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1. Editorial

from Sergio Font, Chairman of WA Judge Committee

Dear Judges,

2021 has brought us back to tournaments after a long time away from archery fields. The conditions under which our next events will be held are special and require that all participants, including our judges, adapt to wearing face masks all the time, keeping away from one another, continuously washing our hands and to follow other biosafety measures we had never thought of before.

At the upcoming tournaments you will see only one archer shooting at a target at a time. At some events there will be only one shooting detail, while at others there will be two. Archers shooting on adjacent targets will watch each other's scoring even at the Olympic Games.

World Archery has had to move the second leg of the Hyundai Archery World Cup from Shanghai to Lausanne, and this has brought about a change in the judges' roster for this event, as Switzerland is implementing strict measures to limit entrance of people coming from specific countries.

It is very unfortunate that due to travel restrictions in their countries, as well as other consequences of the pandemic at national and international level, some judges appointed to major events in 2021, including the Olympic Games, have withdrawn. The Judges Committee fully understands that these withdrawals are caused by reason beyond the judges' control, and we regret that these judges, who due to their judging merits earned the right to be appointed to these events, will not be able to attend the events they were appointed to. We have replaced them with equally capable judges and in doing so we have observed the regional representation and gender balance required by the WA Executive Board.





Your committee is certain that though there has been little tournament activity around the world in the last 12 months, our judges have kept themselves updated with the bylaws and interpretations passed in this period and will be able to enforce them in the 2021 season.

We look forward to the opportunity to seeing most of you personally very soon.

Keep safe.

Sergio Font
Chairman

2. Back to Competition

As the world begins to move forward and hopefully able to remove the restrictions in place for Covid 19, we may be able to look forward to increased competitions at all levels – National Competitions will hopefully resume, Continental Associations are already implementing their plans for 2021, and World Archery events are scheduled to take place, although we are aware that the calendar may be interrupted or revised at any time.

As Judges, we should look forward to the opportunity to be working again, although there is the understanding that this will be dependent upon the individual's choice in respect of the pandemic situation at the time, and in the location. For example, there may still be restrictions on travel which need to be considered.

Some thoughts to consider are:

1. If you are already appointed to officiate at a WA event, keep in touch with the travel arrangements from your country to the host nation – we have seen travel arrangements and quarantine restrictions change quite rapidly over time. Make sure you keep your COJ, the WA Judge Committee and Severine well informed of any issues that may affect your appointment
2. Check your uniform and make sure it is in good order and it fits ok. If you have any issues with your uniform please contact Severine in good time before your event is due
3. Check all your judging equipment – for example, if you use a magnifying glass with a light, make sure the battery is in good condition. Another item that you need to check and make sure is working ok are your callipers or vernier for measuring nearest the centre of the target, and practice with them to be ready
4. Refresh your knowledge of the rules. Various Interpretations and rule changes have been issued since the pandemic started and a restriction on competition. Make sure you are fully aware of the relevant changes. Some of the more recent ones are highlighted in this newsletter

The organisers of the events will have considerations for actions required by the Officials in respect of Covid 19, which will impact on how you may need to operate. The COJ's should advise their Judge

teams when this information is known, and it could well be different depending on the location of the event.

However, some thoughts to bear in mind are:

1. You may be required to wear a face mask at all times while on the Field of Play. Please avoid wearing any mask with advertising, in particular archery manufacturers, as this may affect the perception of your integrity
2. The Judge teams may be split into smaller groups, so that any impact of a Judge testing positive for COVID at an event will not place the whole team into isolation
3. Team meetings may have to be managed through an online meeting process – please be ready for this possibility
4. It is highly possible that you will be contained within an environment that allows you only to move between hotel/venue and points or arrival /departure in the country, and that no evening trips out, or “days off” during the event will be allowed

This is not an endless list of course and will be subject to the rules pertaining at the time in the country hosting the event. However, please ensure you are ready to manage your time with these possible restrictions and support the organisers to ensure the events are successful.

3. Tokyo 2020 - What is going to be “Different”

As we now move into the final phases of qualifying for both the Olympics and Paralympics, the LOC for both Games are working hard to ensure the success of the Games within the difficulties placed upon us.

The Organisers are providing regular updates on what is likely to happen, and the appointed Technical Officials are fully aware of all of these.

