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The Second FITA Baby

Our Event Director Juan Carlos Holgado has become a father on 27 October 2007. The new FITA Baby is called Luca and was born at 3:45 pm and weighs 3.380 kg for 47 cm.



The baby and the happy mother Rachèle are both doing well.

We are delighted and proud to welcome little Luca in the FITA family! Congratulations to the happy parents Rachèle and Juan Carlos Holgado.

FITA Development and Coaching Coordinator

On 30 October Mayi Cruz Blanco finished her last day working for FITA. She is leaving FITA for personal reasons and will be looking for new challenges in her life.

We thank her for all she has achieved in the Development Department and in particular for her efforts to bring many scholarships to the sport from Olympic Solidarity.



You will see in the next FITA annual report a huge growth of the number of 2007 Development and Coaching projects in comparison with previous years. Mayi has contributed to this tremendous achievement.

Thank you Mayi for your collaboration and our best wishes for your future!

FITA is pleased to announce that Mrs Deqa Hussen has joined the Office Staff as Development and Coaching Coordinator, taking over from Mayi Cruz Blanco.

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Mrs Hussen is a language skilled and experienced person in sport development thanks to her former similar position in another International Federation. We are pleased to have a representative of the African continent working on the FITA Development programs, as she is from Somalia.



Deqa can speak the following languages:

Italian: mother tongue
 English: mother tongue
 French: fluent (perfect writing and speaking)
 Spanish: good knowledge (speaking)
 German: basic
 Also some Arab

Her interests and hobbies are: History, politics, sports, music (singing), capoeira (Brazilian martial arts).

Although she has no direct experience in Archery, she has had in her previous job extensive experience on managing development programs and together with Pascal she will form a good team.

Let's welcome Mrs Deqa Hussen among the FITA family with our best wishes.

Visiting the FITA Office

On 4 October FITA received the visit Ms Laure Kuetey who is the Secretary General of the young Archery Federation of Benin. Ms Kuetey attended the elective General Assembly of the World Olympians Association (WOA) at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne from 3 to 5 October.

Erratum

No World Record at 70 metres!



The World Record at 70m in Compound Men by the Iranian athlete Majid Ahmadi as announced on our website last week is not valid. A 70m World Record is only valid if shot in a FITA Round and not in a 70m Round.

We apologize for this administrative mix-up, and nevertheless congratulate Majid Ahmadi who scored 358 points in the 70m Round at the 3rd Asia Grand Prix in October.



ARCHERY 2008

World University Championships



Beijing 2008
 Olympic Games



Field Worlds 2008



Indoor Worlds 2009



Commonwealth Games 2010

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FITA Shop

Coming Soon...

A brand-new FITA Shop will be launched at the end of November with a new look, new prices and new items, such as stylish polo shirts for women and men, nice caps, USB bracelets and much more!

New items will be offered periodically. You will also find monthly special offers and a dedicated page with special discounts for Member Associations & wholesalers. A speeded up delivery service is waiting for you too!

The actual FITA Shop will close down on 31 October 2007 in order to put in place the new one. We would be grateful if you would wait for our new shop to open before placing new orders.

Thanks for your understanding. We look forward to treating all your orders again very soon from our new shop!

TV and Media

Sportel Monaco

FITA continues to develop its TV coverage at Sportel Monaco, the biggest trade show held every year in October for all key players in the world of television, new media or mobile TV. For its 18th edition in 2007, Sportel broke its participation record with 2,362 participants from 79 countries representing 975 companies and 177 stands.

With a full agenda over four day of meetings at its stand, FITA has reinforced its contacts with televisions worldwide. This will further extend the TV coverage of our 26-minute highlights. These highlights are a dynamic and efficient way to maximize the archery broadcasts worldwide.

FITA also promoted the live coverage that will take place for the World Cup Final in Dubai on November 24. The competition concept will be magnificent: the archers and the targets will stand on a platform in a lake of the Madinat Jumeirah hotel. Moreover the famous 7-star hotel, Burj Al Arab will be in the background. This made the news of the official Sportel Monaco magazine.

All the TV stations representatives that we met at Sportel were very satisfied with the quality of the archery images and will keep showing it in 2008. The interest was triggered for the live broadcast in Dubai. New contacts have also been made for 2008.

FITA nowadays send its 26-minute highlights to about 30 TV channels (including ESPN Star Sport, Eurosport, Fox Sport International, Zee Sports, Ten Sports, MBC Korea, Sports Russia, Sport+, TRT, RAI, CCTV, etc.). More than 100 countries can watch archery images and 250 millions TV viewers are expected for the coverage of the World Cup Final in Dubai!

