



Judges Information Update January 2015

Annual returns

Your J15's for 2014 should all now be completed and returned to your respective County JLO's. The information will then be summarised by them before being forwarded to me in the next few weeks. If for any reason you have not completed your J15 and returned it to your JLO, now is the time to do it.

Judge Updates

During January we have had several judges retire, these being as follows:

Dennis Heritage from Yorkshire, who attained the grade of National judge and also held the position of Regional JLO.

Steve Richardson from Durham & Northumberland, who attained the status of Regional judge.

Both Dennis and Steve have been sent a certificate of appreciation and a letter, thanking them for the time and effort they dedicated to judging. A request has also been made to the national committee to grant Dennis Emeritus status.

Amanda Bartram from Yorkshire, started a two year sabbatical leave effective from the beginning of January. The National committee granted this request at their meeting in November.

In September of last year I had to do a re-accreditation exam to retain my grade of International Candidate. The results of this exam have been slowly filtering out to all the international judges since the beginning of December, and I finally received mine in mid-January. I was relieved to learn that I had passed the exam with a score of 95-99%, don't ask me why they gave a range and not an exact figure. This means I retain my grade for another four years.

World Archery Bylaws

There were several new by-laws published on the WA website in January, the majority of which come in to force on the 1st April this year. There are a couple of exceptions to this as two of the new bylaws do not come into force until April 2016.

All the bylaws are shown below.

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Book 2, Chapter 4, Article 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:

- 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 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 highest ranked athletes numbers one and two shall shoot from the left shooting position;
- The two athletes competing in a match will shoot simultaneously;

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- 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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Book 2, Chapter 8, Article 8.2.1.3

Target set-up.

- 40cm faces shall be placed four per butt in the form of a square;
- 20cm faces shall be 12 per butt in four columns of three (see image (JPG) "4 x 3 Triple Target Face for Field");
- 60cm faces: On marked rounds a double 60cm target face setup is recommended and their centres shall form a horizontal line.
- The 20cm and 40cm faces may be placed at any angle provided is still obvious which face or column the athlete is to shoot.

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Book 2, Chapter 8, Article 8.2.1.3 image 11

Image 11: 4 x 3 Triple Target Face for Field

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Book 2, Chapter 9, Article 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.

- For all other animal groups 1, 2, 3, the organiser may wish to add an extra animal target.

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Book 2, Chapter 9, Article 9.1.1.7.3

The 3D targets can be divided into 4 groups based on the size of the 11/10/8-ring.

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
11/10/8-size	>250mm	201-250mm	150-200mm	<150mm
Red	Targets from all Groups to be placed between 10-45 meters.			
Blue	Targets from all Groups to be placed between 5-30 meters.			

4-8 targets from each of the above mentioned sized 11/10/8 3D targets are to be used in each course.

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Book 3, Chapter 11, Article 11.1.10.1

Including arm guard, chest protector, bow sling and belt or ground quiver. Foot markers may not protrude more than 1cm from the ground. Devices to raise a foot or part thereof, attached or independent of the shoe are permitted provided that the devices do not present an obstruction to other athletes at the shooting line position or protrude more than 2cm past the footprint of the shoe. Also permitted are rubberized bow limb dampening devices. Wind indicators (non-electric or non-electronic) may be attached

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to the equipment used on the shooting line (e.g. light ribbons) electronic wind indicators may be used behind the waiting line.

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Book 3, Chapter 11, Article 11.3.3

Book 3, Chapter 20, Article 20.1.1

Book 4, Chapter 33, Article 33.1

Book 3 - Chapter 11 - Article 11.3.3:

Athlete equipment shall not include camouflage colours of any kind.

Book 3 - Chapter 20 - Article 20.1.1 (Bullet 4)

During the Olympic Games, World Championships and World Cup Events, athletes and team officials shall dress in sports clothing on the field of play.