We thought you might be interested in the following:

1. Qualification round – this will be shot with each athlete on their own target, with targets suitably spaced for distancing between the athletes when shooting
2. Scoring during qualification – this will still be done by the athletes with “cross scoring” between two or more targets. It is thought that the athletes will be required to wear face masks when not on the shooting line
3. The Judges will wear face masks when on duty, both in qualification and in the finals field. These have to be of the surgical type and with no advertising or manufacturers marks
4. The Technical Officials will not be permitted out in the evenings, and all meals will be taken at the hotel, in small “groups”

5. Regular Covid testing is likely to take place during the event. The advantage of being in small groups is that if one person tests positive, only a small number of officials will have to isolate
6. The Technical Officials will need to complete details on their whereabouts while in Tokyo, via an App, in similar format to that used for Athlete’s drug testing when out of competition

There is no doubt that the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo are going to be very different to previous games for the Technical Officials involved, as it is also likely that they will not be able to attend the Games opening ceremonies or closing ceremonies as is usual, and they will not get the opportunity to visit other venues and watch other sports which has also been a feature in previous Games.

However, these two events remain the pinnacle in terms of media coverage and athlete importance, and we know that our respective Judge teams will give of their best, manage the situations accordingly and act with great enthusiasm and propriety.

4. New Bylaws

There has been a recent rule change for shoot-off that has been in effect since 1st January 2021. **Reference to Book 3 Article 14.5.2.2** – all shoot-offs will be a single arrow shoot off for score and if tied, then followed by measurement of distance from the center of the target.

The previous rule of second shoot-off for individual’s in outdoor, when both the archers shoot a 10 in recurve or X in compound is **NO** longer **VALID**.

Other Bylaw changes have also been made, and all of the relevant changes are highlighted in the table below:

Book	Rule Reference	Change
Book 2	Appendix 2	Modification in the Minimum Standard Criteria & World Ranking Event organisation clauses to bring in more visibility and transparency about the events and the results. Also, removal of upper cap of the number of World Ranking Event a Continental Association can hold in a year
	3.1.1.1	Introduction of authorising body for virtual or online or e-game archery championship as has been recommended by IOC & ASOIF
	4.5.3.3.6	In eliminations, clarification has been made as to what sequence the matches should happen should 2 matches be taking place in the same group. For example, if a group contains a match from Pool B and from Pool D, the match from Pool B will shoot first.
	4.5.3.3.10 / 11	In Field/3D Team/Mixed Team Match round, teams will require to shoot on the left/ right target according to the position which is printed on the score card
Book 3	13.2.2 (Bullet 7)	Change of word from a mouth “release” to mouth “tab” since the release is attached to the archer’s jaw and the piece left on the bow is a tab

	14.5.2.2	Single arrow shoot-off for Outdoor Tie-Breakers. The previous rule of second shoot-off for individual's in outdoor, when both the archers shoot a 10 in recurve or X in compound is <u>NO</u> longer <u>VALID</u> .
Book 4	23.1.4	In eliminations, the athlete's position to the left / right side of the peg will be according to the position which is printed on the scorecard and they will shoot on the appropriate left/right target.
	25.3	The sequencing of sections have been updated with some more clarifications being added for various shoot-off procedures in order to clear the confusion and bring it more in line with the procedure followed in "Target" archery. Previous 25.3.2.2.1 has been brought under 25.3.2.3 and new section 25.3.3 is introduced and the earlier 25.3.3 now has moved to 23.3.3

5. Events Round Up – WA Indoor World Cup Stage: Nimes 2021

The following article was provided by David Catalan, the appointed Chairman of Judges for the event (thank you David for your contribution):

As the Pandemic took a grip on the worldwide ability to travel and stay safe, so the organisers of the Nimes Indoor had to make significant changes to their plans over the period leading up to the event. 2020 had seen 1200 entries. In October 2020 this was reduced to a maximum 850, but also including the Target Barebow division. By the end of November the tournament had been delayed by two weeks, and then French Biosafety measures had to be considered. Eventually the organisers agreed on a 256 archer event, in 4 categories (RW, RM, CW, CM) only.

At the beginning of January 2021, a working group of the key individuals involved had meetings over online facilities, and this enabled good progress on the planning for the event and the sharing of information.

Each participant, and all the staff for the event, including Judges, had to present a negative PCR test before being allowed to enter the venue.