Anti-Doping

Registered Testing Pool

The FITA Registered Testing Pool (RTP) of those athletes who are required to provide whereabouts information to FITA has been updated in order to take into account the 6 archers that have obtained a quota place for their country at the Olympic Continental Qualification Tournament for the Americas held in El Salvador (ESA) in October 2007.

These athletes are:

Women:

Jeaneth GARCIA (MEX)
Karen SCAVOTTO (USA)
Aida ROMAN (MEX)

Men:

Juan Rene SERRANO (MEX) – *already in the FITA RTP*
Juan C. STEVENS (CUB)
Luiz TRAININI (BRA)

The updated Registered Testing Pool is valid as of 1 November 2007. It can be downloaded from the section "Anti-Doping/Registered Testing Pool" of the FITA website www.archery.org.

Please note that there is no change with athletes being in the Pool since January 2007 who remain there at least until the end of the year 2007.

Communication of Sanction

The archer Ms Carla Iaboli (ITA) has been sanctioned by the Disciplinary Commission of the Italian Archery Federation as follows: 24 months ineligibility, as of 11 July 2007. This decision has led to the disqualification of the Athlete's results in the 2007 FITA Star Tournament held in Faenza, Italy.

Medical & Sports Sciences Committee

Meeting in Lausanne - 27-28 October 2007

The FITA Medical & Sports Sciences Committee (MSSC) held its annual meeting on 27 and 28 October 2007 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

During these two days the Committee Members Karol Hibner (POL), Emin Ergen (TUR), Carlos Hermes (GUA), Jean-Claude Lapostolle (FRA), Nancy Littke (CAN) and Ex-Officio Staff Member Françoise Dagouret worked on current activities and projects in the area of medical and sports sciences which include:

- the publication of the latest developments in Sport Medicine and Science in Archery, in particular in the area of psychology, mathematical models and muscular activation strategies,
- the creation of specific webpage dedicated to Sport Medicine and Sciences in archery, with an easy and user-friendly access from the FITA website, where MSSC documents, references, recommendations could be found
- a pilot project consisting in offering physiotherapy service at one FITA World Cup Event and one Continental Event in 2008, in order to check such a service can effectively respond to the needs of participant teams who do not have their own physiotherapist,
- the publication of an official recommendation on the issue of sun exposure in archery, further to review of existing epidemiologic evidence (see below)

The MSSC is also involved in anti-doping matters, and on that subject:

- has acknowledged the report on the FITA anti-doping program presented by Françoise Dagouret,
- has acknowledged the progress made in anti-doping programs at continental level, in particular in COPARCO, thanks to Carlos Hermes, and EMAU, which has updated its anti-doping rules in the past year, and has nominated Dr Stefano Osele (ITA) as FITA liaison. The MSSC has expressed its grateful thanks to Stefano for his efficient cooperation. In the next months FITA will encourage similar progress and awareness in the anti-doping area in Asia, Oceania and Africa,
- has made a review of the FITA Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) policy, taking into consideration the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Medical Information Guidelines,
- has acknowledged the progress report made by Emin Ergen and has worked on the research project on the possible performance-enhancing effects of benzodiazepines in the sport of archery. This project involves cooperation between FITA, the WADA accredited-laboratory in Ankara, the Hacettepe University School of Sport Sciences and Technology, and the Turkish Archery Federation. A first study involving 12 Turkish elite and club level archers is planned in February 2008.

In addition, the FITA MSSC has proposed six bylaw changes to FITA Council, in the current FITA anti-doping rules and medical provisions on gender verification. And Dr Emin Ergen will represent FITA at the IOC annual meeting of Olympic IFs Medical Committee Chairpersons to be held on 29 November.

FITA Medical & Sport Sciences Committee recommendation on sun exposure issue in archery:

Archery may necessitate prolonged exposure to the sun in summer and archers must avoid painful sunburn which may adversely affect their performance.

Furthermore, epidemiologic evidence suggests that ultraviolet radiation (UVR), from sun exposure and sunburns during early life, is associated with increased risk of melanoma and other skin cancers in adulthood.

Therefore:

- 1) Archers, referees, field crew, volunteers and coaches should be made aware of hazards of excessive UV radiation through educational activities. Adequate sunscreens, suitable sport dress (including hats and sunglasses) offer high-quality protection against UV radiation.
- 2) Local environmental characteristics regarding sun and heat should be carefully monitored by the organizing committee and necessary precautions should be taken accordingly. Adjusting training and competition schedules to accommodate times of low sun exposure is strongly recommended.



Around the table from left to right: Emin Ergen, Carlos Hermes, Jean-Claude Lapostolle, Nancy Littke, Karol Hibner and Françoise Dagouret

Development

FITA World Coaches Conference

The 3rd World Coaches Conference took place on 22-26 October 2007 in Goesan, Korea. There were 85 participants from 35 countries.

