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1. Editorial

from Sergio Font, Chairman of WA Judge Committee

Dear Judges

Newsletter 105 is released right after the archery competition of the Olympic Games has come to an end. The fabulous performance of the archers who won medals or achieved outstanding positions is for sure something everyone talks about and takes pride in. But it was not just the archers that performed to the best of their capacity while facing uncomfortable windy conditions; the judges who officiated in Tokyo showcased very high standards of professionalism, discipline, and impartiality. Our sincere appreciation to them and to the National Technical Officials (including three International Judges) who made a significant contribution to the success of the Games.

Other major events are fast approaching: the World Archery Youth Championships in Wroclaw, the Paralympic Games, and the World Archery Target Championships in Yankton. We would like to encourage the judges who will officiate at these events to go over rules and procedures before they travel, as some of them have been away from major events for several months now.

The Judges Committee held an online meeting on July 26. It was a great opportunity to discuss important matters, including the re-accreditation process at the end of the 2020-2022 period. The pandemic has made an impact on this process as well, and for this reason our committee has requested that conference attendance not be considered as mandatory requirement for this period. More information on how the process will be finally implemented will be released as soon as defined.

World Archery is currently planning the 2022 season, which will most likely start at the end of 2021 with the Indoor World Series. You will soon receive the list of events so you can show your availability.

The World Archery Outdoor season (Hyundai World Cup stages, Continental Championships, and other World Ranking Events) has included several tournaments after Newsletter 104 was released. Our judges have done a great job at these competitions. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to congratulate them on their performance.

Best Regards – Sergio

2. New Procedures

Qualification and Elimination/finals round (Simultaneous shooting) shoot-off scoring procedures

Athletes, coaches and World Archery have requested a change in the procedure to handle shoot-offs at the end of the Qualification Round and in elimination matches. Here is a description of what judges are expected to do in each instance:

Qualification Round Shoot-offs for 8th Place and entry into eliminations:

1. The results team will provide a printout of the details of the athletes/teams involved in the shoot-offs. This paper scorecard will be used by the Judge in charge of the shoot-offs.
2. Once the arrows are shot, approach the target(s) with the athletes. Walk alongside or in front of the athletes.
3. Once the athletes arrive at the targets, commence the process of scoring and recording the arrow values, and where necessary the arrow(s) nearest the centre for the winners.
4. Confirm the results on the scorecard with the athletes and sign the scorecard as the Judge.
5. Return the scorecard to the results team as soon as possible.
6. Indicate the winners of the Shoot-Offs (i.e. Those in 8th place or above, and those who qualify for the Eliminations)

Elimination shoot-offs (including finals rounds where they are shot simultaneously), with the athletes recording the scores)

1. Once the arrows have been shot, approach the target(s) with the athletes. Walk alongside or in front of the athletes.
2. Do not measure or signal a winner or new tie until the athletes are present– this is out of courtesy and respect for the athletes.
3. If the result is clearly evident from the arrow values, signal the winner, and check that the athletes have entered the correct arrow values in their scorecards. Remind the athletes to enter the result into the PDA and to sign their scorecards.
4. If the arrow values are the same, follow the procedure to determine the winner, either by visually being able to see the winner, or measuring as necessary:
 - a. If a new tie is determined, then signal the new tie. Ensure the arrow values are correctly entered in the scorecard and remind the athletes to complete the PDA.
 - b. If a winner is declared, either visually or by measuring, signal the winner. Ensure the scorecard is completed correctly including a checkmark indicating the winner of the match.
 - c. In this situation of the two arrow values being the same, then, and only then, you must sign the scorecard in the allocated place for the Judge to certify you have ruled on the result of the shoot-off, given that the arrow values alone do not determine a winner.

3. Judges Committee Meeting

The World Archery Judges Committee met online on July 26, and we were joined by World Archery Secretary General Tom Dielen. Here is a summary of the discussions:

- 1) The International Judge Candidate Seminar planned to be held in Monterrey in Oct/Nov 2021 has been moved to sometime in the first four months of 2022. New dates and location will be announced in the next couple of weeks. Continental Judges intending to participate in this seminar will need to complete and pass the E-learning course on Target Archery at least three months prior to the seminar. The invitation package to this seminar will include information on how to register for the E-learning course.
- 2) Upgrades. The Committee will decide on which IJC to upgrade only after the World Championships in Yankton so that judge performance at the Youth World Championships and the Outdoor Target World Championships can be considered. Severine Deriaz has already contacted all our IJC to ask them to provide a list of the events they have officiated at continental level.
- 3) Youth Judges. The Committee agreed to keep the status of Youth Judges as a World Archery Judge category. We however discussed how to solve the situation that when these Youth Judges turn 30, they cannot be upgraded to a higher status because they need to follow the Continental channel first. This is being looked at further over the coming period.
- 4) Re-accreditation. The pandemic has not allowed us to hold the Judges Conferences that were due in 2020 and 2021. We are not sure whether it will be possible to hold one in 2022. The Committee has decided to ask the World Archery Executive Board to exceptionally accept that for the current re-accreditation period attendance to Conferences should not be a mandatory requirement. The Committee will devise a new system to ensure that our judges can show that they are still knowledgeable and skillful. This system will include online exams and a timed test (like the one administered at our Conferences).
- 5) Judge performance assessment. The Committee will review the assessment form and will make assessment criteria more specific to ensure that all chairmen use the same standards to evaluate their judges. The Committee will ask commission chairmen to submit assessment reports in which they do not just give a score (5, 4, 3, etc.), but that details to substantiate the assessments are provided.
- 6) Power point presentations on the website. The Committee agreed to ask the contribution of some international judges in reviewing and updating these presentations to comply with the current rules. These judges will be contacted soon.
- 7) Judges Guidebook. The Committee will review the current version of the Guidebook. Some international judges will be asked to cooperate.
- 8) The Committee discussed the need to have more judges with an international or continental status at the stages of the Hyundai World Cup. Secretary General Tom Dielen agreed to review this with the WA Events Department, World Cup organizers and the Continental Associations.

4. Tokyo 2020 – An Olympic Games like none before.....

While writing this newsletter, the Games of the 32nd Olympiad have started and the first medals have been awarded. Sixteen of our Judges have been selected as ITO and a few more as NTO or are part of the LOC. The Tokyo 2020 Olympic games are special, not only because they take place in 2021, an uneven year, but also due to the Covid restrictions in place for all participants.

After the initial disappointment when it was announced that the games would be postponed it quickly became clear that the IOC would do its utmost best to have the games in 2021. Preparation for the judges started with meetings in November 2020 where it quickly became clear that it would be very restricted games. No going out at nights, no visits to other sports, no possibility to extend our stay. We would be confined to the hotel and the venue.

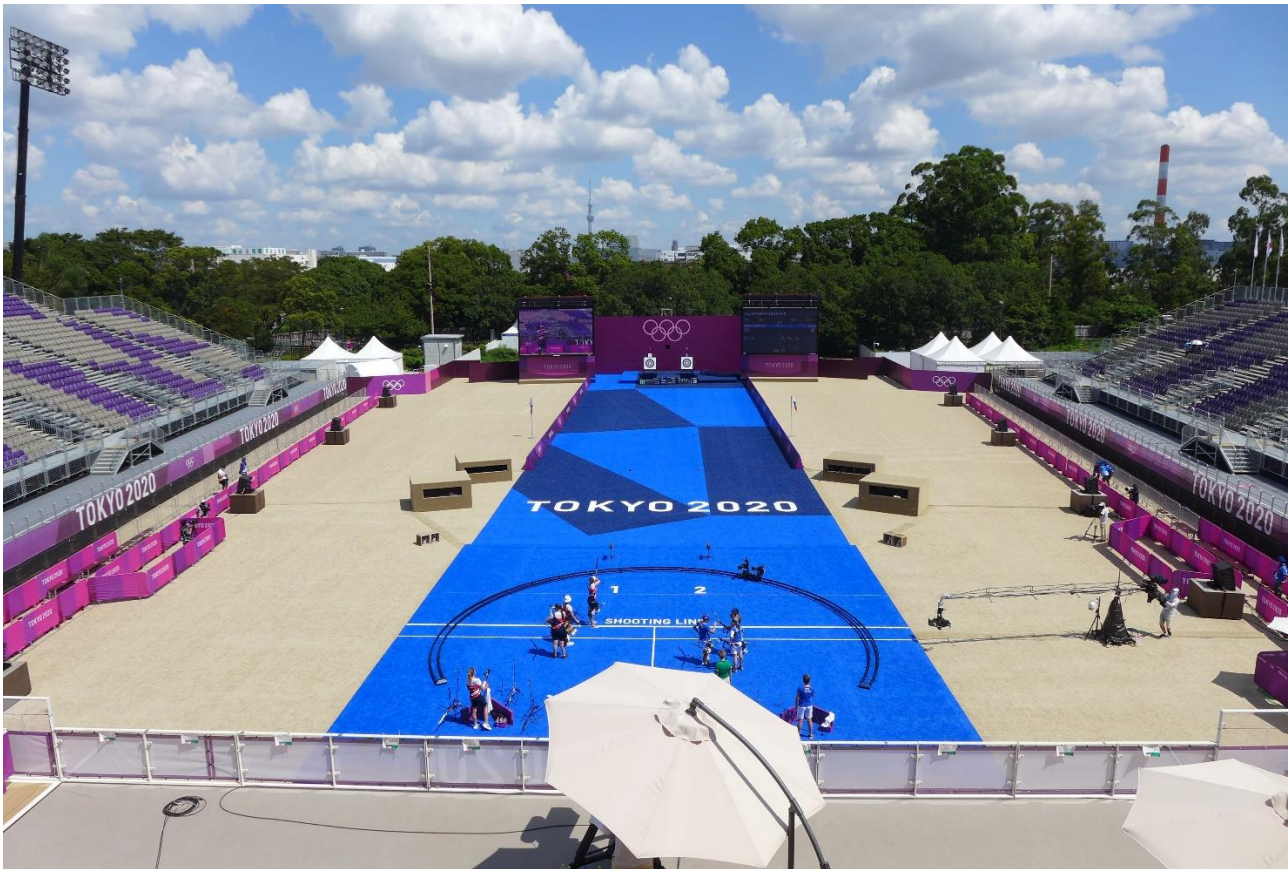
The organisers of the Games (Olympic Games Organising Committee) published "Playbooks" for the participants, including officials, covering the significant items such as Covid Testing, Health Monitoring and other restrictions as already mentioned, and the part that all these would play, and our adherence to them, in the successful delivery of the Games under such difficult circumstances. This led to additional "paperwork" and Covid testing requirements to enable entry to Japan – the photo alongside gives a little idea of what was needed as we moved through immigration at the airport towards getting accreditation verified!



