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By Morten WILMANN, Chairman

Dear Judges,

1. Editorial

When this edition is on your computer, we will be just about half way through a very busy year of archery events.

Your committee chairman has also this year had some practical judging on his calendar, he has - for the first time – been one of the judges at a World Cup, in Colombia that is. When he then met his judges, what were his guidelines to them?

For sure he focused on two important issues: first of all; **How to act if something goes wrong**. Both at the latest conferences and in seminars the judges have been told to be prepared for the competition, as archers are. That means you have to update yourselves on the rules, and you have to consider what might go wrong and how to deal with it!

One issue that happens occasionally is that there is something wrong with the clocks (for some reason), and you must know what to do.

Then there have been some recent issues re **drawing techniques**, not only the so called "high draw", but also a kind of sideways pull, which in the worst case might be dangerous even for the next archer on the shooting line.

And believe me, the drawing techniques became a real challenge for the judges at the Colombian event, and we had to use some untraditional methods (video filming) to show to coaches and archers what was not acceptable.

It was also interesting to find some recurve equipment contrary to the rules (archers and coaches claiming to have used it in the World Cup in Turkey without the judges' reaction!!!). We found some small weights on the bowstring, one placed on the upper part and one on the lower part. Personally I failed to understand why they were used (the explanation was strange to me), but the rules are clear on what you might have on the string.

Good luck to all the judges at the World Target, World Youth Target and Para-World Championships and World Cup Final coming up during the autumn. Be prepared and stay focused.

Regards

Morten



AUGUST 2013





Randall Jones decides on an arrow call in Colombia.....



Johnny Hernandez indicates a tie in a mixed team match in Colombia....



2. World Archery Judge Conference

(We repeat the information you shall have received from WA office, but we are also adding something.....)

Bangkok, 8 - 9 November 2013

Hereby we, in cooperation with the National Archery Association of Thailand, would like to invite all International Judges, International Judge Candidates and Youth Judges to the 2013 Judge Conference.

The conference will take place at the Bangkok Inter Place Hotel: 118/92 Ramkhamhaeng 24, Ramkhamhaeng Road, Huamark Bangkapi, Bangkok, Thailand 10240 Tel: 662.319.0330 Fax: 662.319.0370 (24 Hrs.) or 662.319.0369 (Office Hours) Website: www.bangkokinterplace.com

The agenda of the Conference will include subjects concerning:

- · Judge Committee work and plans
- Sport Presentation
- · Judge Structure
- New concept of the rule book and recent changes
- · Various judging procedures
- \cdot Para-archery
- \cdot Case studies
- \cdot Other judging issues/questions etc.
- Test (considered for re-accreditation (see below)
- · Commission Chairperson responsibilities (see below)

Test

Within the accreditation period (at one of the conferences) our judges must sit for a short closed book test. This test will be a part of the evaluation re the next re-accreditation. The test will deal with practical judging issues that need to be dealt with without delay, so please be prepared.

Commission Chairperson Responsibilities

As we need more judges to choose from when appointing chairpersons, we will give special attention to those willing to go for such appointments. This will happen in the end of the conference – approx 3 hours – for those judges who register for this purpose.

The Conference will start on 8 November at 09.00 and will end on 9 November at approx. 17.00. You will have to plan for arrival on 7 November 2013.

You have to register your participation with the World Archery Office at <u>sderiaz@archery.org</u> mentioning the type of room requested, the transfer, as well as your flight schedule (date, time and flight numbers).

Final date of registration: 15 October 2013

The costs are as follows: Double room: 80 \$ per night, full board (3 meals) and taxes included



Single room: 100 \$ per night, full board (3 meals) and taxes included.

The organizing committee will provide transportation from the airport to your hotel (included in the rate).

The total cost of your stay will have to be paid in cash to Mr. Sanguan KOSAVINTA in USD.

In general we would like to emphasize the great importance of our Conferences, in order to update WA Judges to recent standards and common understanding – as well as being the base for exchanging views among our "Judge Family".

Furthermore, according to new rules concerning WA Judging, it is now mandatory to attend one of the Judge Conferences within the accreditation period in order to keep your accreditation as WA International Judge. The next available conference in this period will be Europe in 2014. Those who have been accredited for the first time (new international candidates) in 2012 and 2013 are not obliged to take part in conferences in this 2012-2015 accreditation period, but they are welcome to attend. If you became a candidate before 2012, you will need to attend one of the conferences in order to be re-accredited (even if you were upgraded to full international status later than 2012)

The Conference is also open to other categories of judges: Judges Emeritus, Honorary Judges and Continental Judges as sit-ins, within the limitation of the Conference Hall.

