



# FITA Information

## BEST WISHES

## A Great 2000

**T**he FITA office wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the upcoming Olympic year inspire you to achieve your aims and bring you happiness.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that the FITA office will close for the Christmas holidays between 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1999 and 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2000.

## MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIAISON

### Request for a National Medical Committee liaison

We urge all of our Member Associations to appoint a Medical liaison officer who will be our main contact with the FITA Medical Committee. This person would ideally be the chairman of your medical committee. It is vital in our fight against doping that a liaison officer is appointed in each Member Association.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO EACH OF THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS.

- 1) It is very important that in case you are informed by FITA, your NOC or your National Doping Agency on a positive A sample, that you keep FITA informed on the procedure. FITA needs to be informed within 30 days on :

- The outcome of the procedure following the positive doping sample
- The eventual sanction and the name of the Archer in case of a sanction.
- The age and gender of the athlete concerned (even in case that the outcome of the procedure is an acquittal)

It is vital for FITA to have this information. In case that a Member Association does not provide this information sanctions may be applied.

- 2) We also strongly recommend that you publish the article featured on page 3 in all of your publications. The importance of the fight against doping is very high and this also has been strongly stressed by the Chairman of our Competitors Committee. Furthermore lack of action in this area might endanger the Olympic Future of our sport.
- 3) It is mandatory that some of our Member Associations supply to FITA by the 1<sup>st</sup> February
  - the locations
  - dates
  - list of participants
  - and contact persons of their elite training camps during the 2000 season and in particular leading up to the Sydney Olympic Games.

FITA Council has adopted a new set of out-of-competition tests carried out by IDTM and FITA

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under its rules has the authority to test the competitors at all time. We will after receipt of the information contact each of the Member Associations concerned for further details on some of their athletes.

If a Member Association does not provide the information by the 1<sup>st</sup> February sanctions may be applied. Sanctions may also follow if it is proven that the information supplied by the Member Association was incorrect.

The following countries are requested to supply this information:

AUS	AUT	BEL	BLR	CAN	CHI	CHN
CUB	DEN	ESP	FIN	FRA	GBR	GEO
GER	INA	ISR	ITA	JPN	KAZ	KOR
MEX	NED	NOR	PHI	POL	POR	PRK
RSA	ROM	RUS	SWE	TPE	TUR	UKR
USA						

Other countries might be contacted after the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2000.

(See article page 3, on the same topic).

#### MISCELLEANOUS

##### FITA TARGET

The issue 1 of FITA's magazine, The Target, covering the archery years 1997 and 1998 is still available for sale from the FITA office for USD 10 + postage costs.

##### FITA DIRECTORY

The FITA Directory updates will no longer be distributed at each mailing, for environmental reasons (see article related to this issue). We will send a complete directory once a year only. The directory is available on the Internet ([www.archery.org](http://www.archery.org)) and will be updated twice a month. However, if meanwhile you still want to obtain a complete up-to-date copy of the directory, it will still be feasible by contacting the FITA office.

##### NEW C&R BOOK

The new Constitution & Rules book updated after the Riom Congress will be available as soon as possible. The guaranteed date is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2000.

#### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

##### CORTINA D'AMPEZZO 2000

We would like to draw your attention on the fact that Council has approved the team finals to take place at night.

There will be a Junior category included in the program of this event.

##### BELFORT 2000

For this Championship, it is important to note that the field is facing east.

There will be no cadet's category.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

##### Approved by the Council at the Riom Congress 1999 FITA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

FITA wishes to adopt the Action Programme for Sustainable Development as stated in the **Agenda 21 of the Olympic Movement** by contributing to the following:

- Encourage improvement of social conditions in order to protect the environment
- Encourage health protection
- Promote sporting infrastructures adapted to social needs
- Combat excessive consumption
- Encourage the use of renewable resources
- Economize on energy spending
- Combat doping

**This will be achieved by using the expertise within the Permanent Committees and Task Forces to ensure that this policy becomes an integral part of any future plans, recommendations and proposals.**

FITA has also decided that:

- In 2000 all of its championships will be **smoke free**. This policy will apply to athletes, officials and spectators attending the championships.
- That the protection of the environment is an integral part of **the goals of FITA**.

#### FINANCIAL STATUS

The Congress in Riom adopted the new Rules that states the following :

*"Art. 3.1.11 : (...) In good standing order means having paid their membership fees up to and including that of the current year and any other invoices in the deadlines established by Council."*

Council established the following :

**"We will consider a Member Association as not being in good standing order if the balance they owe FITA represents more than USD 200.00 – not having been paid within 30 days; not including the Membership fees, which as the rule above states clearly have to be paid"**.

#### SKI/ARCHERY

We have been informed of the following tournaments in ski/archery :

- 15 & 16 January 2000 – Ski/Archery Nationals White Pine Touring in Park City, Utah, USA
- 22 January 2000 – 2000 Utah Winter Games Ski/Archery Soldiers Hollow, Heber City, Utah, USA
- The competition of 9 January 2000 in Pelvoux, FRA has been cancelled.

#### ARTICLE ON ANTI-DOPING

##### Anti-Doping tests in Archery, recreational or elite ?

Archery is predominantly a recreational sport, which can be played by young and old alike. It does not require a great deal of athleticism to achieve a certain level of scores and thus many recreational archers may participate in the sport while suffering from chronic medical conditions. The problem arises when someone on prescribed medication participates in a local or national tournament and is randomly selected by doping control for testing. The archer may not even realise that the medication that their doctor prescribed was listed by the IOC or by FITA as a drug which cannot be used by an archer in competition.