Travel and arrival procedures varied according to which country you might have been travelling from, but ultimately the team all arrived and navigated their way through the immigration procedures. This gave the first encounter with Covid testing on Japanese soil, a process repeated every day during our stay.

The venue itself looked magnificent, a look only tempered by the fact that no spectators were to be allowed in to watch – but this did not take anything away from the efforts of the organisers to create an Archery Field of Play that kept pace with the previous Olympic Games.

A fuller report on the Judging processes and application of procedures will be included in a later newsletter. However, the underlying reason for being here – the winning of Olympic Gold – was very much to the fore, and some great matches have unfolded during our time here.



5. Events Round Up – Paris 2021 Tokyo FQT and Hyundai World Cup Leg 3

The following article was provided by Graham Potts, the appointed Chairman of Judges for the event:

The team of Judges selected for this event (after a required change) were Graham Potts (Chairman), Xiuzhi Zhang (Deputy), Kristina Reitmeier, Christina Tiflidous, Bjarne Strandby and Cesar Araujo. The Director of Shooting was Anthony Hillairet supported by Alexandre Debrenne – both of them working together very well and each managing different parts of the overall event.

The two events were being run “back to back” – the World Cup leg following on from the Final Olympic Qualifier. This meant an extended stay for the Judges, with most of the team arriving on 16th or 17th June and departing on 28th June. This was possibly one of the longest events with the most shooting taking place with 5 qualification sessions (CM and CW shot together in the World Cup) and subsequent matchplay, with a total of 56 matches covering the two events taking place on the finals field over 5 separate days.

Covid Protocols:

As with earlier WA events, specific Covid Protocols were in place covering all officials and athletes. This meant that we were required to:

- a) Wear masks at all times unless eating or drinking or in your own hotel room – this included outdoors as well
- b) Take one Antigen test on arrival, and then a further 3 or 4 PCR tests including the one required for the flight home. We had to register into the French system for recording the tests. Testing

stations were provided at both the Hotel and the Venue and the process seemed to operate well – the responsibility for meeting the test schedule was with all the individuals.

- c) Maintain social distancing where possible.
- d) In order to keep a “bubble” of event participants, no one was allowed out of the hotel, and only official transport was allowed to be used.

While the above brings extra pressure, it was necessary to follow these procedures so that the event could take place.

Transportation:

This worked extremely well, with the ability for the chairman to book the requirements using WhatsApp. It did help that the venue was not very far away from the hotel.

Hotel:

Hotel was comfortable. Meal times had to be booked in advance, and it was quite crowded at times with all the teams also based at the same hotel. While the Judges were able to change out of uniform in the hotel, it did still feel like we were “never off duty” being in the same vicinity as all the athletes and coaches!

