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1. Editorial

from Sergio Font, Chairman of WA Judge Committee

Dear Judges,

The 2022 competitive season started with the Indoor events in Nimes and Vegas. Some of our colleagues officiated at these two tournaments, and we already have interesting input and suggestions from them as to how to implement new procedures to make our judging more television friendly.

The first webinar of the 2022 re-accreditation process, after we adapted it to the new conditions imposed by Covid 19, was successfully conducted by IJ and IC Megan Tierney on January 29. It was a very instructive presentation on para-archery that was enriched by the questions posed by the participants. The 2nd has just been run last weekend by Sabrina Steffens with the help of Indranil Datta on the topic of Recent rule and bylaw changes. This one was also very successful and has raised lots of questions and discussions.



In this newsletter you will find information on a webinar on Field and 3D course design, organized by World Archery Americas. All WA judges are invited to attend.

Four international judges have recently decided to resign due to various personal reasons: Schandorff Vang, Celine Gravel, Andrea Bortot and Fulvio Cantini. They have been four of our most reliable international judges in the last few years. We are very sorry we will not have them with us anymore but wish them all the best in the personal lives from now on. A BIG THANK YOU to Schandorff, Celine, Andrea and Fulvio for their great contribution to major World Archery events.

Your Committee met on February 3 to discuss the structure of the International Judge Candidates' Seminar we will run in April in Medellin. Most of the registered participants have already completed the compulsory E-learning modules and are getting ready to fly to Medellin. The seminar will be conducted by three of our committee members: Indranil, Robert and myself, and we have invited Megan Tierney to deliver a session on para-archery as well.



2022 will be another busy year for our judges. Once again, we invite you all to get technically prepared for our events this year so we can make World Archery proud again.

Best regards, Sergio

2. New Bylaws & Interpretations

There have been a few recent rule changes which have been approved by the Executive Board and have been updated in the Rule Book, applicable from 15th Jan 2022. Remember the change in shooting time limit is applicable from 1st of March 2022 though it has been already approved before 15th Jan.

Book	Rule Referrence	Change
Book 1	Appendix 4 / Art 9.2.2	Modification to the criteria for a candidate to be nominated for YJ seminar by its member association – removing the requirement of that person being a National Judge for being considered under the YJ class
	Appendix 4 / Art 10	Change in the reaccreditation process for the 2019-2022 period whereby removing the requirement of attending a conference with attending 3 out 4 webinars and followed by the online tests
Book 2	4.5.1.2	While this is not a bylaw, but a note for our judges for the World Cups - it is to be noted that for the World Cups the top 8 individual athletes will not be getting any byes and the elimination round will start from 1/32 (for less than 104 athletes) or 1/64 (for more than 104 athletes)
	3.17.1	Removal of "formal" equipment inspection from World Cups and the judges can check the equipment of the athletes during the 4 hour open practice sessions
Book 3	12.2.4	Make up arrows due to equipment failure or medical reasons in the qualification round will not be allowed anymore
	14.5.2.1.1	For Individual shoot-off in the compound division, if there is a tie at the end of the qualification round, they will be shot on neutral target butts with a single face in the center of the target and no longer the previous 3 or 4 face setup is required for tie breaks
Book 3	<u>21.6</u> *	WA Para Committee along with the Classifiers Committee has created a consolidated guideline for assistive devices to be allowed for archers
Book 3	11.4.6.1, 11.4.6.2 & 11.4.10.1	The earlier definitions of vibration dampener, shock absorbers and weights have been unified and simplified to make life easier for judges. Weights and dampeners and any combination as such is allowed and can be placed above or below the grip, provided the entire bow with
Book 4	22.3.6.1, 22.3.6.2 & 22.3.10.1	such addition passes through the 12.2cm ring without flexing the dampeners

^{*}This has been released for the National Paralympic Committees to comment on and basis the feedback, final decision will be taken by WA Executive Board to be applied from 1st March

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Also, below is a list of a few new interpretations that have been published recently:

Book	Rule Referrence	Explanation
Book 3	11.1.10, 11.3 & 11.4.10	Legality of Fivics "draw elbow joint device" – not allowed for any division other than compound
	<u>11.3.1</u>	Removing Mantis or any other electronic device during the tournament, including official practice or any other time on the competition field
Book 3	<u>11.2.1.4</u>	Allowing aperture adjustable peep sight for all compound division, including Field & 3D courses
Book 4	22.2.1.4	
Book 3	11.4.4, 11.4.8 & 11.4.8.1	Explanation around Sear Tab for barebows, for both target as well as Field & 3D, with the detailing of the concept on how it is to be determined if the tab in questioin will be legal or not legal
Book 4	22.3.4, 22.3.8 & 22.3.8.1	determined if the tab in question will be legal of not legal
Book 3	11.8 & 11.4.8	Clarification has been provided on the use of thumb-rings and if they could be used in any of the division in WA. They are not allowed in any division except the compound division.
Book 4	22.1.8, 22.3.8, 22.4.7 & 22.5.7	
Book 4	22.2.4.1 & 22.4.7.1	Clarification around Traditional Division has been elaborated in order to answer the questions being raised by various MAs

3. Dealing with 3M Line Issues

As already mentioned above, the new rules remove the provision of make-up arrows for equipment failure, and this has a direct impact on how we have been dealing with 3M Line issues. Earlier there was a difference in how we used to apply the rules in Qualification or the Match-Play round.

During Qualification round, if there was an arrow that could not be decided from the shooting line whether it was in or out of the 3M line, we would go to the 3M line, after shooting was finished for the end, and take a call from there – and if the arrow was found to be in, we would allow the archer to make-up this single arrow later, considering this similar to an equipment failure.

While in **Match-Play**, since there was no provision make-up arrows for equipment failure in the rules, we have always said, it is the archer's call to decide if the arrow was IN or OUT of the 3M Line and once shooting was finished, the judge would go and stand on the shooting-line on the same spot as the archer and try to judge from the archer's perspective if it actually seemed to be IN or OUT and then take a final call after moving to the 3M Line.

Given the change in the equipment failure rule for qualification round, going forward, the **process** for **Match-Play round** for solving 3M Line issues will be **used for Qualification rounds** as well. As a committee, we believe this will help our judges since the procedure will be uniform across different phases of the tournament.



4. Arrow Call Procedure for Line Cutters in Finals

The World Archery Events department asked us to slightly change the scoring procedures during finals, to include an indication by the target judge to show whether a doubtful arrow was called "in" or "out". The following was used in the finals at the IWS in Nimes and during the finals of the IWS in Las Vegas:

- In case of a line call (not always because there is a * on the scoring boards, but whenever a magnifying glass is needed) the target judge looks at the doubtful arrow(s) on target 1 first.
- When the decision is made (on all doubtful arrows in that target), point at the arrow in question and then point up or down as seen in the attached pictures. These gestures only take a couple of seconds, long enough to be noticeable, short enough not to delay scoring. In case of multiple doubtful arrows, do the same for the next arrow (point at arrow, then point up or down)
- "Up" of course indicates the higher value, "down" the lower value.
- Then, call all three arrows in-order for the scorer to check and correct on the scorecard.
- Then do same at target 2.







We would like to point out that it is the responsibility of the target judge that the signal is clear (not behind an agent or anything). Whether the signal is seen by TV or local commentators is up to them. There is no need to wait for an acknowledgement or anything.

So far, we think this addition to the procedure works as intended. At the first outdoor events of the season, we will see whether it needs to be refined further.

5. Reaccreditation Webinars - Road ahead

First, we would like to thank our judges to have participated in the webinars and make them a success. The recording of the webinars along with the presentations used can be found <u>here</u>.

For those who have already missed one webinar already, we would like to remind you that you will need to attend at least 3 of the 4 webinars to keep your WA Judge accreditation valid for next 4-year period.

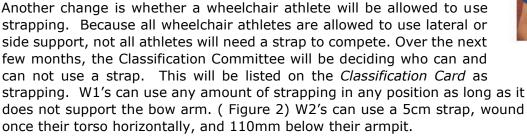


The upcoming webinars are scheduled on 7th May (on Field & 3D – Registration Link) and 6th Aug (Case Study Discussion – Registration Link). We would also like to iterate that these webinars are not just restricted to WA judges, so if you want to have your continental colleagues or national judges attend these webinars, please feel free to encourage them to register using the above-mentioned link. Just note that their name will not appear in the drop down as that only contains the WA Judges but they can select "others" in that field and manually type in their name in the text box.

