



Judges' News Letter

Welcome to the first issue of the NCAS Judges news letter. I am hoping that I will be able to produce at least a couple of issues a year, but that is dependant on the time I have available to compile a newsletter and the availability of information or articles to publish within it.

The articles I want to publish in the news letter will contain general updates about the judges within NCAS such as listing the names of any new Candidates or Judges who have passed assessments etc. I also want to include any rule changes, bylaws or interpretations that are issued by either FITA or GNAS, and just about anything that will help or improve the knowledge of all the judges within Northern Counties.

Indoor Scoring

Background:

As we are now well into the indoor season, it is appropriate to remind you of how scoring is conducted when the archers are shooting at 3 spot faces at both GNAS/Archery GB and World Archery Rounds (Principally Portsmouth, FITA 18 and FITA 25 rounds, but there may be others). The concept is that an archer should shoot one arrow in each face. If they put two arrows in one face they have made a mistake, and the judge needs to take necessary action. The simplest way to deal with the scoring is through a three step process, outlined below.

Steps to be taken when scoring:

1. Firstly determine all the individual arrow values. If there are two arrows in one face, then the highest scoring arrow is given a value of MISS ("M"). For example, if there is a 10 in the top face, 8,7 in the middle face and 9 in the bottom face, this gives values of 10,9,7,M (The 8 in the middle target is a miss)
2. We then score the lowest three arrow values, as is normal when an archer shoots more than the three arrows normally shot on these occasions.
3. In our example, the recorded score is 9,7,M
4. If an arrow has been shot out of time, then we take the appropriate action to remove the highest scoring arrow recorded as in (ii) above. So for our example, the score sheet now shows 9 M,7,M, and the alteration is initialled by the Judge.

Examples:

Using these three principles above, we have these following examples of slightly different scenarios:

- A) Top face 10, Middle Face 8,7, bottom face no arrow. Here the archer has only shot three arrows. However, as there are two arrows in the middle face, we take the first action of determining the values - in this case 10, 7, M (the eight now scores as a miss). We then score these three values.
- B) Top face No arrow, middle face 8,7, and another arrow outside the scoring zone of the middle face. Again the archer has shot only three arrows, so we determine the values as follows: 7,M,M (The eight in the middle face scores as a miss, and of course the one that has missed all the scoring zones is also a miss). We then score these three values.

- C) Top face 10, Middle Face 8, Bottom face 7, and one arrow just outside the scoring zone of the bottom face. The archer has shot four arrows, so first we determine the values - 10, 8, 7, M (The arrow that has not hit a scoring face will score as a miss). We then have four arrow values and will score the lowest three - 8,7,M.
- D) Top face 10, Middle Face 9,8,7, bottom face no arrow. The archer has shot four arrows, so we determine the values as follows: 10, 7, M, M (as there are three arrows in the middle face, only the lowest scoring one will have a numerical value, both the others will score as a MISS) We then record the lowest three values as 7, M, M.

There are of course many other scenarios that can occur, but if you follow the three points above, you should arrive as the right result.

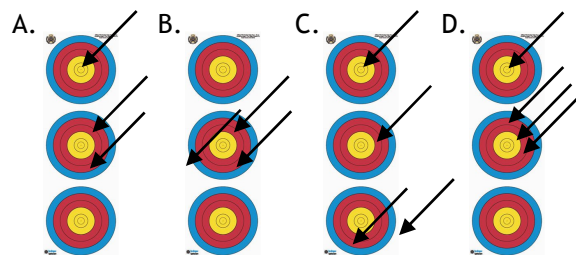
Remember to take your time to get it right in these situations, it's better to hold the shoot up for a minute or two while sorting out a situation of this nature rather than rush and potentially get complaints later that the score was wrong. It is also advisable to make a note of any such instance in your own notebook so that you can refer back to it if anyone has a query later.

The Judge Committee have a presentation (available in Power point, open office or Flash formats) based on 3 spot face scoring, and this is available on request for any judges to use. If required, please email Neil Foden on nsefoden@gmail.com

For reference, the rules that apply are:

GNAS / Archery GB Rules 403/404 - Indoor archery, and rule 404 (c) in particular

World Archery - FITA Rule book 3, 8.6.2 and all sub sections, and rule 8.8.2, particularly sub sections 8.8.2.3, 8.8.2.6, and 8.8.2.8



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Timing Indoor Rounds

Continuing with the indoor theme it seems prudent to remind you all of the different timing systems that can be used at indoor events.