Venue:

The Venue was the Charléty football stadium with plenty of open space and a large hall used as the dining area. The Judges had a large “changing room” to make use of during the day and its size was good for socially distanced short team meetings.

The practice field of some 36 targets was on an artificial pitch, with the main field of play in the stadium with 64 targets, plus the finals range in the middle.

Final Qualifying Tournament:

This took place first, with 145 men (36 Teams) and 105 women (28 Teams). The schedule was set to complete Men’s qualification and teams on the day after official practice, the Women’s the day after that, and then finally the individual matchplay.

After the Men’s and Women’s team matches were finished we had 94 men and 62 women able to compete in the Individual Qualifying event.

The schedule of the team events meant that we moved from a qualification round to a finals field all on the same day, and for the individuals it was from elimination matches to a finals field on the same day. We were unable to have the usual rehearsal, but to the Judge team’s great credit they managed this very well and the finals matches for the FQT took place successfully. In the Individual finals the Chairman had to step in to Judge a line match as the two athletes came from the same countries as the two line Judges being used – a bit unusual, but it was very effective and avoided the need for a swap of Judges between line and targets.

On the day of the Individual matchplay, official practice and equipment inspection for the World Cup also took place, which included those recurve athletes who had not shot the FQT, and all the compound athletes. This led to an unusual field of play lay out, with the matchplay finals in middle and the Official Practice on the outer targets on the FOP, controlled by clocks but with no sound. This worked well, with French National Judges, led by Denis Paquet (IJ) completing equipment inspection for the World Cup.

So we moved to the usual process for a World Cup Leg, continuing to meet the Covid 19 protocols. The Recurve Women qualification was hit by a late thunder and lightning storm, and we just finished it – the 1/48th was rescheduled to the following day as we had a suitable gap in the schedule.

The support from the French Judge team was great and helped us with all aspects of the event until the two days of finals. They also provided the team to manage the practice field which is an important part of the event.

Were there any “interesting” things to report??

Well, there were no real issues, although we had, as usual, to deal with some uniform issues, including the colour of the “sleeves” on the finals field in the HWC. There were no specific equipment issues, but we did see one case of a release aid pouch with some camo on it, and a backpack on the FOP which was determined not to be camo – this is shown in the picture below.

How did the Judges manage with such a long and challenging event, with the rewards for the athletes of Olympic places and then places in the World Cup Finals?

The most important thing was that the Judges were a great team unit for this event and supported each other fully. Meals were generally taken together due to a booking system, which helped with the team building.

Resting time was important, although the Chairman noticed that the two “massage beds” in the changing room we were using at the venue strangely seemed to be occupied by sleepy Judges whenever he felt like taking a snooze!

On the HWC finals field, the Line Judges were requested to take a position on the left hand side – normally we would be on the right hand side as archers are predominantly right handed, and we can see more clearly what is happening. Because of this, the Line Judges moved around a lot more than we might have seen before, which is a good example of the Judges doing what they need to on the finals range.

This was a 10-12 day period of competition like no other – and while it was hard work, we all considered it a privilege to be the Judge team for the whole event.



The Judges with the DOS, Assistant DOS, and a representative of the National Judges support team.



Is this CAMO or not??



A new look to where the PDA's and scoreboards are placed.

5. Judges activities

"Offer polite assistance to all" – another way to support National Teams

Thank you to Bettina Kratzmueller & Helmut Poell for providing the following:

"Judges should be well informed, willing to discuss and to educate if necessary, be polite and firm about decisions. It is by being so we are seen to be professional about our duties." (JGB 2018, p. 9)

According to this motto, Austrian IJC are not only working as judges also at national tournaments, but they are also involved in the education and training of National Judges in their home country. Moreover, they are supporting the clubs to organize, prepare and run local and national WA tournaments with a focus on National Championships. Especially the members of the National Teams should find a professional sphere there that prepares them for international competitions.

In extension of this strategy, we were invited to support the Austrian National Field Archery Head Coach who was organizing a training camp for the Austrian and German National Field Archery Teams in Tyrol/AUT at the beginning of June 2021. Beside members of both National Field Archery Teams, their National Head Coaches (Peter Lange/GER, Stephan Schwarz/AUT) and their physiotherapists, also some local high-level archers were taking part.

The focus of the training camp was on practicing Field Archery under competition conditions. Therefore, the program included shooting Qualification Rounds on three different permanent Field Archery courses at two places in Tyrol (Scharnitz and Absam), performing matches in the Pool Shoot-up and Finals Rounds and practicing Teams and Mixed Teams matches.