Registration with: Séverine Deriaz, WA Office sderiaz@archery.org

To those of you who intend to participate in Bangkok; we would like some input on issues you feel important, it might be questions, cases and topics in general. Your committee needs your contribution. Please give immediate feedback to your chairman; <u>bue@nif.idrett.no</u>

3. International Judge Candidates Seminar

An International Candidates Seminar was conducted in Bangkok, Thailand, by WA Judge Committee members Morten Wilmann and WA Target Archery Committee Member Simon Wee.







Your chairman explaining how to check target faces and what to look for.....

The following Continental Judges did well enough in the test to qualify as International Judge Candidates (46%)

Ghazaleh Rassouli,	IRI
Jorise Paulose,	IND
Paia B. War Nongbri,	IND
Sharzad Allahyari,	IRI
Johari Abu Bakar,	MAS
Rupesh Kar,	IND

4. Handling Situations under pressure

People who do not know about archery often ask archery judges what a judge is supposed to do during a tournament, and we often get comments like: why is a judge needed in archery? Everybody can see where the arrow hits. Our job may appear to be easy, but that is only when everything runs smoothly during the competition, and no difficult situations arise. A good judge is not just that one who is able to call arrow values accurately or the one who is able to identify prohibited equipment of the archers' bow and arrows. You are regarded as a good judge mainly when you are able to solve unexpected problems quickly and without hesitation. This is the type of judge we want in World Archery, someone who is not afraid to take action to prevent problems or to minimize the effect of a mistake.

Our newsletter usually includes case studies (always taken from real life situations) in which an accurate and immediate action is required by a judge.

Have you ever wondered what you would do in situations like the following?

- An individual shoot-off starts and you realize the clock starts from 120 seconds instead of 40 seconds.
- In the middle of a match an archer claims his target number is reflecting on his eyes and he cannot aim.



• In a match with shooting alternation it is archer A's turn to shoot first, but archer B mistakenly walks onto the shooting line causing confusion to archer A who looks at you asking what to do.

Unfortunately some judges panic when they are in the middle of situations like the ones above, and some of them just call their chairman asking what they should do. But, do you have time to ask someone else to come and solve the problem in these cases? No, you don't.

This is the time you need to show you are in control. You need to show you have the knowledge and the skill to make the most appropriate decision.

If you realize a wrong timing is shown, feel confident to stop your match, to tell your archers to refrain from shooting. But to do so, it is vital that you look at the clock when the sequence starts, to make sure the clocks were set for the right time. Do not be hesitant. Show you are in control.

If during a match something unexpected happens on the field causing one of the archers in the match to be in a disadvantage in relation to his opponent, of causing both archers to have difficulty aiming (a loose face, a shining number, for example), feel confident to stop the match, and then work out with the DoS how to make up the pending arrows.

If archer A allows himself to be confused by archer B regarding the order of shooting and he does not step on the line to shoot, it is archers A's mistake. You cannot be troubled by this to the point to allow archer A more time. Archer B should get a yellow card, while a confused archer A should get an indication (if he asks you for directions) that he should go on to the line and shoot his arrow in his 20 seconds. There is no time for the judge to delay his decision.

Some good advice you should take before a tournament starts is to brainstorm for possible difficult or bizarre situations that may occur. Visualize what may happen and think of what your quick action should be like. Judge Commissions should devote some minutes every morning to discuss what to do in case problems occur. Input from all judges in the commission is always welcome to help the whole group foresee and plan solutions to problems.

Archery needs judges who look confident and act confidently on the line and at the targets. This is not just a matter of knowing the rules; it has to do with a strong state of mind, with your ability to work under pressure. It is just what happens to an archer who does very well during training but cannot manage to concentrate and perform under pressure in an important competition. Mental training is paramount for judges too.

5. New Judge Training Presentation now online

A new power point presentation is now available on the WA website. This one includes judge training information regarding field layout and inspection. It will be useful to you for national judge seminars you may need to run in your own country. It may also assist you to train field crews and organizers in your national association to prepare an archery field according to present WA rules. Enjoy using it!