If you are judging at a FITA 18, 25 or combined, then you will use the FITA timing method as show to the right. If the tournament is a GNAS event then you have to be aware that there are two possible timing methods, as listed below, but you need to make sure you use the correct one for the event you are judging at.

Either method may be used at a GNAS event unless it is a Record Status shoot, in this case Method 2 **MUST** be used.

403. Shooting

(d) Shooting shall normally be in accordance with Rule 304(f)(i). Alternatively, and always at Record Status tournaments, shooting shall be in be in accordance with Rule 304(f)(ii).

FITA Indoor Timing Method

8.5.4 Visual and acoustic time control.

8.5.4.1 When the shooting is controlled by lights:

- RED** The Director of Shooting will give 2 sound signals for the designated athletes (AB, CD, as applicable) to occupy the shooting line all together (Except Indoor Match Round Team Event).
- GREEN** On the lights changing colour 10 seconds later, the Director of Shooting will give 1 sound signal for shooting to begin.
- YELLOW** This warning signal will be given 30 seconds before the end of the time limit, except in the Finals Round of the Indoor Match Round when the athletes alternate shooting.
- RED** This means the shooting time has finished (see article 8.5.3) and 2 sound signals will be given to indicate that shooting is to stop, even if all arrows have not been shot. Any athlete still on the shooting line must immediately go behind the waiting line.

When there are other designated athletes they will move up to the shooting line and wait for the green light and the shooting to begin. This whole procedure will be repeated as above, until all have shot. When the red light comes on after the required number of arrows have been shot (1 end of 3, / 3x2 arrows in the Team Event) according to the rounds being shot, 3 sound signals will be given for the scoring to begin.

GNAS Indoor Timing Methods

304. Shooting

(f) Timing of Ends. Archers will shoot ends of three or six arrows, as required by the round being shot, under one of the following methods controlled by the Judge:

(i) Method 1.

- a. One sound signal shall indicate when the first shooting detail shall take their place on the line and begin shooting. Each archer shall shoot three arrows and immediately retire, being replaced by the archer from the subsequent detail. When all on a target have shot, the archer, if required, shall shoot three more arrows. If an archer persists in shooting more than three arrows consecutively, he may be disqualified by the Judge.
- b. When all archers have shot, two sound signals shall indicate that archers are to move forward to score and collect arrows. No archer shall advance from the shooting line before receiving the signal.
- c. Two and a half minutes shall be the maximum time for an archer to shoot three arrows, the time to start from when the archer steps on to the shooting line.
- d. Any archer who is observed to be exceeding the time limit of 2½ minutes for three arrows shall be advised of the time error after retiring from the shooting line. The score sheet for that archer shall be marked at that end to record the warning in the following manner – “Time warning”. The archer will also be advised that any further violation of the 2½ minute time limit will result in the top scoring arrow of that end being disallowed. Should this continue to the detriment of the shoot or the other archers on that target, the offending archer will be asked to retire from the tournament.

(ii) Method 2. Shooting shall be in timed ends controlled in the following manner:

- a. Two audible signals for archers in the first detail to take their positions on the shooting line.
- b. After 20 seconds one audible signal for shooting to commence.
- c. After 4 minutes (if 6 arrows are to be shot) or 2 minutes (if 3 arrows are to be shot), or earlier if shooting line is clear, 2 audible signals indicate that the archers remaining on the shooting line shall retire and the next detail take their place.
- d. After 20 seconds one audible signal for the second detail to commence shooting.
- e. And so continue until all details have shot when 3 audible signals shall indicate that archers are to move forward to score and collect arrows.
- f. An arrow shot before or after the allotted time will be considered as part of that end and will cause the archer to lose the highest scoring arrow of that end which will be scored as a miss.
- g. The time allowed for an archer to shoot each make-up arrow shall be 40 seconds

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Regional Judges Re Assessment Exam

Hopefully you were all aware that every judge who held the grade of Regional on the 1st September last year had to take a re assessment exam. The exam was published at the beginning of September and the judges were allowed approximately five weeks in which to return their papers. Within Northern Counties we had eleven Regional judges who had to take the exam, of these only five achieved the required pass mark, which is a very disappointing result for the region.