Recurve Technique by Kim Hyung-Tak

Mr Kim is one of the former Head Coaches of the Korean National Team. He explained in details through video and picture analyzes the basic archery technical skills instructed in Korea.

Olympic qualification and Olympic Games preparation by Lee Eun-Kyung

Mrs Lee is a former Olympic and World Gold Medallist. She did this lecture while being 8 months pregnant. She explained her archery background.



She provided coaching recommendations from an elite archer's point of view, highlighting the importance of goals, discipline, mutual trust and understanding between the archer and the coach, self confidence, and positivism. She detailed her preparation plan to the major events: Before an event - Preparation at the competition Field - During competition - Evaluation & Analyze after competition.

She answered to many questions and talked about training volume, equipment tuning, relations with psychologist, coaching instruction, and injury prevention.

"The coach must always reinforce the archer's strengths then work on the weaknesses", were her words.

This lecture was completed with some experiences from Mr Kim Hyung-Tak who explained:

- why he beat some archers with a bat
- why he gave a placebo medicine (vitamin C)
- how he made the archers get used to public applause
- the relation between a stressful test and archery result...

He also talked about training program before a major event.

Physical preparation by Mr Choi Kyung Tack

Mr Choi made weight training programs for different sports in Korea. Last year he made a lecture for the KAA coaches (about 250 coaches). He mainly demonstrated the strengthening exercises used by the Korean archers.

Mr Kim Hyung-Tak completed this lecture with examples of weight programs for high school and elementary school. He also introduced a test of specific strength and gave an example of weekly shooting volume.



The participants to the conference attentive to Mr Kim Hyung-Tak

Information by Tom Dielen

FITA Secretary General reported on the success of the 2007 World Championship in Leipzig. He also presented several statistics related to training and international performances. Mr Dielen talked about the 2010 Youth Olympic Games and the consequence on the schedule of the FITA World Championships.

He stressed the necessity of the Coaches to know the rules and to apply them. Too many mistakes were made this year with a dramatic impact on the result of the competition. A time for questions and answers followed this presentation.

Psychology Skills by Mr Hong Kil-Dong

This lecture reported a highly professional experience on the preparation of the Korean team for the 2004 Olympic Games. The goal of this project was to increase the abilities of archers and coaches. This lecture has been the strong component of this seminar.

Dartfish

This company has presented its product allowing a detailed analysis of the shooting form, with zoom, pause, slow speed, reference lines, etc.

Recurve Equipment by Mr Park Kyung-Rae

Another former Head Coach of the Korean National Team lectured during this seminar. Mr Park Kyung-Rae is the president of Win & Win Archery Co. He presented the characteristics of good stabilizers, limbs and risers. He also gave some tips for tuning.

Coach Kim Hyung-Tak Archery School

The participants were able to visit Kim's Centre and receive some operation information. The range is split in two fields: one for traditional Korean archery with targets at 145 metres, and another one for competitive archery where one can shoot at up to 90 meters. The shooting line is covered and in winter it is transformed in a heated shooting hall.

The participants were also able to watch Traditional Korean Archery, as well as the training session of one elementary school team, one intermediate school team and one national team (Indonesia). The participants also had the opportunity to talk to these archers and their coaches.



Traditional Korean Archery at Coach Kim Hyung-Tak Archery School

Win & Win visit

On their way back to the airport the participants had a chance to visit this bow maker company.

Conclusion

The objective of this conference has been reached, since the participants gleaned a more precise idea of why the Korean archery is so powerful and how the archers are trained.

It is believed the participants benefited from the Korean expertise, as many of them had discussions and exchanged views during and outside of the lectures. It was definitively a good continuing education opportunity, which could help to reduce the performance gap between Korea and other countries.

Coaching Course in Cairo with the Support of FITA Foundation and Olympic Solidarity

FITA in close coordination with Olympic Solidarity organizes coaching education courses at the FITA Middle East Archery Training Centre (MEAC) in Cairo, Egypt. For this purpose the Continental Archery Associations proposed at the beginning of 2007 a number of coaches that they would like to educate depending on their development strategy.



These courses have been organized based on the number of coaches and their level (according to FITA standards: Level 1, 2 or 3). Priority has been given to coaches from Member Associations with the greatest needs (i.e. countries that had never attended international events or Olympic Games)

The "Olympic Solidarity Scholarship Program – Sport Specific Training for coaches" supports most of the coaches attending such courses. As per an agreement between FITA and Olympic Solidarity, for every country that has two participants the FITA Foundation financially will support one of the coaches. In addition the FITA Foundation will offer a Level 1 Equipment Kit to the countries participating in this course, after

careful consideration of their Archery's development.

The first three coaches selected for this project attended the course from 1–30 September. They are from Oceania (Papua Guinea) and Asia (Malaysia and Hong Kong).