6. Alternation in finals team match shoot-Offs (a reminder)

Due to the fact that this rule was changed in the last few months, many coaches and still some judges are not sure about how archers alternate in a finals team match shoot-off. This is only a reminder:

In a team shoot off (1 minute for each team), the first archer in the team who started the match shoots an arrow. When he crosses the 1-m line, the DoS stops the clock for this team and starts the clock for the second team. The first archer of the second team shoots one arrow and walks out. The procedure is repeated until each member of each team has shot an arrow. So, alternation occurs between teams after each arrow is shot.



7. On the three meter line : A judging procedure

Are all 3-meter line situations the same during match play? Should we act the same way in every situation? Do we always go by our guess from the shooting line?

We believe we should clarify that regarding the 3 m line in match play if the archer decides to shoot another arrow the judge will judge the position of the arrow on the ground from the shooting line. If from the shooting line the judge finds the arrows to be inside the 3 m area, the arrow will be considered as not having been shot. If from the shooting line the judge believes the arrow is out (the judge then disagrees with the archer's guess) the judge will walk to the 3 m line and will make a final decision (as the archer in fact might have been correct in his guess).

8. Upgrading from Candidate to Full international status

As some of our experienced judges fall for the age limit this year, there are some few places available for upgrading. The candidates should already have been informed by WA Office – with the proper form to fill inn and being signed accordingly.

As we here go by experience, we will not consider the recent accredited judges, and you should also be aware of our limit of 4 judges from each member association. Though, we may consider female applicants, since the female gender is not yet well represented among international judges.

9. News from the Continental Associations

World Archery Americas conducted three Continental Judge Seminars in the last four months. As a result of these seminars (held in Brazil, the Dominican Republic and Guatemala), the following judges are now qualified as Continental Judges:

Carmen Santiago (PUR) Carlos Frederico Frascani Moreira (BRA) Milton Julio Zanluqui (BRA) Luis Leal (GUA) Andrea Aquilar (GUA)

A new continental seminar (to be run in English only) will be conducted by World Archery America's Judge Committee members Sergio Font and Tom Green has been scheduled for Phoenix, Arizona on April 1-3, 2014. This seminar will probably be a combined seminar by also being an international seminar, and thus valid for continental judges who wants to be international candidates.

10. Motion that may bring about important rule changes

The World Archery Congress to be held in Antalya, Turkey on Sept. 27-28, 2013 will discuss and probably pass some important motions that may bring about changes to our rules. Here is a selection of some of them in target archery:

Motion No. 5 aims at changing the format of the recurve qualification round at World Championships from a FITA Round to a 70 meter Round.



Motion No. 7 will cause Para Archery categories to change, mainly by combining recurve W2 and Standing categories into one single recurve category in each gender.

Motion No. 8 will change the format of the recurve team round to a set point system, just like in the individual recurve round.

Motion No. 10 aims at making indoor rules for recurve archery similar to those for outdoor events in terms of the use of set systems for teams, and for compound to change into cumulative scoring (like outdoor).

Keep yourselves informed on the results of the Antalya Congress regarding rule changes.

11. Issues with drawing techniques – Suggestions from the Coaches Committee

The situation as described by Tom Dielen:

We have seen more and more issues with strange draws when pulling back the bow and we are now coming to a point that the athletes committee at its last meeting asked us to intervene and make it clear that techniques that go outside of the 80cm 3D area should be banned . There are basically two types of draws that cause issues:

- The high draw that is especially for compound a safety issue.
- The horizontal draw towards the bow arm and against the bow arm. Here the danger is dual fold. First the danger of touching with the stabiliser the stabiliser of the athlete next to you on the shooting line (or a visual intrusion in the athlete space) causing a reaction with an arrow going in any possible direction. This has happened at some events and it is the archer next to the archer concerned that is disturbed. The 2nd if that archer is on the first or last target it would go beyond the standard safety zone should the arrow be released too soon. In both these cases it is clearly techniques that are bad copies of what is considered as the Lee Ki-Sik method in which the bow remains at all times fully aligned to the target. At some cases, the alignment of the bow is 3-5 targets away from the one they are aiming at, which is simply not acceptable. Imagine if some of these archers would compete in Field or that you have the two athletes on a B and C position.