Archers were allocated two to a buttress, but only one on the shooting line at any time, with a minimum distance between archers of 2m. Masks had to be worn at all times by all, unless on the shooting line. The eliminations and finals were shot with one archer per buttress, and there were no spectators, and no coach when shooting the finals matches alternately.

The changed requirements meant a more comprehensive list of items as a Judge. Beyond our usual items the following was packed;



Electronic whistle, masks, sanitizing gel, gloves, canteen, water bottles, cookies (as no snacks were readily available) negative PCR document and a certified participation letter.



The final total of archers attending was 107, all resident in Europe, as unfortunately participants expected from the Americas were required to have a 14 day quarantine period in France, and were only advised of this obligation with 2 days margin for making the trip.

As the only IJ on duty, I had a team of 6 National Officials, and after registering and showing my negative PCR certificate, I was issued with the necessary bracelet giving me access to the venue. I was then able, together with my colleagues, to conduct venue inspection.

The organisers had planned well, with one entrance door and a separate exit door. Sanitizing gel was available in many dispensers around the venue. No food or drink was available, and thus none was consumed in the venue.

Each Judge had the same patch of targets each day, and equipment was review was conducted visually by each judge in the warm up area for their archers. Of note was archers who had the Mantis X8 device, but with only the base plate on the riser, the unit itself having been removed. For compound poundage, each archer declared their draw weight and this was noted, with each archer advised a random check could take place. This avoided excessive contact with a bowscale, and was agreed with the TD, although random checks could be performed with the scales cleansed every time after use. One curious point to note was that it was possibly the first year no one came to compete wearing camo pattern or jeans. It seems everyone was so keen to compete and meet with their friends they were determined to keep to the rules.



The archers were conscious at all times of maintaining the biosafety measures to avoid any contagion, remaining in their chairs when not on the shooting line and only removing the mask when shooting. The archers changed their own target faces when authorised to do so by a Judge.

The organisers carried out disinfection of all material every phase change throughout the event. A curfew was imposed with everyone needed to be back at the hotel by 18.00 daily. Dinner and Breakfast were taken in our own rooms in the hotel.

The organisers offered antigen test free of charge to all before the return home.

In summary, it was an emotional time for all present, with it being a wonderful opportunity to organize/judge/shoot again in competition and meet up with and renew friendships.

6. Events Round Up – European Grand Prix: Porec, March 2021

The following is a report from the Chairman of Judges for the EGP in Porec, Helmut Poell, which gives some insight into how the event was conducted with Biosafety measures in place and offers some guidance for Judges to consider for their own future events. Thank you, Helmut for your input:

From March 16th-21st, 2021 the **European international 2021** outdoor season began with the European Grand Prix in Poreč (Croatia). Even before the start of the tournament, the program was reduced (no Teams and Mixed Teams) and the event was not open for everyone but the competitors had to be registered by the national archery federations with (limited to six archers per category). Clear health regulations concerning COVID-19 were published in the invitation package giving general information, personal hygiene and health advices and instructions for transport, accommodation and the venue as well as for the participants. Due to travel restrictions and individual concerns, the Judge Team was changed in the month leading up to the event, and those International/Continental Judges that were in attendance were well supported by a team of National Officials from Croatia and their neighboring countries.

Authorities

Those entering Croatia needed a negative PCR Test. Without that test, you had to put yourself in quarantine and have a PCR test – as happened to one team that had to stay in their hotel rooms until they had got the (negative) results of the PCR test. Moreover, regularly made inspections of the field by the local police, at least once a day, showed that the local authorities kept an eye on the event, too.

Accommodation

All teams, volunteers and officials stayed at one hotel. Posters with clear COVID-rules and hand-disinfectant dispensers welcomed the participants not only at the entrance but also on different places in the hotel, e.g., at the entrance to the hotel's restaurant. The guests had to wear masks all the time, the only exception being when staying in the own room and when sitting at a table to eat and drink in the restaurant. The hotel and the restaurant staff wore masks, too. Plexiglass separated the guests from the staff at the registration desk as well as at the eating stations. There the food was put directly on



plates by the staff. The teams, field crew, volunteers, officials and judges always had the same tables for taking their meals.

Welcome and Meetings

Due to epidemiological recommendations no opening ceremony was organized. The Team Managers Meeting was held on the terrace of the hotel, which meant there was no possibility to use PowerPoint presentations if needed. Furthermore, it was very cold! Afterwards different possible scenarios of how to hold Team Managers Meetings in times of COVID were discussed by the officials, the organizers and coaches. The solution to cancel the Team Managers Meeting was not considered as constructive, and maybe an online-meeting would be a good alternative.