From 8 October to 7 November a new group of coaches is attending a coaching course in Cairo. This time the group is formed by coaches from Africa (Mauritius, Chad, Tunisia, and South Africa), the Americas (Puerto Rico, Cuba y Guatemala), and Asia (Thailand and Bhutan) and Oceania (Solomon Island and Vanuatu).

List of participants:

NOC	COACH NAME	NOC	COACH NAME
MAS	Mr Osman Wahab	MRI	Mr Ganeshan R. Chettiar
HKG	Mr Lau Kun-Hung	TUN	Mr Makram Hammami
BHU	Mr Tashi Peljor	RSA	Mr Malcom Todd
BHU	Ms Tshering Chhoden	CUB	Mr Rubén Valdez Sanchez
THA	Mr K. Lertporn	CUB	Mr José Miguel Gutierrez
PNG	Mr Paul Speedy	PUR	Ms Lizandra Rodriguez
SOL	Mr Daniel Falimea	PUR	Ms Gloria Rosa
VAN	Mr Francis Runa	GUA	Mr Juan Carlos Urias Medas
CHA	Mr Kouago Nguelet		



Coaching education is a very important aspect for Archery development as it is for any other sport. With these coaching courses FITA hopes to bring the most advanced knowledge in terms of coaching to the Member Associations especially to those with the greatest needs. This is also a great platform to build a coaching networking on the continental and global level.

FITA wishes all participants the best in their professional careers and hopes that this course will be of great benefit also for the development of Archery in their countries.

Youth Training Camp for Russian Speaking Countries (Eurasia) – September 2007

There was a strong tradition in the former Soviet Union (USSR) and consequently in the Russian speaking countries to excel in elite sport, including archery. Since the collapse of USSR, however, many of these countries have been facing major difficulties in being competitive in our sport.

In 2007 at the initiative of its President Dr Ugur Erdener FITA decided to give a boost to the region by having a programme that would keep FITA Members from the Russian speaking area involved in the international arena. A programme was thus designed in order to enhance Archery in these countries.

This programme called "Archery for the Russian Speaking Countries" targets three major development activities: Coaching, Judging and Athletes (especially the young athletes). A Judging seminar in April 2007 was followed by a Coaching seminar in May (both in Antalya, Turkey). In September a one week Youth Training Camp was held in Ankara.

The FITA Member Associations that have been benefiting from this programme are:

Armenia	Kazakhstan	Moldova
Azerbaijan	Kyrgyzstan	Romania
Belarus	Latvia	Tajikistan
Bulgaria	Lithuania	Turkmenistan
Estonia	Georgia	Uzbekistan

The program was designed with a short and long term view towards the 2008 and 2012 Olympics Games. In the entire project "Programme for the Russian Speaking Countries" FITA has been giving assistance to both entry and elite level. During the Youth Training Camp emphasis was given to elite archery. Further assistance is expected over the coming years (if possible until 2012).

The FITA Youth Training Camp took place on 17-24 September 2007 at the Hacettepe University of Ankara, Turkey. There were 23 young athletes from 10 different countries participating at the 2007 FITA Youth Training Camp. They were selected on a high international level.

All facilities for the successful completion of the Youth Training Camp were available. The well equipped Hacettepe University with strong medical and sport research faculties not only hosted the Youth Training Camp, but also facilitated testing of the physical condition of the participants.



FITA president visited the training camp and addressed the young athletes, explaining them how FITA intends to support them. An important element of the camp was the donation of equipment to one boy and one girl from each of the participating countries. The experts assisted in making a tailor made request for equipment for the archers. Delivery will be to the appropriate places.

The coaches for the Youth Training Camp were selected from a group of Russian speaking international elite archery coaches. They were: Mr Vladimir Esheev (Russia), Mr André Korlaar (Netherlands), Mr Vladimer Lekveishvili (Georgia) and Mr Alexander Svedentsov (Belarus). Nikolai Bespalov (Russia) assisted the camp as an IT specialist.

The outcome of the Youth Training Camp has to be monitored in the future. The effects will be diverse. Apart from the stimulus for the young archers to work hard for their main goal - participation in the Olympic Games - the Youth Training Camp brought young talents from different countries together in an atmosphere of friendship and affection for the sport of archery.

Archery launched in Western Uganda

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Uganda Archery Federation have launched a campaign to promote Archery around Uganda. Last week, the sport was introduced in western Uganda in primary and secondary schools and institutions of higher learning.



Despite being one of those sports representing the country at international events such as the All Africa Games and the Olympic Games, Archery has had to struggle to gain prominence in Uganda. Launching the sport at Mbarara University, the Dean of Students Mr Emmanuel Kyagaba said: "Archery is not a new sport in Uganda, but the new generation needs to be introduced to these skills."