The Executive Committee discussed this matter also and decided that there is a need for the two committees concerned to prepare a statement that we will publish as soon as ready so that we can stop the proliferation of these techniques that are useless and potentially dangerous. Furthermore there is no reason whatsoever to pull back a bow in this way. This matter will also be raised at the upcoming coaching conference in Brazil.

World Archery Coaches Committee's thoughts and recomendations:

- We have tried to stay away from introducing any new rules and believe developing some education material would be helpful in reducing or eliminating the problems.
- The three issues (The high draw, the excessive horizontal movement that occurs during the draw, and the excessive lateral movement of the bow arm upon release), can be addressed by the Judges and Coaches Committee's by issuing a joint document on what is safe and acceptable. We have already released 14 documents covering a wide range of issues which seem to have been well received.
- A video could be produced which may be shown at major competitions and other events, courses and camps organised by the World Archery, Continental Archery Associations, Member Associations and Provincial Archery Associations. A professional company may be needed to produce such a video.



- The subject of ensuring each archer does not interfere with other archers on the line, and distributing some instructive documentation, can be mentioned at the Team Captains meeting at competitions.
- With the introduction of using spotting scopes on the line the 80cm allowance for each archer can be quite restrictive. It is suggested to increase the space allocated to each archer and their spotting scope to 100cm (1 Metre) this would help alleviate the problem of archer interference but would make it more difficult in finding ranges large enough to absorb the extra space needed.

Recommendation:

The Coaches Committee believes that documents should be prepared by the Judges and Coaches Committees highlighting the situations, as described in Tom Dielen's e-mail, detailing the issues of safety and etiquette, these could be placed on the World Archery web site and used as hand-outs at any archery meeting/competition. The Coaches Committee will welcome the collaboration of the World Archery Communications Department to realise the video media.

K. G. Bearman - Chairman of the World Archery Coaches Committee

12. 2014 Events – Judges availabilities

The <u>WA International Judges</u>, <u>WA International Judge Candidates</u> and <u>WA Youth Judges</u> (see remarks) are invited to let it be known whether they will be available and willing to officiate as Judges at the events listed below.

The Judge Commissions will be selected according to Appendix 4 – Book 1.

The <u>WA International Judges</u>, <u>WA International Judge Candidates</u>, <u>Honorary Judges</u> *****, <u>Judges</u> <u>Emeritus</u> ***** are invited to let it be known whether they will be available and willing to officiate as Directors of Shooting at the events listed below.

* who have successfully passed the accreditation test

For the Outdoor World Cup Series, World Archery will be covering travel expenses up to the amount of 2'000 USD. There will be six WA Judges appointed at each WC Series, and two of them from another continent than where the event will be held. For all other events, with the exceptions mentioned below, the OC will be covering travel and lodging expenses.

World Archery Indoor Championships – Nîmes (FRA), 25 Feb. – 2 March 2014 13 Judges to be appointed + DoS to be appointed			
Chairperson	Yes 🗆	No 🗆	
Member	Yes 🗆	No 🗆	
DOS	Yes 🗆	Noロ	
1st Series World Archery World Cup – Shanghai (CHN), 13-18 May 2014 ChairpersonYes No MemberYes No			
2nd Series World Archery World Cup – Antalya (TUR), 10-15 June 2014			
Chairperson	Yes 🗆	No 🗆	

Yes 🗆 No 🗆

Member



3rd Series World Ar Chairperson Member	Yes 🗆	orld Cup – Medellin (COL), 1-6 July 2014 No □ No □	
-		nampionships – Louvain-la-Neuve (BEL), 9-12 July 2014 No □ No □	
4 th Series World Arc Chairperson Member	Chery Wo Yes □ Yes □	orld Cup - Wroclaw (POL), 5-10 August 2014 No □ No □	
13 Judges to be appointed +	DoS to be a Yes	No □ No □	
Final World Archery 3 Judges to be appointed + D Chairperson Member DOS	oS to be ap Yes □	Cup – Lausanne (SUI), 5-7 September 2014 pointed No No No No No No No No	
Are you able to officiate in two or more events Yes I No I If yes, please mention which ones are relevant			

<u>Remarks:</u>

- Please consider eventual visa issues when applying for an event.
- Please note that the withdrawal from an event creates problems. Please make sure that when you apply for an event you will be able to attend.
- World Archery Youth Judges may apply for duties at the Youth Olympic Games only.