6. Reaccreditation Webinar 1 - Para Archery

Para Archery has had several bylaw changes lately that affect both the team rounds, the W1 category, and the athlete's equipment. The biggest change is there will no longer be three people in the team events but will have 2 athletes in a Double Match. The new Double format will have two athletes of the same gender and bow type competing against another team. Doubles will follow the same rules as the mixed team event for distance, timing, and positioning. Previously, if there were not enough W1 athletes in a division, men and women would compete against each other. This has been abolished and they will now compete separately in W1 Men's and W1 Women's divisions.

Some equipment that the athletes are allowed to use will be different as of 1 March 2022. All wheelchair athletes will be allowed to use lateral support whether it is a molded seat back, a protrusion, or the upright of the chair. Lateral support, which is defined as any support given to the side of the athlete above the pelvis, may only be half the width of the athlete's body. To measure the halfway point, find the base of the breastbone and the spine in the midback and draw a line halfway between them. If the support is behind this line, then it is legal. Anything going beyond the halfway point of the athlete's body shall not be allowed. (Figure 1) This support must also be 110mm below the armpit of the athlete. This lateral support will not have to be listed on the Classification Card. All wheelchair athletes, whether they are W1 or W2 (they shoot with the Standing archers in the Open Division), may use lateral support.



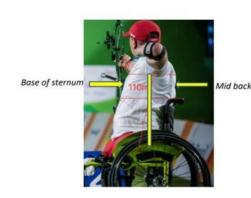


Fig. 1 Measuring half the body width



Fig. 2 W1 Strapping



Fig. 3 W2 Strapping



The other equipment change is that release aids will no longer be able to function as lateral support or as a rigid corset. A legal release aid will be around the rib cage. Figure 4) Some release aids have been as low as the athlete's pelvis and it has acted as a trunk support when they are shooting. (Figure 5) Since the equipment allowed is to level the playing field and not enhance the athlete's performance, this will no longer be considered legal. Use of a release aid will be found on the *Classification Card*.



Fig. 4 Legal release aid



Fig.5 Illegal release aid

The last change is how Visually Impaired athletes will be classified. These changes can be found in Appendix 2 of the <u>Classifier's Handbook</u>.

Megan Tierney, IJ, IC

7. Reaccreditation Webinar 2 - Recent Rule & Bylaw Changes

On 12 February, the second webinar of the Judge Committee took place with two sessions, so that the judges all over the world could participate at a convenient time of the day for them. The webinars replace the conferences which the Judge committee was not able to hold in the current accreditation period due to the pandemics.

We are happy that almost all judges attended the second webinar which was about recent rules and bylaw changes. During the 90 minutes, we presented the changes which are in force for 2022 and which were adopted by congress or by a resolution of the Executive Board at the end of last year as well as some new judging procedures. We were happy to see that the judges actively participated and asked very good questions which were discussed during the webinar. You will find the discussed topics in this newsletter and we also make the PPT presentation of the webinar and the recording of the session available to you.

We have some follow-up action to do and we will inform you as soon as we have the answers to the unanswered questions from you.

8. International Seminar in Medellin 2022

From 8 to 10 April 2022, a World Archery Judge Seminar will be conducted by Sergio Font, Indranil Datta, Robert Erica and Megan Tierney in Medellin, Colombia to train Continental Judges as WA International Judge Candidates. The seminar will start on 8 April 2022 at 08:30 and end on 10 April 2022 at 16:00.



We have received 34 registrations (including 2 sit-ins) from 21 countries amongst whom 33 have cleared the e-learning test – passing which is a prerequisite for everyone taking the test at Medellin, before they come for the seminar.

For the first time, WA Youth Judges will be allowed to participate in the seminar to try and get directly accredited as WA IJcs. It is a change which the Judge committee feels will help in bringing more young blood in this field of the sport and we also appreciate the support received from each continental association.

9. WA Youth Judge & World Archery America's Continental Seminar in Canada

World Archery Americas will hold a continental judges' seminar in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada on May 30 to June 1, 2022 (Prior to the Youth and Master's Pan-Am Championship). World Archery has agreed to consider this seminar to accredited new WA Youth Judges and if your Member Association is planning to send participants, they should register within 15th March and get in touch with Severine at WA office. This seminar will be presented by former International Judges Randall JONES and Robert PIAN (World Archery Target Committee Deputy Chair). The lectures and practical sessions will be conducted in English.

Also, incase if any continental federation wants to accept this seminar and test for the purpose of their continental judge accreditation, they should get in touch with the World Archery Americas for participation of their candidates.

