective wisdom of South Queensland judges whose answers appear below:

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?

Reference WA 12.5.1

Judges Guide Book 4.23; 4.24

First tell the group on that target to stop shooting.

Notify the DoS that there is a problem with this particular target, and that arrows will have to be shot at the completion of the end. Depending on how much of the target face has fallen forward will determine whether the arrow/s shot can be scored. Only arrows that cannot be accurately determined will be classified as having been 'not shot'.

At the completion of the end, the DoS will hold all archers at the waiting line while the judge moves forward to the affected target. The judge would determine the scores of any arrows if possible and

record them in the judge's notebook then remove any arrows shot, secure the target face and mark any arrow holes.

When the judge has returned to the waiting line then the archers on the relevant target will be given directions to complete shooting. Then, all archers will move forward and score in the presence of the judge. Once they have returned to the shooting line, shooting can recommence for all archers.

If only one corner had folded over on the target face and an arrow or arrows had landed on an unaffected part of the target they may be able to be scored. However, if the target face has shifted or wrinkled in any way the arrows should be reshot in accordance with references if the judge so determines.

Judges and organizing committees should check all target butts and faces are secure prior to the start of the tournament and again prior to start of scoring ends. Competitors should also be checking the security of the face during practice ends. This becomes a more urgent matter when shooting in inclement weather conditions of wind and/or rain.

This Case study was looking at a JUDGING PROCEDURE, not a Rule. The rule about 'shot' or 'not shot' was referenced by many of you to help you decide what to do. Too large a proportion of you would have allowed the archer in this Scenario to decide whether or not they wanted to re-shoot the arrow or count it as 'shot', depending on its value! Mama mia!!!

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.

Reference WA 12.2.2; 7.2.5.1

Judges Guide Book 4.16

Assuming that the archer shot the last arrow as the signal was sounding then all arrows on the target will count and none should be reshot. The mistake by the DoS in sounding the scoring signal early did not affect the shooting of the end. In addition, because the arrow had already been shot it would not be possible to accurately identify which arrow it was, so therefore the arrow value would stand.

- a) The answer to the DoS is, as the arrow was shot on the signal it does not need to be reshot.
- b) Unless there were further arrows to be shot the archer would not be entitled to reshot the arrow.
- c) It is up to the Judge to make the decision on whether the archer would incur a penalty, not the other archers on the target. And unless the archer in question was being closely observed at the time it would be difficult to judge whether the arrow was released during the sounding of the signal or immediately after and therefore they would have to be given the benefit of the doubt.

If the archer had released the arrow seconds after signal then they would lose the highest scoring arrow and a warning should be given especially as the signal could have been for an emergency.

All Directors of Shooting should be reminded prior to the start of any tournament to ensure that the line is checked prior to finishing an end early, and to check that the appropriate time has been set on any timing equipment. (my bold and italic)

Believe it or not, a small number of judges actually treated this Case study as a **multiple choice** question!

The Case was to draw your attention to the importance of the DoS paying attention and the problems that can ensue if (s)he does not. Also, that we judges need to respond firmly to complaints by archers about decisions we have made. It is their right to Appeal, so should you be involved in anything out of the ordinary, make sure you note it in your judges notebook.

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?

AA Policy and Procedure 1030 Tournament Management

Reference WA 12.2.4; 12.9

Judges Guide Book 4.12

In this instance the DoS should be immediately notified to stop all shooting until the incident can be investigated as this is a safety issue. The CoJ should also be informed to determine whether shooting may have to be suspended, postponed or even cancelled. The AA policy lays out the requirements for these type of situations.

The CoJ should be checking with the Bureau of Metrology (BOM) and any local weather stations for current and future conditions. Where possible, Tournament Organisers should try to have some device to measure wind conditions, especially when high wind conditions have been predicted.

Where the conditions are not very windy and there is only one archer who is having trouble, it may be that investigation of that archer's equipment or method of shooting need further monitoring as it may be something that archer is doing that is creating the problem and this would need to be addressed as a potential safety issue. In this case, after the initial halt of the shooting, the DoS would be able to continue with the shooting.

Too many judges seem unaware of the Archery Australia Tournament Management policy document. As all tournaments in Australia are bound by the conditions of this document, it is essential that you are all familiar with it. Look under ABOUT US on the AA website.

The scenario says 'it was so windy that ...'. Judges and Dos should be monitoring weather conditions. Too many responses simply treated this as a possible equipment failure on the part of the compound archer.

NEW CASE STUDIES

You be the Judge, No 98:

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

98.1 You are the Chairman of Judges at a Field tournament and one of your appointed judges is an NJC who hands you their Evaluation form at the beginning of the day. Unfortunately, because of circumstances, you are unable to find the NJC on the course before the event concludes. You are still to complete the Evaluation Form.

How do you deal with this situation?

98.2 You are CoJ at a regional tournament with expected entries of 19 archers. Due to inclement weather, 8 archers (4 from one family) do not arrive to begin the event. A further 2 archers retire during the event, (one with equipment failure and one because he is 'having a bad day').

Since Archery Australia now requires 10 archers to complete an event in order for it to be considered a legitimate Tournament, is it necessary for you to complete an Event Verification Form for this event?

Explain your reasoning.

98.3 You arrive early to a State Target tournament and the CoJ asks you to measure the target faces before the organisers attach them to the target butts. You check against the Rulebook and discover the faces are slightly oval, not round. This makes them within specifications on the 'bigger' side of the oval, but outside of the acceptable \pm mm measurement on the 'smaller' side.

Are these faces OK to be used at this State Target event? What do you do?

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