Please reply to World Archery Office before the deadline for these applications.

Deadline: 1 October 2013

13. Rule Changes in 3D Section

The main changes to the rules are as follows:-

3.16. Repositioning on Targets

3.16.1. At Championships, athletes shall be repositioned as follows

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3.16.1.4. In 3D Archery the repositioning shall take place after the first Qualification Round and after each subsequent round (until the semi-finals) according to the position reached in the previous round and the principles set forth in Article 3.16.1.3.

4.5.7. The 3D Rounds

4.5.7.1. The 3D Championships Rounds

The 3D Championships Round consists of two Qualification Rounds followed by two Elimination Rounds and the Finals Rounds for Individuals and the Elimination Round and the Finals Round for Teams. 4.5.7.1.4. The individual competition consists of:

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4.5.7.1.4.2. Two individual Elimination Rounds:

The first Elimination Round in which the top 16 athletes per category qualifying from the two Qualification Rounds shall shoot 12 targets;

The second Elimination Round in which the top eight athletes per category qualifying from the first Elimination Round shall shoot 8 targets;

If there are less than 17 in the 1st Elimination Round or 9 athletes in the 2nd Elimination Round, all of them shall be admitted to the respective Elimination Round

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4.5.7.1.4.3. The Finals Rounds in which the top four athletes per category qualifying from the second Elimination Round shall shoot two matches (the semi-finals and the medal finals) consisting of four targets each: At the first target the higher ranked athlete decides who shall start shooting at the first target. Thereafter, the athlete with the lower cumulative score will shoot first at the following target and, if the athletes are tied, the athlete which started the match will shoot first.

In the first match (semi-finals), the athlete ranked first shall shoot against the athlete ranked fourth and the second shall shoot against the third. The winners shall move to the Gold Medal match and the others move to the Bronze Medal match;

In the semi-finals, the pair consisting of athletes #2 and #3 shall shoot first and the pair consisting of athletes #1 and #4 shoot shall shoot second at all semi-final targets;

In the second match (medal finals) the athletes shooting in the Bronze Medal match shall shoot first at all targets, followed by the Gold Medal match;

In the Finals Round, the athletes ranked numbers one and two shall shoot from the left shooting position;

The athletes of the different categories shall start their Finals Rounds in the following order:

Longbow women – Longbow men

Instinctive bow women – Instinctive bow men

Barebow women – Barebow men

 $Compound \ women-Compound \ men$

Or, all women shall shoot first followed by all men.

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9.1.1.5. For small animals (group size "4"), the organisers shall place two animal targets next to each other. The left placed

athlete to shoot on that target shoots on the left target, the right placed athlete on the right target.



22.5. For the Longbow Division the following items are permitted:

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22.5.3. Arrow rest. If the bow has an arrow shelf, that shelf may be used as an arrow rest and it may be covered with any type of soft material, in the horizontal plane only. The vertical part of the shelf may be protected by a hard material.

Shooting

23.1. Each athlete shall shoot and stand or kneel at the shooting peg without compromising safety.

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23.1.3. In Field every shooting position shall have a shooting peg or mark to accommodate at least two athletes. In 3D rounds every

shooting position shall have two shooting pegs or mark to accommodate archers, unless conditions allow only one. The distance between the two pegs must be 1 meter

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23.2.1. Athletes shall wait well behind the athletes in the shooting position unless they are assisting the athletes at the shooting peg with shading. Shading is not allowed, however, in the finals unless determined necessary by the judge.

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23.3.1. Individual competition:

two arrows per animal-targets are allowed in the qualification rounds (Time limit one and a half minutes) one arrow per animal-targets is allowed in elimination and final rounds (Time limit one minute)

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23.7. No athlete, coach, team official, may disclose the target distances to anybody on unmarked courses during the tournament to gain an advantage.

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24.6. Athletes in a group may allow other groups to move ahead of another group during the qualification and elimination rounds but not the semi-finals and finals, provided the organisers or the Judges are notified about the change.

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24.7. When an athlete, or a group of athletes, is causing undue delay for that group or for other groups during the Qualification and Elimination Rounds, the Judge observing this shall warn the athlete or group with a first written warning on the scorecard.