10. WAAm Webinar - Field & 3D Course Design

World Archery Americas is going to organize a webinar on 20th February whose major focus will be around Field & 3D course design and the major factors affecting, influencing, or impacting such setups. The webinar is open for all, and if you wish to join, following link can be used for participation(**Joining weblink**, **Meeting ID: 870 311 9594**, **Access code: 6NkZ7g**). Your committee feels it is a great opportunity for our judges, specifically those who are willing to learn and judge in Field & 3D events in future as well as those who are going to participate in the seminar in Medellin, to understand the nuances of the field and target setup and would like to encourage you to participate in this webinar.

11. "25 years as an IJ" - Schandorff Vang

I have now after 25 years of international judging decided to retire.

It is with a bit of sadness, but still a good feeling to step back now. I have had many great tournaments on my list, where I since 2007 mostly have been appointed as the chairman of judges' commissions.

It has been fantastic to work with all the nationalities, to learn from you and to give what I have been able to give. Thanks to you all.

All this started in 1995 when the former general secretary and national coach in Sweden, Leif Jansson, was in the Faroe Islands running a seminar. He invited me to join the FITA judges conference in Stockholm November 1996. That came sudden and unexpected. I was totally unexperienced, so to

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say. In a hurry I joined the national judge's course in Denmark a month prior to Stockholm. In Stockholm we were 8 out of 28 passing the test – test and seminar was run by Don Lovo.

In 1996 Faroe Islands did not have membership in FITA, but Don Lovo helped us with the application for the congress 1997 in Victoria, BC, when the World Championship also was held, and I was there as a volunteer.

It took some time before I got my first assignment. In 1998 I was appointed for World Field in Obergurgl, Austria. And from there I had 7 out of following 8 World Field, World Cups, Master, Paralympic Sydney 2000, Olympics Beijing 2008 and London 2012, and several other tournaments. I was also appointed for Tokyo 2020 but stepped back because of Covid-19. I am appointed for World Cup in Paris 2022 and have thought it over and will step back from it too and let my place over to the next one on the list.

My first chairman assignment was in Antalya 2007, and I guess that one went ok, because since that I have been appointed as the chairman for all following tournaments up to today. Thanks to FITA/World Archery to trust me in this duty.

In the duty as chairman, I have had very good cooperation with the office, secretary general, results crew, field crews, volunteers, national judges and for sure all the international judges, candidates and youth judges. I must admit I have had situations with not so popular decisions and have been called something very bad, but that is to live with. Those who said it have asked forgiveness and we are still friends.

Many changes have been in the rules the past 25 years, and it has been interesting to be part of it. Especially when you show up with new rules and national judges suddenly have to do things in a different way than they are used to (more like that the national rules have not followed the changes). Fun time – good time.

Thanks again - and for you who are still in the game, take care and enjoy it.

PS: If any of you one day should visit Faroe Islands - let me know.

Kind regards Schandorff Vang, IJ



12. Pictures of Judges' Commissions



Judges at the Hyundai World Cup Finals in Yankton



Judges at the Asian Archery Championship in Dhaka, Bangladesh





Judges at the World Games CQT at Medellin, Colombia



Judges at the Pan American Youth Games at Cali, Colombia

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13. Replies to the Case studies N°106

106.1

At an outdoor event, archer A and B are standing on the shooting line and are shooting their arrows on the same target on 70 meters. The arrows of both archers look quite similar as they both have yellow vanes. For the last arrow, by accident, archer A, who is standing behind archer B, takes one arrow out of the quiver of archer A (with a field archery hip quiver where the arrows show to the back of the archer, not to the front) and shoots it. Archery A did not notice that and shoots his last arrow. At the target, the archers notice that there are 5 arrows of archer A and 7 arrows of archer B on the target face and archer B realized that there is one of the six arrows which he wanted to shoot in that end left in his quiver. As a judge, how would you deal with this situation?

Reply: First, like a lot of you pointed out – there were too many A's and B's and may be that's why it got a bit jumbled up but we are happy to see all of you understood the case perfectly well along with the sequence of the archers. Now, here we see a nearly equal split amongst the judges on the probable two outcome. While half said they would like to be protective and would like to score the 6 highest for archer B and give the lowest value to archer A as the 6th arrow value thus filling the missing arrow of A, the other half was critical about the existence of the proof that this happened, and it was not hearsay.