- All members of one team by category shall be dressed in the same team uniform. The teams of one country may wear different design and colour uniforms. Team officials may wear a different style but should wear the same colours and should be easily identified as the official of their team;
- Women shall wear dresses, skirts, divided skirts, shorts (these may not be shorter than the athlete's fingertips when the arms and fingers are extended at the athlete's side) or trousers, and blouses or tops (covering the front and back of the body, be fixed over each shoulder while still covering the midriff when she is at full draw);
- Men shall wear trousers or shorts (these may not be shorter than the athlete's fingertips when the arms and fingers are extended at the athlete's side) and long or short sleeved shirts (covering the midriff when at full draw);
- No denim, jeans or camouflage clothes and equipment may be worn nor any oversize or baggy type pants or shorts;
- During the Team and Mixed Team match play competition the same colour and style shirt/blouse/top and the same colour pants/shorts/skirts shall be worn;
- Due to weather conditions, protective clothing such as sweaters, track suits, raingear, etc. may be worn following approval by the Technical Delegate of the event or, in his absence, the Chairperson of the Tournament Judge Commission;
- Headwear is optional

Book 4 - Chapter 33 - Article 33.1

Shall wear shirts with name and country at all times.

Sport shoes or walking boots shall be worn by all athletes and officials, these may be different styles but shall cover the entire foot.

Trousers of their choice, including denim, for the Qualification, Elimination and Semi-finals rounds.

Full Team uniform, which shall not include denim, for Team Rounds and Medal Matches.

Clothing and equipment shall not be camouflage. No oversize or baggy type trousers are allowed.

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Book 4, Chapter 22, Article 22.4.1

A bow of any type, which complies with the common meaning of the word bow as used in target archery, consisting of a handle (grip), riser (no shoot-through type) and two flexible limbs each ending in a tip with a string nock. The riser is produced of a natural or resin based material (e.g. Wood, bamboo, horn, cloth, fibreglass, and a portion of the riser may include carbon/graphite or metal). The riser must be of laminated construction or one piece of wood. The bow may be of a take-down type and may incorporate factory installed metal fittings in the riser for limb attachment, sight mount inserts, cushion plunger insert and stabilizer bushings only. The bow may include a single adjustable limb for tiller adjustment only, but may not have adjustable limb pockets for bow weight adjustment. The riser may include thin synthetic laminates up to 6 mm in width to use for limb/pocket protection for structural use within the riser, but no more than one quarter of the riser's construction may be produced of metal or synthetic material. The riser must contain some wood or bamboo. For non-takedown bows, limb laminates of any material that fade into the riser section are permitted. The bow is braced for use by a single string attached directly

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between the two stringnocks, and in operation is held in one hand by its handle (grip) while the fingers of the other hand draw and release the string.

The bow as described above shall be bare, except for an arrow rest as described in (22.4.3) and free from protrusions, sights or sight marks, marks or blemishes or laminated pieces (within the bow window area) which could be of use in aiming.

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Book 4, Chapter 22, Article 22.4.3.1

The arrow rest can be a simple plastic industry standard glued rest, a feather rest as supplied by the manufacturer or the athlete can use the bow shelf, in which case it may be covered with any type of material (on shelf only). The vertical part of the sight window may be protected by material which shall not raise more than 1 cm above the resting arrow or be thicker than 3 mm, measured from the riser directly adjacent to the material. No other types or arrow rests shall be allowed.

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Book 4, Chapter 22, Article 22.5.1

The bow shall correspond to the traditional form (shape) of a longbow (or American Flat Bow) conforming to a limb design that when strung the bowstring shall not touch any other part of the bow but the string nocks. The bow may be a two piece take-down, having two sections of similar length (take-down within the grip/arrow rest area), and may be made from any material or combination of materials. The shape of the grip (grip area only) is not restricted and centre shot is allowed. The bow shall be free from protrusions, sights or sight marks, marks or blemishes or laminated pieces (within the bow window area) which could be of use in aiming.

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Book 4, Chapter 22, Article 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 material (on the shelf only). The vertical part of the sight window may be protected by material which shall not rise more than 1 cm above the resting arrow or be thicker than 3 mm, measured from the riser directly adjacent to the material.