A time limit per target of three minutes for Field rounds and one minute for 3D rounds shall be allowed from the time the athlete takes his position at the shooting peg, which the athlete shall do as soon as possible after the shooting position becomes available; **Please note Bylaw change here time limits shown above in 23.3.1**

A Judge, having observed an athlete exceed the time limit, or cause undue delay despite the above procedure, shall caution the athlete and give a second written warning indicating the time and date of the warning;

At the third and all subsequent warnings during that stage of the competition, the athlete shall lose the highest scoring arrow at the target;

The time limit may be extended in exceptional circumstances.

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24.10.1. Under timing control by DoS.

In Field the time limit for individuals and teams is two minutes which will be controlled by the DoS. The time will start for the individuals when they are standing at their appropriate peg and for the team when they are standing at the red



peg, shooting one at a time with the Barebow shooting last.

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24.10.2. Controlled by a Judge In Field the time limit for individuals and teams is two minutes which will be controlled by the Judge starting his stopwatch when both athletes are standing at the appropriate peg for individuals and all athletes are standing at the red peg for the teams. In 3D the time limit for individuals is one minute and teams two minutes which will be controlled by the Judge starting his stopwatch when the athletes are at their appropriate pegs.

14. Case Studies 83 – comment

Case study 83.1

At a recent indoor championships, on the final day, the match CJM had just finished and the target Judges put new faces on the targets for the next match (RJW), and then go back behind the blinds again.

The Line Judge starts the next match (RJW). It is alternate shooting. When the second archer had shot his arrow, the spotter sees in his scope that there is a wrong face on target 2. It is a compound face instead of a recurve face. Through the radio systems the line judge is immediately informed about the incident.

You are the line judge, what do you do? And what would you do if you are the target judge when scoring takes place?

Comments:

The case study this time did not bring the biggest challenge to you, obviously. But let us consider further:

The line judge: approximately half of you would stop the match, the other half would not. We – the committee – would certainly recommend that the match is stopped immediately, for two main reasons:

a) To avoid that any arrow – or any further arrow – should create a difficulty in scoring. As you know, we always try to avoid problems by preventing them.

b) The faces are quite different to view when aiming. The 2nd archer may be stressed and did not react at first (we don't know if he would react later).

A compound face for a recurve archer may give a disadvantage or advantage in aiming. The point is that anyhow it is not fair to the match, and the earlier we react, the less chance of having a protest (from the loser of the set).



The target judge: the judges were almost unanimous with regard to the necessity of measuring the arrow shot, if it at all is a doubtful arrow (9 or 10 if a recurve face was used).

From the answers; you have to measure 2cm from the center (!!) to the arrow to decide on a 9 or 10. This is not a question of the diameter, we go by the radius of a 4cm 10 ring (which is 2 cm). Some made a mistake here, hopefully only a theoretical mistake and not in a practical situation.

And of course, the face is changed.

Why did this happen? Because the target judge did not check the face set up before leaving the field. The target judge should always be the last one to leave the field after change of faces. It should not be left to the field crew alone. A procedure to remember.

15. New case studies

Case study 84.1

In an individual shoot-off (40 seconds) the DoS does not change the clock and it starts counting down from 120 seconds. Archer A shoots within the first 40 seconds and scores a 6. Archer B shoots when 45 seconds have passed and shoots a 9. The judge does not penalize archer B and he wins the match.

Archer A's team captain appeals. What would you do?

Case study 84.2

At an indoor tournament the competition is held in a hall which is covered by a tartan surface which the hall owners do not want people to walk on. For that reason the organizers have placed a rubber surface on which the archers will stand to shoot their arrows. This rubber is very soft and the archers complain that their stance is not firm, and their feet sort of like sink into the rubber. An archer gets a wood surface which is big enough for him to stand on and avoid the problem with the rubber surface. He asks the judges if he can put it on the shooting line and stand on it to shoot. The judges say he cannot use it because he will have an advantage over the rest of the archers. What would you say as a judge?

Case study 84.3

During a compound team match with alternate shooting an archer shoots an arrow and his release aid jumps forward from the archer's hand to land 3.5 meters in front of the shooting line. He is the second archer to shoot in his team. Before crossing the 1 meter line to allow the third archer to walk in, he asks the judge whether he can walk on the field to pick up his release aid to use it in the second half of the team's 6 arrow end. The judge allows him to do so. Is the judge's decision correct?

Your reply must be sent to WA at latest on the 15 October 2013