Five of the judges who failed will have to take a re test some time around March/April, a date is yet to be confirmed. They all retain their current Regional status until the results of the re test are known, and as long as they pass they will remain Regional judges, however if they fail the re test they will be demoted to County judges. The one remaining judge who failed the exam has unfortunately decided to resign rather than take the re sit.

Obituary

JOHN ALLISON 1941 - 2011

John started his archery career with Kendal Bowman in 1992. In 2002 he moved from Cumbria to Lancashire and joined Pendle & Samlesbury.

John was qualified as a coach as well as a National judge.

As an archer, John shot recurve, compound and the longbow, but it was as a National Judge that he was best known. Judging kept him busy throughout the year, his favourite tournament being the Clan Donald shoot on the Isle of Skye at the beginning of July.

John was a popular figure in archery circles, with a quiet unassuming manner and always willing to help others. He was one of the most pleasant and friendly judges you could hope to meet and his presence on the shooting line will be sorely missed.

John's funeral took place on Thursday 8th December at St. Laurence's Church in Chorley, followed by a family service at the crematorium.

Retirements

We had a couple of retirements this year from our ranks.

Carl Morgan (Yorkshire) retired in October and Jim Rodgers (Durham & Northumberland) who retired in November.

New Candidate Judges

We have had 5 new judges join our ranks during 2011, three in Yorkshire and two in Lancashire.

The Yorkshire Candidates are Louise Smith, Gareth Beeby and Richard Ford. Louise became a Candidate in February, Gareth in March and Richard in December.

In June Ruth Hill joined the ranks of Lancashire judges and she has just been joined by Paul Bailey in November.

County Assessments

We had four judges attain the grade of County judge during the year, these being John Andrew Cunningham (Cheshire), Tracey Deborah Ellison and Paul John Ellison (Durham & Northumberland), all of whom passed in February.

Brian Davies (Yorkshire) passed his assessment in June.

Regional Assessments

We also had three County judges pass their assessments to achieve the grade of Regional judge, these were Christopher Battersby (Cumbria) and Sharon Robinson (Durham & Northumberland) who both passed in May, these were joined by Mark Hayes (Yorkshire) who passed in September.

National Assessments

We only had one successful assessment to attain the grade of National Judge and that was by Amanda Bartram (Yorkshire), she passed her practical in July and her written exam in October.

International Upgrade

Richard Breese was upgraded from Candidate International to full International Judge in October.

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Olympics 2012

As you are all probably aware this year London hosts both the Olympics and the Paralympics. The Archery events are being held at Lords cricket ground for the Olympics and at the Royal Artillery Barracks for the Paralympics.

Both myself and Richard Breese attended the Olympic test event in October at Lords, and have passed the selection process to be appointed as NTO's (National Technical Officials) for the games. Our duties at the games are those of scorers, which we share with Hannah Brown and Ann Jackson. We will be spending our days rotating between either watching monitors and calling out the arrow values or recording the values and walking out to the targets to confirm the scores under the supervision of an International judge.

Richard Breese has also been appointed as one of the International judges at the Paralympics, where he will be joined by Peter Morris who has been appointed as an NTO at this event.

I know that several of you will also be at the games working as volunteers, having spotted several of you at the test event at Lords.

I hope you all enjoy the games in whatever capacity you might be involved.



Neil S E Foden

FITA Rule Books

In the latest FITA judges news letter it has been announced that the revised new look rule books should be available from 1st April 2012. Besides including any new bylaw, these books have been completely rewritten in a format that should make them easier to read and understand.

Annual Returns

Now that we are into a new year don't forget to complete your J15's for last year, listing all days you were involved in judging duties, these include venue inspections, field checks, seminars and conferences as well as days spent judging at tournaments. Once completed return the form to your respective JLO's. The form (in various formats) is attached to the email that this newsletter came with, or can be downloaded from the GNAS judge's website, under Documents > J Forms.

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GNAS Judges Conference

The national conference will take place at Lilleshall National Sports Centre from 1.30pm on Saturday 25th February to approx 4.00pm on Sunday 26th February 2012.