IOC Expert Archery Coach Mr Daryn Radcliffe and Secretary General of Uganda Archery Federation Mr Mustafa Mwesigye have moved around the country to launch the sport in other regions together with National Coach and Athlete Ms Margaret Tumusiime.

FITA Members

Membership for Benin

The August 2007 issue of the FITA INFO newsletter informed you that Benin had applied to FITA Membership. Since none of the FITA Member Associations and Members of the FITA Council has risen in writing any objection to the FITA office, the Fédération Béninoise de Tir à l'Arc (FébéTA) has been granted a temporary FITA membership since 1 November 2006.

The final membership of this National Archery Association will be submitted to a vote during the next FITA Congress in 2009.

Monaco celebrates 50th Anniversary!

The Archery Federation of Monaco celebrated his 50th anniversary and was honoured with the presence of H.S.H Prince Albert II of Monaco. H.S.H. Prince Albert could appreciate an exhibition from the young archers before taking part in the official ceremony. He received a commemorative plaquette with illustrations of his archery experience. The last one was a small session last year with the 1992 Olympic Champion Sébastien Flûte (FRA).

Taking advantage of the superb premises of the Shooting Federation of Monaco offered by its President Mr Zabaldano, the 1st Compagnie of Archery in Monaco has successfully represented the Principality nationally and internationally since 1957. The next challenge for its President Mr Revelli and Vice-President Mrs Costa will be to organize the 7th International Archery Tournament for the Small States. Monaco will host Cyprus, Malta, San Marino, Luxembourg and Liechtenstein. The archer in Monaco could also target participation at the Mediterranean Games in 2009.

These events might even lead to the most spectacular archery competition - the World Cup Final 2010 or 2011 - for which FITA has officially launched a bidding process.

Updates

BEN / Fédération Béninoise de Tir à l'Arc

Contact details of the new temporary Member Associations:

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COPARCO / Confederacion Panamericana de Tiro con Arco

The Pan-American Archery Confederation has changed its website address: www.coparco.org.

MEX / Federacion Mexicana de Tiro con Arco

The Mexican Archery Federation has a new website: <http://tiroconarcoenmexico.com>.

PAK / Pakistan Archery Federation

There has been certain confusion between the Pakistan Archery Federation and the Federation of Pakistan Archery. The organisation that is a member of FITA is the Pakistan Archery Federation. The contact details of this Member Associations is:

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SRB / Archery Association of Serbia

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UKR / Ukrainian Archery Federation

This Member Association has launched a website: www.archery.org.ua.

Events 2007**1st Centro American Youth Tournament**

On 30 September Honduras organized the 1st Centro American Tournament for Cadets and Juniors. They participants from Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica and Panama are the archery's hopefuls in these categories. This event was sponsored by HSBC and received important media coverage in many newspapers and sports magazines of TV5, 10 11 and 13 channels.

**South Eastern European Countries Games**

The 1st SEE Games were organized from 14 to 20 October in Thessalonica, Greece. Archery was one of the sports included in the programme. The official website is www.seegames2007.org.

The archery results can be found on <http://seeg2007.archery-gp.de/>.

3rd Asia Grand Prix

The Iran Archery Federation organized the 3rd Asia Archery Grand Prix from 20 to 26 October in Isfahan, Iran. This event was a World Ranking Tournament. The results can be found on the FITA website or at www.iran-archery.ir.

**Korean National Championships**

The Korean archers just finished their National Championships in Yechong. To qualify for the Korean Championships an archer has to shoot at least one time 1335 points in a FITA Round. In many countries this would cause the championships to be cancelled or the limit to be changed but not in Korea. There were 128 participants in the women and 126 in the men category. These championships gave rise to some surprising results... More information on www.archery.org.

Future Events

Judges List for 2008 Beijing Olympic Games

The Judges List for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games has been adopted by the FITA Council as follows:

- Mr Morten B. Wilmann, Chairman
- Ms Guo Bei
- Mr Burak Demiralp
- Mr Tom Green
- Mr Johnny Hernandez
- Mr Fai Keong Leong
- Ms Irena Rosa
- Mr Luca Stucchi
- Mr Rocky Tam
- Ms Roula Tamer
- Mr Schandorff Vang
- Mr Manfred Weinlich
- Ms Susanne Womersley

- Mr Vladimir Dominguez, Director of Shooting

The list of Judges for the other major events held in 2008 can be found on the FITA website.

European Master Games 2008

This tournament will be held in Malmoe, Sweden from 29 to 31 August. It is only open to archers over 40 years old who will compete in two age categories: 40-59 and 60+. Qualifications will take place on Friday 29, while eliminations will be on Saturday 30. Sunday will feature the semi-finals and finals.

For more information you can contact the Organizing Committee by email at info@emg2008.com or visit the official website www.emg2008.com.