A few of you did mention that given that it was an outdoor event and arrows are quite unique to the archers from a combination of length, nock & vanes, and other factors which should have been indication enough to tell archer A that something was wrong, but still, once the situation occurs, we as judges need to take a decision. As a committee, we felt, under the given circumstances we should look for evidence, outside of just the 2 archers, which might prove that the situation has actually occurred as is being narrated by the archers, and if found true, then taking a protective approach towards the archers, by giving the six higher values to archer B and the lowest value being used as the 6th arrow value for the end for archer A, is what is aligned with our core judging philosophies.

106.2

At a national youth championship, archer 12B, who is a recurve cadet woman, walks back to the shooting line without realizing that she left two of her six arrows on the target. The judge assigned to her target did not realize either. The DoS starts the clock and archer 12B starts shooting. It is only after she has shot one arrow that she finds out that two of her arrows are already on the target. She walks out of the line and tells the judge about the situation and mentions that she does not have two more arrows to complete the present end. What would you tell the archer in this situation?

Reply: With the exception of a few, most of you, along with your JC, would agree on giving the make up arrows (5) to the archer considering that it is a National Youth Championship – and you would like to be more protective than punitive in nature. For the arrows left on the target, you would look for marks left from the last end to ensure you rightly identify the arrow shot in this end and in order to do so you would stop the archers from shooting further in the same end and will proceed with make-up arrows at the end of the session. Some of you have even mentioned that the Judge and the DOS should have been more careful and should have noticed the arrows remaining on the target. The JC agrees that it is a valid point and we should be more attentive on the FoP as well as quick enough to respond to such situations arising during tournament.

One thing that we would definitely like to highlight here is, as per the latest WA rules of 15th Jan, 2022, make-up arrows are not allowed in case of an archer's equipment failure or medical problem related stoppage but they are still allowed to get make-up arrows in case of situations like a bouncer, hanging arrow, pass through, or arrows being left on the target.



14. New Case Studies

107.1

At a Continental Championship during the final end of individual compound gold medal match, Archer B has an arrow on 9/10 line. The announcer already announces the arrow to be a 10 and declares the match to be a tie which is also evident by the reaction of the archers on the athlete's box. As the Target Judge arrived at the target, he feels the arrow in question needs a closer look and takes out his magnifying glass and follows the proper procedure of a line call and calls the arrow to be a 9 – making Archer A the winner of the match. Now the agent of Archer B objects to the call of the target judge saying it was already called as a 10 by the announcer and Archer A's agent did not ask for a judge call on that arrow. The agent of Archer B denies withdrawing the arrows from the target and asks for a second arrow call. The judge says a second call is not allowed as per the rules. It is a stalemate.

Is the action and explanation of the Target Judge justified? If you are the chair of the commission, how will you solve the situation?

107.2 At a national tournament an archer presents the following string to you to check on its legality. What will be your reaction?



Replies to case studies should be sent to sderiaz@archery.sport by 1st April 2022



15. Information about Travel Insurance

World Archery has a new travel insurance. Should you need an insurance attestation or claim anything from our travel insurance please contact WA office: sderiaz@archery.sport or jbrugger@archery.sport World Archery will not pay for any personal additional travel insurance.



Services covered:

Illness or accident

- outpatient care (doctors, medicines and tests)
- hospitalisation costs

In an emergency, you must contact IMSSA immediately: we will organise your transport to an appropriate hospital and/or repatriate you

Pandemics: pandemics such as COVID-19 are treated as illnesses

Disability or death following an accident:

We provide a certain level of cover in this type of situation. The amount of services provided are subject to status and your level of cover

Non-accidental deaths (e.g. due to cardiac arrest or stroke) are also covered, subject to status <u>Exclusions:</u> pre-existing conditions or infectious diseases, such as AIDS

Luggage and personal effects:

Cover for personal and business luggage:

- luggage delays
- delayed or cancelled flights (more than 4 hours)
- theft, damage or loss of luggage by the carrier

<u>Exclusions:</u> jewelry, high-value items or laptop computers handed over to a carrier Contact the transport company immediately and ask for a written report in the case of loss, theft or damage. Report any theft to the police and send all documents to WA office



Administrative quarantine

According to the SPIA some categories may also be covered for quarantine risks

If the traveler is detained, suddenly and unexpectedly, during a business trip **abroad**, by the health authorities in the case of a pandemic, the following costs will be covered:

- Additional costs for accommodation and catering up to a maximum of 14 days
- Additional costs for changing a plane ticket or ground transportation provided the ticket can be changed

Your cover includes the costs incurred by third parties:

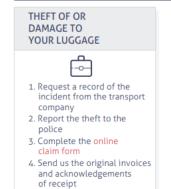
- Airlines or public transport providers
- Local insurers (private, social and company insurance schemes) among others

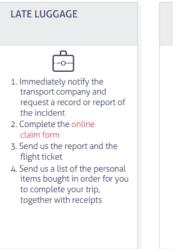
<u>Exclusions</u>: the services above will be null and void if the traveler was aware prior to departure that they would have to quarantine in the destination country

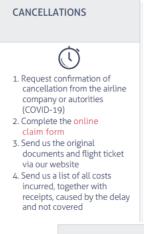
Quarantine costs before departure or on return to the home country and tests are not covered

Personal security

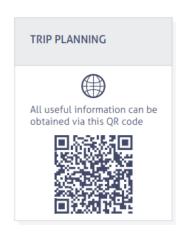
We will protect you from any political, extortion or other threats if you work in high-risk regions, We will set up a security system to track and protect you. You will be accompanied when travelling (by bodyguards, doctors etc.) until you can be repatriated to a safe area Managing a crisis is all about preparation! It's what we and our partners do every day











Additional information on pandemic coverage and quarantine costs in the event of a pandemic

COVID-19 & QUARANTINE

Preamble

COVID-19 conditions are normally covered for all insured classes Treatment of these conditions is covered for both outpatient and inpatient treatment

of residence, required by the patient's A possible repatriation to the country condition, is also covered The costs of quarantine in a foreign country are covered

Preconditions for the coverage of additional costs due to a quarantine obligation

The coverage of additional costs in case of quarantine is only covered if

- 1. the insured has undergone the usual tests on departure from the trip and, if required, on arrival in the country of the meeting or competition and
- 2. both tests were negative
- The costs of testing are not reimbursed

Reminder of the circle of insured persons

Categories of insured persons to be defined

Details of insured benefits

residence, including analyses and medicines outpatient) outside the insured's country of The costs of medical treatment (in- and ordered by the medical profession

The costs of repatriation to the country of

private, sports, social or professional) are covered, but limited in time and amount according to our contract. If the insured during a trip on behalf of the WA, costs in the country of residence that are not sufficiently covered by local insurance does not have local insurance, IMSSA's Provided that the illness first occurred supplementary cover will lapse

QUARANTINE

According to the SPIA some categories may also be covered for quarantine risks The additional costs of a quarantine abroad are covered as follows: f the traveller is suddenly and unexpectedly country of residence), during a trip they are undertaking in the context of a WA mission, by national authorities in the event of a pandemic, IMSSA will pay the following detained abroad (outside the insured's

and food during quarantine, but for a a. Additional costs for accommodation maximum of 14 days b. Additional costs for the modification of the air ticket or land transport provided that the ticket is a changeable ticket c. Proven loss of income during the period of quarantine outside the insured's country of residence

The total amount per case and the annual limit are set by our contract and will take nto account the costs covered by third 1. Aviation companies or public transport companies

company insurance of the person 2. Local insurers (private, social and concerned) among others

Exclusions:

the destination country, the above services If the traveller was aware of administrative was known by the travel agencies prior to spend a period in quarantine on arrival in departure that there was an obligation to restrictions announced by the press or it will be null and void

org provides information on the COVID and quarantine situation in over 200 countries Please note that the website www.imssa.

Quarantine **before** departure and on **return** to the country of residence is not covered

Claims & Documentation

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the online channel at www.imssa.org within All claims must be submitted to IMSSA via 7 working days

Exception:

In the event of a medical emergency, requests for assistance must be made immediately by telephone on +41 26 921 8001

following documents with their online The insured person must enclose the declaration

- 1. Official certificate from the quarantine authorities
- 2. Official certificate from the Organising Committee and/or the WA
- catering, taking into account the amounts 3. Hotel invoices for accommodation and initially foreseen for the stay without quarantine
- be changed initially purchased for the 4. Copy of the air tickets – where they can
- 5. Invoices from airlines for **additional** costs incurred due to change of return date
- on arrival in the country of the meeting or requested on departure and, if required, 6. Proof of the usual COVID-19 tests