The conference is open to all judges from candidate to international level, and attendance can be part of your J5 listings and will count towards your required conference/seminar attendance when applying for assessment to a higher grade.

You can either attend the full weekend, in which case the cost includes Bed & Breakfast for the Saturday evening plus a special dinner in the main dining room on the Saturday evening, or if you wish you can attend on a daily basis.

If you want to attend please download the form from the GNAS judge's website www.gnasjudges.co.uk. Look under Documents > Conference.

New BYLAWS Approved by FITA Council on 17 December 2011

Effective as of 1 January 2012

Book 1, Appendix 5, Article 5.5.1.1

5.5.1.1 The following are members of the RTP:

- From the previous World Archery Championships: all individual medallists in the Recurve and Compound Divisions
- The top 8 ranked athletes of the individual World Ranking for the Recurve Division and the top 5 ranked athletes of the individual World Ranking for the Compound Division
- In the Olympic Qualification Period (from the World Archery Championships preceding the Olympic Games up to the Olympic Games), every athlete who has obtained a quota place for his country, regardless whether if he shall be participating in the Olympic Games; the athlete qualified to participate in the Olympic Games shall replace the one that obtained the quota place, if different, as soon as confirmed
- In the Paralympic years, the individual gold medallists at the Paralympic Games, being replaced by the next individual World Archery Para Champions in the following years, in the Recurve ARW1, ARW2, ARST and Compound Open classes
- The Medical & Sport Sciences Committee can include any other athlete, participating at an International Event, in the RTP by written notice to the Member Association and the athlete concerned
- If an athlete no longer fulfils any of the above criteria, he shall remain in the RTP until the end of the calendar year, with the exception of athletes in bullets 1 and 4 of this article who shall be removed after the next World Championship, and provided that they are not subject to conditions in other bullets at this time or were not at the beginning of the calendar year.

~~The RTP shall be available on the WA website.~~

The criteria for the Registered Testing Pool will be decided on an annual basis and can be amended at any time with a 1 month notice by the Medical and Sports Science Committee in consultation with the Doping Free Sports Unit of SportAccord. The criteria and RTP will be published on the World Archery website.

Book 3, Article 8.2.1_8.2.1.1_8.2.1.3_8.6.5.1

8.2.1 Target Faces

There are 10 indoor target faces

- The 60cm diameter face
- The 60cm triangular triple face
- The 60cm vertical triple face
- The 40cm diameter face
- The 40cm triangular triple face
- The 40cm vertical triple face
- The 40cm-R triangular triple face
- The 40cm-C triangular triple face
- The 40cm-R vertical triple face
- The 40cm-C vertical triple face

Only those Indoor target faces produced by a manufacturer licensed by FITA will be used at FITA competitions.
8.2.1.1

Description:

Target face, see drawing Appendix 1.

The 60cm and 40cm faces are divided by a thin line into 5 concentric colour zones arranged from the centre outwards as follows: gold (yellow), red, light blue, black and white (there are no dividing lines between light blue

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and black; nor between black and white). Each colour is divided by a thin line into 2 zones of equal width thus making in all 10 scoring zones of equal width when measured from the centre of the gold:

- 3cm on the 60cm target face;
- 2cm on the 40cm target face.

The dividing lines, and any dividing lines which may be used between colours, will be entirely within the higher zone in each case. The line marking the outermost edge of the white will be made entirely within the scoring zone. The width of the thin dividing lines and the outermost line will not exceed 2mm on both the 60cm and 40cm target faces. The centre of the target face is termed the "pinhole" and will be indicated by a small cross "x". The lines of the cross will not exceed 1mm in width and 4mm in length. For the Compound Division an inner 10-ring of 3cm in diameter for the 60cm target faces and 2cm in diameter for the 40cm target faces is required.

In addition triple faces as follows may be used. (For the Indoor Match Round the 40cm triple face will be used. Vertical R and C triple faces are mandatory for the World Archery Indoor Championships).

There is a distinction between regular triple faces and Recurve (R) and Compound (C) 40cm triple faces. The 40cm triple face (both triangular and vertical) will differ in the size of the 10 ring: the 40cm-R has a 40mm 10 ring, the 40cm-C has a 20mm 10 ring and the combined triple face has the two 10-rings.