Commonwealth Games 2010

In a recent postal vote decision the FITA Council has appointed Ms Alison Williamson (GBR) as Technical Delegate to the Archery Event at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi (IND) in 2010. The official website of the event is www.cwgdelhi2010.com.



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Calendar Highlights

2007

24 November	Archery World Cup Final	Dubai (UAE)
3-9 December	Torneo de Ranking Mundial Colombia	Medellín (COL)

2008

3-7 January	New Zealand Archery Championships & CQT	Porirua City (NZL)
7-10 February	African Championships & CQT	Cairo (EGY)
22-24 February	World Indoor Target Club Teams Cup (Test Event Indoor 2009)	Rzeszow (POL)
4-8 March	European Indoor Archery Championships	Torino (ITA)
1-5 April	Archery World Cup Stage 1	Santo Domingo (DOM)
15-19 April	Archery World Cup Stage 2 / EMAU GP	Porec (CRO)
12-19 May	European Outdoor Archery Championships & CQT	Vittel (FRA)
27-31 May	Archery World Cup Stage 3 / EMAU GP	Antalya (TUR)
23-29 June	Archery World Cup Stage 4 / EMAU GP (final Qualification Tournament for the Olympic Games)	Boé (FRA)
7-10 July	7th World University Archery Championships	Tainan (TPE)
8-24 August	29th Olympic Games (Archery: 8-16 Aug)	Beijing (CHN)
28-30 August	European Masters Games (Archery included)	Malmoe (SWE)
1-6 September	21st World Field Archery Championships & 6th World Junior Field Archery Championships	Llwynnpia, Wales (GBR)
6-17 September	Paralympic Games (Archery dates TBC)	Beijing (CHN)
October	3D Archery European Championships	Place TBC
(week 1 or 2)		
13-19 October	10th World Junior Outdoor Archery Championships & 4th World Cadet Outdoor Archery Championships	New Delhi (IND)
October	Archery World Cup Final	New Delhi (IND)

2009

2-8 March	10th World Indoor Archery Championships	Rzeszow (POL)
1-12 July	25th Summer Universiade (Archery: 2-6 July)	Belgrade (SCG)
13-26 July	8th World Games (Archery: 23-26 July)	Kaohsiung (TPE)
1-10 September	45th World Outdoor Archery Championships	Ulsan (KOR)
October	World Masters Games (Archery included)	Sydney (AUS)

2010

3-14 October	19 th Commonwealth Games (Archery included)	Delhi (IND)
12-27 November	16 th Asian Games (Archery included)	Guangzhou (CHN)

Bold = World Ranking Tournaments
CQT = Continental Qualification Tournament
TBC = To Be Confirmed

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Book 2, Article 7.4.2.3 :

7.4.2.3 *An arrow shot on the competition field after the DOS has officially closed the practice session (which is after the pulling of the practice arrows); or during the breaks between distances or rounds, will be considered part of the next scoring end. It will cause the athlete to lose the highest scoring arrow of the next scoring end, which will be scored as a miss.*

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Book 2, Article 7.6.4.1 (replace):

7.6.4.1 *In tournaments where there are no official scorers and the athletes score themselves, the signing of the score card also denotes that the athlete agrees with the sum total (identical on both score cards), the number of 10's and the number of X's. Should a discrepancy be found in the sum total, the sum total of the lowest arrow scores will become final.*

The organisers are not obligated to accept or record scorecards that are submitted without signatures, the total sum, the number of 10's and the number of X's.

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Book 2, Article 7.6.4.2 :

7.6.4.2 *For Elimination Rounds, scorecards shall be signed by the two athletes in the match, denoting that both athletes agree with the value of each arrow, the total sum, the number of X's and the result of the match. The scorer and the archers are responsible for completely filled in scorecards (Xs; 10; totals, signatures). Any information missing on the scorecard will be considered as non-existing (0) for rankings.*

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Book 2, Article 7.6.4.3 (new) :

7.6.4.3 *For all Elimination and Finals Rounds scorecards shall be signed by the two athletes in the match, denoting that both athletes or archers' agents agree with the value of each arrow, the total sum, the number of Xs, 10s and the result of the match.*

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Book 2, Article 7.8.2.4 :

7.8.2.4 *An arrow shot on the competition field after the DOS has officially closed the practice session on the competition field (which is after the pulling of the practice arrows), or during the breaks between distances or rounds, will be considered part of the next scoring end. It will cause the athlete to lose the highest scoring arrow of the next scoring end, which will be scored as a miss. This violation will be notified by the judge raising a red card.*

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Book 2, Article 7.8.2.8 :

7.8.2.8 *If a member of the team shoots more than the required number of arrows in alternate shooting before returning behind the 1-m line, the team will lose the highest scoring arrow of that end. This violation is notified by a judge raising a red cards.*