Venue

Health regulations dominated the whole event. Masks had to be worn at all times and everywhere (common area in the hotel, transport, venue, training, etc.) except on the shooting line. Social distancing was mandatory. People were asked to keep at least a two-meter distance between oneself and others at all times. Disinfectant hand gel was not only available in the hotel, but also at multiple locations on the venue and regular toilet cleaning was done several times a day.

A team of medical personnel were responsible for measuring temperature at the main entrances to the practice field and the field of play. Volunteers controlled the accreditation cards at all entrances and recalled all people to use the hand disinfection.

In the schedule published in the Team Managers Booklet it was announced that during the unofficial practice a maximum of 32 archers may shoot at the same time on the 16 targets on the practice field. The limitation of all people on the practice field was restricted to 50 and all had to wear masks except the archers on the shooting line.

Equipment inspection was carried out during the official practice at the official field of play. The judges were instructed to touch as few objects as possible. If that could not be avoided, single-used gloves were used. For Compound the bow-scale was regularly disinfected. The same happened to the radios that were used by the judges and the field crew.

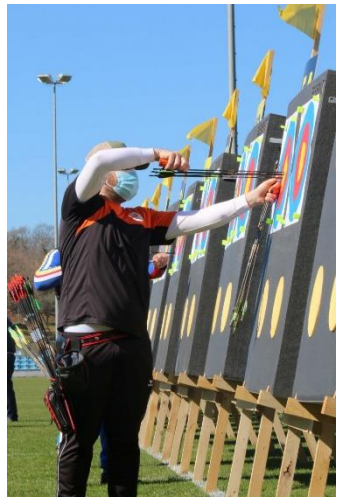


The space on the shooting line was two meter per athlete. The target faces were not changed after the practice arrows and were only to be touched and changed by the archers themselves. During the official practice and during qualification two archers shot on one target, one archer shooting first, then the other (AB-mode). For Compound the target faces were fixed in the positions A and B in order to use the higher row of the harder yellow spots of the Eleven-Compound-butts. In the elimination rounds the match-shooting was conducted with one archer per target, also for the byes.

Difficulties occurred with scheduling for the eliminations as more targets were needed than available on the FOP as archers were shooting alone on a target. This meant some flexibility with the use of part of the practice field, which had an impact on the unofficial practice available. Working with the other members of the LOC and the Technical Delegate, a solution was found which included using the targets on the FOP for unofficial practice as well.

Flexibility – Problems caused by the Restrictions

Flexibility was the key for the success of this tournament. Because of the earlier opening of the field of play, the DoS and at least two judges were also to be at the field of play even before the early start of the unofficial practice for safety reasons. **Masks had always to be worn by all people who had access to the field of play.** The implementation of this restriction was not always easy. People, especially archers sometimes really just forgot to put the mask on when returning from the shooting line. Especially at the beginning of the event some officials and/or coaches put their masks down often and had to be reminded by the judges to put the masks on again. Therefore, at the Team Managers Meeting it was announced that people can lose their accreditation when they do not wear the mask on the venue. Moreover, regular announcements by the speaker reminded those present to meet the hygiene standards and restrictions.



The habit of too many officials trying to be at the field of play – as can often be observed at major tournaments – could result in even worse health problems at COVID-times. It was suspected that the officials would stay out of the field of play to minimize the risks, but the opposite was the case and the Judges had to take action on a number of occasions. Moreover, also athletes having finished their practice or competition came in to join the team. This resulted from the fact that there was no place for the archers where they could go to wait for the rest of their team. The practice field was limited to 50 people maximum. No spectators were allowed on the small tribune next to the field of play. The public health authorities' measures (national and sport-specific regulations), did not allow for food/water/tea/coffee/snacks to be available at the venue, and there was no additional

seating. This was not ideal and it was felt that future event organisers need to look at their available options around these issues.

Other problems seemed small but had a big impact.

Due to epidemiological recommendations, water on the field was not delivered. The participants were instructed that they should refill their bottles at the hotel and take them to the field of play.