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Book 4, Chapter 23, Article 23.1.3

In Field and 3D every shooting position shall have a shooting peg or mark to accommodate at least two athletes. If two athletes are shooting simultaneously, the athlete with the lowest competitor number shall shoot from the left peg (or left side of the peg if only one), the athlete with the higher number shall shoot from the right peg.

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Book 4, Chapter 23, Article 23.2.1

Athletes shall wait well behind the athletes in the shooting position unless they are assisting the athletes at the shooting peg spotting the fall of arrows or shading for their target companions. Shading is not allowed, however, in the finals unless determined necessary by the judge.

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Book 4, Chapter 24, Article 24.9

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In the Semi-Finals Round, whenever a Judge accompanies a group he shall start and stop the shooting verbally ("go" for the start and "stop" when the time has passed).

- In Field and 3D rounds, the Judge shall show a yellow card as an indication when 30 seconds of the two minutes remain;
- No shooting shall be allowed after the time limit has expired;
- If an athlete shoots an arrow after the Judge has stopped the shooting, the athlete or team shall lose the highest scoring arrow at the target;
- In the Individual matches the two athletes will shoot simultaneously;
- In the Team rounds the teams will shoot one at a time with the highest ranked team choosing who shoots first, at the next and subsequent targets the team with the lowest score will shoot first and when there is a tie in score the team who shot first at target 1 will shoot first.

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Book 4, Chapter 28, Article 28.2.6

In case of blinding sunshine, protective shade of a maximum size of A4 (or legal letter size, about 30x20cm) may be provided by the other members of the group or shall be provided by the organiser. No shade is allowed for the Final Rounds, unless it is deemed necessary for safety reasons by the Judge.

WA Rule Book 6

This has been revised and the new version is attached to the email this news letter came with

World Archery Interpretations

Book 2

The Norway Archery Association has requested an interpretation as to the following with respect to venues and outdoor competitions:

- a) Is it possible to stand indoor and shoot out of the windows?
- b) Is it possible to cover the shooting line with a roof (rain/sun protection). If not - what kind of distance is required vis-à-vis the shooting line (horizontally speaking).
- c) Is it possible to protect the archers from wind (by sails, walls or other means). If not - what kind of distance would constitute a limit?
- d) If a stadium is used, may the roof be closed (possible at new constructions)

Response from the Target Archery Committee:

It is the opinion of the Target Archery Committee that in order to be considered "outdoor" competition, the athlete needs to be subject to any two of the following three factors: (i) rain, (ii) wind and (iii) sun.

This allows for a definition of "outdoor", which could be used when analysing a stadium or other structure for an outdoor event:

- Shooting out of a window would not be an outdoor event since there would be no rain, sun or wind (0 elements present)
- Shooting under a roof would not be an outdoor event as only wind applies (no rain or sun) (1 element present)
- Shooting in a stadium with roof closed would not be an outdoor event since no wind, rain or sun (0 elements present)
- Shooting in a walled stadium with roof open would be an outdoor event (no wind) rain and sun (2 elements present) unless the athletes are shooting under an overhang (0 elements present)
- Shooting with athletes protected from wind (sails, walls) is an outdoor event (no wind but rain, sun) (2 elements present)
- Shooting in a stadium would be an outdoor event if the athlete could be subjected to both rain and sun (and possibly wind) (2 elements present)
- Shooting in an open stadium however the athletes (or some of them) are under the 'overhang', then the event is not an outdoor event (no, rain, no wind, no sun).

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In every case, the facts and circumstances will have to be considered to see if the athlete is subject to at least 2 of the 3 (as above).

The above is not to suggest that walls or sails to block winds are allowed on the field of play.

World Archery Target Archery Committee, November 29, 2014

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World Archery

The latest issue of the World Archery judge's newsletter has just been published and can be downloaded from the usual address for those of you interested. As usual there are a number of what if questions at the end of the new letter which are worth having a go at answering. There is also the answers to the what if's from the last issue so if you answered those you can check if you got the same as what the International judge committee expect.