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Book 3, Article 8.4.2.3 :

8.4.2.3 *An arrow shot after the DOS has officially closed the practice session on the competition field, (which is after the pulling of the practice arrows), or during the breaks between distances or rounds, will be considered as part of the next scoring end. It will cause the athlete to lose the highest scoring arrow of the next scoring end, which will be scored as a miss. (see also article 8.6.2.2).*

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Book 3, Article 8.6.4.1 (replace) :

8.6.4.1 *In tournaments where there are no official scorers and the athletes score themselves, the signing of the score card also denotes that the athlete agrees with the sum total (identical on both score cards), the number of 10's and the number of 9's. Should a discrepancy be found in the sum total, the sum total of the lowest arrow scores will become final.*

The organisers are not obligated to accept or record scorecards that are submitted without signatures, the total sum, the number of 10's and the number of 9's.

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Book 2, Article 8.6.4.2 :

8.6.4.2 *For Elimination Rounds, scorecards shall be signed by the two athletes in the match, denoting that both athletes agree with the value of each arrow, the total sum, the number of 9s and the result of the match. The scorer and the archers are responsible for completely filled in scorecards (9s; 10s; totals, signatures). Any information missing on the scorecard will be considered as non-existing (0) for rankings.*

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Book 3, Article 8.6.4.3 (new) :

8.6.4.3 *For all Elimination and Finals Rounds scorecards shall be signed by the two athletes in the match, denoting that both athletes or archers' agents agree with the value of each arrow, the total sum, the number of 10s, 9s and the result of the match.*

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Book 3, Article 8.8.2.4 :

8.8.2.4 *An arrow shot on the competition field after the DOS has officially closed the practice session on the competition field, (which is after the pulling of the practice arrows), or during the breaks between distances or rounds will be considered as part of the next scoring end. It will cause the athlete to lose the highest scoring arrow of the next scoring end, which will be scored as a miss. This violation will be notified by the judge raising a red card. (8.4.2.3, see also 8.6.2.2).*

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Book 3, Article 8.8.2.9 :

8.8.2.9 *If a member of the team shoots more than the required number of arrows in alternate shooting before returning behind the 1-m line, the team will lose the highest scoring arrow of that end. This violation is notified by a judge raising a red cards.*

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Book 5, Article 11.6.7.3, 3rd bullet:

11.6.7.3 American Longbow Division

- *3. A maximum handle riser length of 24 inches is allowed, including fade out inserts, and two piece take down Longbows are allowed.*

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Book 5, Article 11.6.7.4:

11.6.7.4 English Longbow Division

- *1. The bow shall be the traditional longbow made from wood, either "self", "backed" or "laminated" with stacked belly, and nocks. It shall be not less than five feet in length for an arrow of less than 27 inches and not less than five feet six inches in length for a 27" or longer arrow, this being measured along the back between the string nocks.*
- *2. At no point shall the depth of the bow, measured from back to belly, be less than 5/8 (five eighths) of the width of the bow at the same cambered D shaped cross section. Bows of bamboo, constructed in conformity with the above, shall be permitted.*
- *3. Strings may be of either natural or man-made substance, and may, if desired, embody a "kisser" at any point as required, to facilitate a consistent draw position. The use of extended 'platform' tabs for this purpose is not allowed.*
- *4. Marks on the bow limb, or rubber bands are permitted, but sights are not allowed.*
- *5. The bow shall carry no support for the arrow.*
- *6. Wooden shafts only are allowed.*
- *7. Fletching shall consist of feathers only.*
- *8. Bow weights for Women, Men and Juniors shall be: 15,9 kg (35lbs); 22,7kg (50lbs); Unlimited.*

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Book 1, Article 4.5.1.4

Book 1, Article 4.5.2.5

Book 1, Article 4.5.3.6

A question was raised by a Member Association on whether an athlete who participates in some but not all of the Qualification Round may compete in the Elimination Round where the athlete's score would rank the athlete among those entitled to compete in the Elimination Round.

Response from the Constitution & Rules Committee:

The Constitution and Rules Committee unanimously is of the opinion that if an athlete shoots one or more arrows in the Qualification Round, he or she is entitled to compete in the Elimination Round if his or her score entitles the athlete to be seeded within those who are eligible to participate in the Elimination Round. The Constitution and Rules Committee believes that the reason for the athlete's failure to shoot a complete round is not relevant. The Constitution and Rules Committee noted that some members of the other Committees consulted believe that an athlete should only be permitted to advance to the Elimination Round when the cause for the athlete's failure to shoot a complete round is due to bona fide medical reasons. The Constitution and Rules Committee, however, believes that it is not advisable to require the Chairperson of Judges to make an evaluation of whether or not an absence was due to bona fide medical reason. To do so would encourage protests by other athletes and would require the Chairperson to make determinations as to medical conditions which he or she may not be qualified to make.