For calling arrows, the judges told the archers to step back so that the two-meter distance could be kept. One further problem came to light during the matches. Wearing masks while scoring and walking back caused fogged glasses. Therefore, archers wearing glasses needed more time to get prepared before going to the shooting line again. This problem was solved by communication between the coaches and the DoS and by even more attentiveness of the judges.

Medal Ceremony and Departure

The medal ceremonies were organized on Saturday after the end of the gold finals. This was a simple ceremony in the presence of only few VIPs, the other winners and their teams, the judges and the field staff, all wearing masks. The event finished officially after the last medal ceremony at the final's venue. Predictably the closing ceremony and the closing party fell victim to the pandemic restrictions.

Before the teams travelled home, everyone was COVID-PCR-tested directly in the hotel on Saturday afternoon with part of the costs met from the Croatian NOC. Before midnight the results were published – all 230 tested people were tested negative on COVID-19. The positive end of an event shaped by health restrictions!

Note:

Below is a summary of some of the good learning points from these reports:

1. Preparation – remember if travelling negative "PCR" Covid tests will probably be required. The tests are likely to have to be paid for, WA will, we understand, reimburse the costs upon request for the WA events.
2. Team Managers Meeting – May be challenging, so the COJ needs to engage at an early stage with the Technical Delegate/Event Director to see if extra information is necessary from the Judges in the Team Managers Booklet. Consider what you may say in the meeting, and ensure it is covered.
3. Ensure as Judges you are fully aware of the food/beverage supply at the venue, and whether you need to be taking additional supply from the hotel when you leave in the morning.
4. Ensure you have a good supply of disposable or washable masks available. You will probably need to wear them all the time on the FOP.
5. The COJ needs to work with the LOC and Event Director/Technical Delegate and seek flexible solutions to issues that may arise with the FOP layout.

The above is not an exhaustive list, but it is hoped that by highlighting situations from these early events it will help those with events later this year.

7. Events Round Up – PanAmerican Championship: Monterrey, March 2021

A few items of interest have been passed to us from the Pan American Championships held towards the end of March.

1. An archer presented a bow to the equipment inspection with an electronic attachment on the sight. This attachment is the “Mantis X8” system, which records bow movements etc and provides feedback to the archer via an App on their phone or tablet. If you do see this at any event, check that the Mantis unit is removed (it contains the battery), and that the system is thus unable to be used, as of course no electronic equipment is allowed. This will leave the bracket for attachment in place on the bow. In this instance the archer was advised it was not acceptable and removed the attachment.



2. In a shoot-off, an archer shot after time had expired, but the arrow missed the target. The Judge recorded a miss on the scoresheet, and then crossed it through, and wrote M again, initialling the scoresheet to show that the adjustment was made because the arrow was shot out of time. While the result of the arrow value was the same, we are of the opinion that the Judges actions were appropriate, and that we should always take the time to follow our processes correctly regardless of the impact on the result.

3. One of the Para Athletes had a wheelchair which allowed the wheels to be removed, and the chair supported on the ground by other means. As there was no comment on the Classification Card this was not allowed. It is important at Para Events to view the Classification Cards and work with the Classifiers if they are present.



8. Pictures from Recent Events



Judge's at the European Grand Prix at Porec



Judge's at the PanAmerican Championship at Monterrey

9. Upcoming Event – International Judge Seminar

An International Judge Candidate seminar will be held in Monterrey, Mexico on October 29-31, 2021. This will be the first seminar of this sort to be conducted after the pandemic outbreak. More details on this seminar will soon be provided from the World Archery office.

10. Future Conferences

Agreement has been given to the hosting of three Judge Conferences as part of the current reaccreditation cycle in 2022. We can tentatively announce that the first one will be held in Singapore in January 2022. Further information on all three conferences will be released as soon as available.

11. Appointments

Following the relocation of the World Youth Championships from Perth, Australia, to Wroclaw, Poland, now to take place in August, we have had to make adjustments to the appointments for the Championships. Our thanks to those who have made themselves available as replacements for those originally appointed who can no longer make the event. The list is as follows:

1. Paco Giménez ESP IJ Chairman
2. Bettina Kratzmüller AUT IJc Deputy
3. Robert Potts GBR IJC DoS
4. Nico Ylipelkonen FIN IJC
5. Marusa Gajic SLO YJ
6. Irati Zurbano ESP YJ
7. Denis Paquet FRA IJ
8. Christina Tiflidou GRE IJc
9. Katerina Koncalova CZE IJc
10. Bjarne Strandby DEN IJ
11. Anthony Hillairet FRA IJc
12. Graham Potts GBR IJ
13. Rolf Volungholen SWE IJc
14. Mariya Larkina RUS IJ

Alternates

1. David Catalan ESP IJ

12. Replies to Case studies 103

103.1.