They have the same dimensions as the FITA 60cm and 40cm faces respectively, but with the 5 to 1 scoring zones removed.

The lowest scoring zone is therefore Light Blue 6.

Each set consists of 3 small faces on a white background arranged symmetrically in a triangular pattern with the centres respectively bottom left, at the apex, and at the bottom right, or in a vertical row. The centres of the gold's will be approximately 32cm distant from each other on 60 cm faces and 22cm distant from each other on 40cm faces.

8.2.1.3 Tolerance of Measurements.

The target face will be measured using the diameter of each separate circle enclosing each of the 10 scoring zones. The tolerance of each diameter will not exceed $\pm 1\text{mm}$ for the scoring zones 10, 9 and 8 and $\pm 2\text{mm}$ for the other scoring zones when measured through the centre.

Zone	Diameter in cm		Tolerance in mm \pm
	60	40	
Inner Compound 10	3	2	1
Recurve 10	6	4	1
9	12	8	1
8	18	12	1
7	24	16	2
6	30	20	2
5	36	24	2
4	42	28	2
3	48	32	2
2	54	36	2
1	60	40	2

~~For the Compound Division only the inner 10-ring will score 10, the rest of the yellow scoring zone will score 9.~~ Target face, see drawing Appendix 1.

8.6.5.1 For ties occurring in all rounds, except for those ties as set out in article 8.6.5.2.

- Individuals and Teams:
 - Greatest number of 10's (~~inner 10's for Compound~~)
 - Greatest number of 9's
 - After this, athletes still tied will be declared equal; but for position in the match play chart a disk toss will decide the position of those declared equal.

The 40cm-R vertical triple face



The 40cm-C vertical triple face



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New Bylaws Approved by FITA Council on 30 June 2011

Effective as of 1 April 2012

Book 1, Article 4.5.1.4

4.5.1.4

- A team shall consist of the highest ranked 3 (or 2 if a Mixed Team) athletes from the Qualification Round unless the team captain notifies the Director of Shooting or the Chairman of Judges in writing at least 1 hour before the start of that round of competition of a substitution of another athlete who competed in the Qualification Round. In case of substitution medals will only be awarded to the athletes that shot the Team round, not the Qualification Round. A violation of the foregoing will result in disqualification of the team.

Book 2, Article 7.5.3.3

7.5.3.3

- A team shall consist of the highest ranked 3 (or 2 if a Mixed Team) athletes from the Qualification Round unless the team captain notifies the Director of Shooting or the Chairman of Judges in writing at least 1 hour before the start of that round of competition of a substitution of another athlete who competed in the Qualification Round. In case of substitution medals will only be awarded to the athletes that shot the Team round, not the Qualification Round. A violation of the foregoing will result in disqualification of the team.

Book 1, Appendix 4, Article 6.1.5

6.1.5

- ~~The Judges' Committee may delegate other experienced persons to act as Judge Observer in agreement with the Executive Committee. These delegates shall not be FITA Judges.~~

Book 2, Article 7.1.1.2

7.1.1.2

- A waiting line will be marked at least 5m behind the shooting line. A media line will be marked one meter in front of the waiting line.

To download a PDF copy of these bylaws go to the following web address. www.archery.org > Rules > Bye Laws

NCAS Judge Seminar

The next judge's seminar will be held on Saturday 31st March at Wetherby District Social Club, 1 Sandbeck Way, Wetherby, Leeds LS22 7DN, from 10:00 till 16:00, a buffet lunch plus tea & coffee will be provided as usual.

The seminar will primarily be based around the Regional Judge re sit paper, which should have been issued by then.

For all those Regional judges who have to take the re sit paper, I would suggest that you try and attend the seminar if at all possible because as with the previous exam when completing the paper you are allowed to use your rule books and get together with other judges and discuss the paper, which the seminar allows us to do, and it could help you attain those few extra points you may need to pass.

If there is any other subject you would like to discuss or give a presentation on at the seminar, please drop me an email with the details and I will add it to the agenda, which if time permits we will try and cover.

**Wishing You all a Happy New Year
And Enjoy your Judging in 2012**