C&R Committee, 17 October 2007

After consultation with the FITA Athletes, Field and Target Archery Committees

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Book 2, Article 7.3

Book 3, Article 8.3

Book 4, Article 9.3

A question was raised by a Member Association whether athletes may wear noise reduction devices while on the shooting line in order to minimize external sounds (non-electronic devices such as noise reduction headsets or ear plugs).

The C&R Committee finds the question presented to be within terms of reference of the Technical Committee, and has determined that the following Interpretation of the Technical Committee is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

Response from the FITA Technical Committee:

1) Clarifying Statement Regarding Hearing Protection and Decibel Reduction Devices:

The Technical Committee has determined that devices for Hearing Protection in regard to sound reduction and or elimination are not legal for any FITA competition (see official interpretation below). However, there are specific instances where “ear protection” is necessary in cases of extreme cold or medical requirements. Garments such as hats with ear flaps, wide head bands and similar outerwear used in cold weather and or cotton in the ear to follow medication are legal. Items such as a scarf, hat, wide head band or cotton do not constitute a device to reduce or eliminate sound. The rule was made specifically toward any device used for reducing sound, such as used in firearm sports or in industrial use. Any device made specifically for reducing decibel levels to protect hearing or reduce sound is not legal due to the danger of not hearing possible emergency signals on the competition field or venue, as well as other reasons noted in the official interpretation.

2) Subject: Earlocks, Ear covers, Hearing Protection, Decibel reduction devices, etc.:

It is the majority opinion of the FITA Technical Committee that any type of hearing protectors or devices that reduces audible decibel levels for archers during competition are not legal in any FITA discipline.

Our first and foremost concern is over the issue of safety. Modern hearing protection and decibel reducing devices are in many cases so efficient that audible signals from the director of shooting could go completely unnoticed. In this event, it creates a safety hazard should any emergency arise on the field of play or competition venue.

Secondly, external hearing reducing/eliminating devices could easily house micro transmitters that would be virtually undetectable to judges and therefore provide an unfair advantage to the competitor using such a device.

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Third, equipment restrictions exist in all divisions and are so provided for the purpose of limiting archer aids. Allowing any device that can reduce a specific stimulus to allow for a higher level of concentration by artificial means is, in our opinion not within the spirit of the rules of our organization. Additionally, and as is noted above, the reduction or elimination of sound is a safety hazard, and therefore a danger to the wellbeing of the athletes competing in an event.

FITA Technical Committee, 22 October 2007
Approved by C&R Committee, 22 October 2007

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Book 2, Article 7.3

Book 3, Article 8.3

Book 4, Article 9.3

Book 5, Chapter 10, Annexe A, Article 2.1.4

Book 5, Chapter 11, Article 11.3.3.1.1

Book 5, Chapter 11, Article 11.4.6.1

Book 5, Chapter 11, Article 11.5.5

Book 5, Chapter 11, Article 11.6.7

Book 5, Chapter 11, Article 11.10.2.1

A question was raised by a Member Association on the legality of the bow commonly known as the "Hungarian Horse Bow" (see attached pictures)

The Constitution and Rules Committee finds the question presented to be within terms of reference of the Technical Committee. The Constitution and Rules Committee has determined that the following Interpretation of the Technical Committee is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

Response from the Technical Committee:

Please note that there are several styles of the Hungarian Horse Bow on the current market. For this reason, all Hungarian Horse Bows cannot be considered equal in the division they would be allowed.

It is the official opinion of the FITA Technical Committee that the Hungarian Horse Bow is legal in the Recurve Division, and in some cases in the Instinctive Division (under 3D archery) and in the Barebow Division. With regard to the Barebow Division and Instinctive Division, some of the Hungarian Horse Bows have on the belly side of the bow, stitching, cross weaving and other means to secure covering over the bow limbs. Bows that are manufactured in this way would not be legal in the FITA Barebow Division or Instinctive Division due to the raised stitching and or weave that could constitute a means for aiming. However, other manufactures or models of Hungarian type Horse Bows do not possess such marks or protrusions and therefore are considered legal in the FITA Barebow Division and Instinctive Division, as long as they adhere to the rules governing the recurve bow as used in this specific discipline.

Furthermore, there are many types of Horse Bows other than the Traditional Magyar (Hungarian) bow style. For example there are Mongolian, Korean, Assyrian, Scythian, Turkish and others of similar design. Virtually all would meet the specifications of the rules pertaining to the Hungarian Horse Bow rule and therefore would be legal within the above parameters.

FITA Technical Committee, 26 October 2007

Approved by the FITA C&R Committee, 28 October 2008

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