The following is a picture of a barebow tab (The picture has not been replicated here). The archer can put the metal hooks wherever he wants, and they serve as the markings for the finger position. Once put in position, the metal hooks can only be changed by removing the cover of the tab as you see it on the picture. Is this tab allowed or not?

Reply from the Judge Committee:

The responses we received were split on whether this should be allowed or not.

This tab as shown with the metal hooks can be used in the Barebow division. The metal hooks are effectively the athlete's personal markings, and do not contravene the regulations on uniformity and length. It is noted that of course they could be adjusted, but provided there were no more than two lengths, the spacing between them can be of different widths. This may require further checking during the competition.

Some judges were concerned as to whether the metal hooks could provide a hook to the string. If you think this is the case, ask the archer to draw the bow up at equipment inspection and take a look to see.

103.2

In an indoor event, archer 30A shoots two arrows and reports an equipment failure to the judge. Fixing the failure may take around three minutes, therefore the judge informs the DoS that he can proceed with the signal to move to the targets to score. Archer 30A's coach walks to the target to be present at the time scoring takes place. His archer has an arrow in the middle face (ten points), and one in the lower face (9 points). When everyone returns to the shooting line after scoring, archer 30A tells the judge that he is ready to make up the pending arrow. The judge informs the DoS. The DoS announces that archer 30A will be allowed 40 seconds to shoot his arrow and that scoring for this arrow will take place before all archers are called to line to shoot their next end. Archer 30A stands on the shooting line and shoots a 10 in the middle face. Archer 30B complains that 30A shot two arrows in the same spot in the same end. What should the judge do?

Reply from the Judge Committee:

There are mixed responses on this issue. Some think that the archer should have shot the arrow into the upper face (the one not used in the end shot) and thus the value will be a miss, others that while that is the case, the Judge should have told the archer which face to shoot at, so it was a Judge error and the value will stand, and others who are of the opinion that there is no rule to cover this and the score should stand, as there was only one arrow in the face.

It is the committee view that we would allow the value of the arrow no matter which spot had been hit. The intent of the rules for three spot face scoring is to protect the arrows and make it easy for the spectators to follow. No perceived advantage is gained, and ordinarily we do not track which spot arrows have been shot into so we could advise.

If the arrow had been shot while the other arrows were still in the target (i.e. if the equipment failure had been fixed prior to scoring taking place), then the archer would have to shoot at the top face which was the one where no arrow was scoring.

13. New Case studies

104.1

At a National Competition, In the last end of a compound women semi-final match Archer A calls the designated judge to make a call on one of her arrows. The judge (who happens to be from the archer's own city) calls it a ten, causing the match to come to a tie at 145 points. Archer B complains against the call claiming the arrow is a nine, and she asks the chairman of judges to call another judge who is not from Archer A's city. Most judges on the field were from the same city. Only one is from another



city. This judge from out-of-town is called by the CoJ to make a call on the arrow in question. This second judge calls the arrow a 9 causing archer B to win the match. Both archers sign the scorecard.

When the archers returned to the waiting area, archer A explains what had happened to her team manager, and the latter immediately approached the CoJ indicating that she will appeal against the procedure used allowing a second judge to make a decision.

An appeal is lodged with Jury. The Jury interviewed everyone involved and decided that based on WA rules the decision made by the first judge should stand, as WA rules indicate that the decision made a judge on the value of an arrow in the target is final.

The Jury informed the two team managers involved of their decision, and that a shoot-off would be conducted. Archer B's team manager argued that the scorecards had been signed and that according to the rules the result could not be revoked. The Chairman of Jury explained that the scorecards had been signed agreeing to a rule violation that it is the Jury's responsibility not to allow a violation of the rules.

Do you agree with the Jury's decision? Please give your reasoning for your response.

104.2

In a recurve semi-final match, a tie break was required. The measurement of the distance was carried out but not in an appropriate manner, and the wrong country awarded the win. An appeal was lodged by the losing country against the result of the match.

As a Jury member, what is your view of this appeal?

Replies to case studies should be sent to sderiaz@archery.sport by 31 May 2021.