For us as judges this meant to arrive in Tyrol three days before the teams. On day 1, we inspected the mountainous terrain of two courses in Scharnitz and controlled the local club's plans of the courses –

one combined 12 unmarked / 12 marked, one 24 marked targets. On day 2, the usually marked course in Absam (60 km away) was inspected, the layout was adapted for a combined 12 unmarked / 12 marked course and afterwards the red and blue pegs were set. Day 3 saw us setting the pegs and putting on all target faces for the 12 unmarked / 12 marked course in Scharnitz. After their arrival at the camp, the archers shot this course after lunch, while we already began to prepare the marked 24 targets and pegs of the other course.

While the archers shot this marked course on day 4 in the morning, we prepared the local club's Practice Field for the Teams and Mixed Teams practice of the afternoon session. As both, the Austrian and the German National Teams had already internationally successfully shot the Field Archery Team event before, this was some kind of Warm-up for the Mixed Team. Only the Austrian team had had the chance to shoot the new Mixed Team event in a tournament before, as we had made the Mixed Team part of the National Austrian Field Archery Championships in 2020 already. We built as many two-people-teams as possible – not caring about the nationality and sex of the archers – in order to let them shoot as many Mixed Team matches as possible. Beside the two of us, also the Austrian Head Coach (who is also a National Judge) was leading matches in order to give the archers the feeling of a real competition.

In the early morning of day 5 we drove to the course in Absam to put the target faces on the buttresses and to control the course. On this day the shooting counted as competition and several high-level archers of the surrounding clubs took also part in the event. For the afternoon, we prepared the Outdoor Field of the local club for shooting individual matches – however, due to the fact that the German archers had to be tested for COVID-19 and a thunderstorm this part of the program had to be cancelled.

The last session was planned for the morning of day 6. In order to simulate the Pool Shoot-up, we prepared 2 courses of 6 targets each – one on the Practice Field and one being part of the mountainous course in Scharnitz –, where the archers shot three rounds of individual matches. The camp was finished with Gold Finals of the three bow classes on 4 targets, again directed by us two IJCs and the Austrian Head Coach.

Finally, we had worked 5 and a half days from early morning to night. The weekend before we had held a seminar to train new National low-level Judges. That means that we spent more than a week (of work's holidays) in the service of (national) archery, driving more than 1300 kms, running through the woods, mountains and fields independently from heat, sunshine, cold and rain. Just to begin to work in our jobs on Monday morning again...

7. Answers to Case Studies 104

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.

Answer:

It is important to note that a mistake by a CoJ can lead to a whole chain of events that we do not wish to happen. It is a rule that "the call of a judge on the value of an arrow in the target" is final. There cannot be an appeal, there cannot be a second call (assuming, ofcourse, the good intentions of the judge involved, there should be a discussion if an obvious 10, is called as an 8).

It is also a rule that "Scorecards shall be signed by the scorer and the athlete, indicating that the athlete agrees with the value of each arrow (...)".

In this particular case we believe jury correctly reverted the first rule violation in this chain of events and we would support the decision of this jury, as would most of you. In this case we do wish to highlight that a rule was broken by the CoJ (and the second judge). There is no question on the integrity of the call made by the first judge. The second judge saw it differently, this is unfortunate, but it sometimes happens.

It is always the best not to get into a situation like this and avoid these kinds of mistakes in the first place.

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?

Answer:

A number of you picked up the real issue here – an appeal against the result of the match is the same as appealing on the values of the arrows, and as we are all aware, the value of an arrow cannot be appealed.

Therefore the appeal should have been dismissed.

The key point of having these two scenarios for you to consider was to remind you that incorrect actions by Judges, sometimes with the best of intentions, can lead to appeals, and a more considered approach at the outset by the Judge with regard to the rules can avoid this.



8. New Case Studies

105.1

At a national tournament, a qualification round, while archers are shooting. You are approached by a junior recurve archer who explains he lost his finger tab somewhere on the field while walking back from scoring the previous end. He tried to shoot one arrow without a tab (and missed) but indicates he cannot shoot without it and asks you what to do. What is your reply?

105.2

A compound archer has a peep sight (not the sight itself, but the peep sight in the string) which has an adjustable peephole, an iris diaphragm. You can adjust the aperture without exchanging any inserts. Do you consider it legal for Compound for target archery? And for unmarked distances in field archery?

Replies to case studies should be sent to sderiaz@archery.sport by 15 September 2021.