FITA makes provision in world tournaments for archers to notify the FITA medical committee what prescribed medications are being taken 21 days in advance of competition so that they may be notified whether or not they may compete while on those medications. It is recommended that National Member Associations make similar arrangements for their recreational archers who take part in local and National tournaments. While it is not the intention of FITA to penalise the recreational archer by its anti-doping policy it is likely that the political intention of National Anti-Doping authorities will trap the unwary.

Where archers with chronic medical conditions aspire to elite squads, including paralympic squads, it is essential that their National Governing Body be informed of any medication being taken. It is likely that these archers will be selected for doping control at some stage during their international representative career.

##### What is doping and why is it prohibited?

In the new Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code (available to download from <http://www.nodoping.org/>) doping is defined as the use of an expedient (substance or method) which is potentially harmful to athletes' health and/or capable of enhancing their performance OR the presence in the athlete's body of a Prohibited Substance or evidence of the use thereof or evidence of the use of a Prohibited Method.

The use of drugs (and certain other methods) by archers to improve performance is forbidden by F.I.T.A. rules. The use of drugs and other banned methods in sport is commonly known as doping. Doping is contrary to the values of sport and the principle of fair play. During archery competitions F.I.T.A. bans all drugs and doping methods banned by

the International Olympic Committee. IOC classes of drugs subject to certain restrictions ( Alcohol, Marijuana, Local Anaesthetics, Corticosteroids and Beta-Blockers) are also banned by F.I.T.A. during archery competitions. In addition F.I.T.A. bans the use in archery competitions of antipsychotics, anxiolytics, hypnotics, sedatives and antidepressants.

Archers should be aware that they are liable for testing for all the above doping classes at all World Archery Championships including the Olympic Games as well as in other Major Competitions. Archers are strongly advised not to take any drug or to drink any alcohol on the day of competition. In addition elite archers from any country may be liable for out-of-competition testing at any time for evidence of anabolic agents, peptide and glycoprotein hormones and analogues.

When an archer is selected for testing they will be asked to attend the doping control centre and provide a urine sample within an hour of being notified in writing by a doping control official. They may be accompanied to doping control by a team official (and an interpreter if necessary). Refusal to provide a urine sample will be regarded in the same way as a positive doping test and sanctions may be imposed.

When an archer is taking a drug prescribed by a doctor for a chronic medical condition they are advised that they should always inform the F.I.T.A. medical committee of this in advance of a world or intercontinental competition. It could be dangerous to stop this medication, even for a few days, without seeking medical advice. It is not acceptable to inform the F.I.T.A. medical committee while at the event. Notification must be made in writing via the F.I.T.A. office in Lausanne, Switzerland at least 21 days prior to competition. The letter should be typewritten and should state the medical condition and the drugs prescribed for it. Doctor's letters received later than 21 days before a major championship cannot be considered by the F.I.T.A. medical committee.

Archers who are taking **beta-blockers will not be permitted to compete even if they are prescribed by a doctor.** It is dangerous to withdraw beta-blockers suddenly. If you are taking a beta-blocker for a medical condition and you wish to compete in International archery competitions you should consult your doctor to see if it is possible to have your beta-blocker changed to an alternative class of medication.

Archers are warned not to take over the counter medications during a competition unless they have verified that these do not contain banned substances. By far the greatest number of positive doping tests occur where over the counter medication has been taken in ignorance that it contained a banned substance. The F.I.T.A. medical committee are willing to advise by email on whether or not medication is on the banned list or may be taken.

Queries on anti-doping may be directed to the FITA Office which will forward them to the FITA Medical Committee.

## CALENDAR

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29-30 April	Spring International Tournament	Marsa (Malta)
7-12 July	Balov Memorial International Tournament	Moscow (Russia)
9-16 July	XVII World Field Championships (T.D. Trudy Medwed)	Cortina d'Ampezzo (Italy)
12-15 July	IIIrd World University Archery Championships (FISU T.D. Tom Dielen)	Madrid (Spain)
19-23 July	VI World Junior Target Championships (T.D. Teddy Bettex)	Belfort (France)
15 Sept. - 1 Oct.	XXVII Olympic Games (World Ranking Tournament) (T.D. Don Lovo & Klaus Schulz)	Sydney (Australia)
November	Americas Indoor Championship	Guatemala

**FITA World Ranking Tournaments**

1-7 January	New Zealand National Archery Championships	Hamilton	NZL
26-29 February	Asian Circuit, 1st Round	Bangkok	THA
15-16 March	Continental Qualifying Tournament - Oceania	Suva	FIJ
March (last week)	Golden Targets International	Havana	CUB
April (first week)	Arizona Cup	Tucson	USA
20-23 April	1st European Grand Prix	Antalya	TUR
28 Apr - 1 May	Continental Qualifying Tournament - Africa	Port Elisabeth	RSA
25-28 May	2nd European Grand Prix	Welzheim	GER
May	Mexican Olympic Festival	Mexico	MEX
14-18 June	Continental Qualifying Tournament - Europe	Antalya	TUR
22-25 June	Asian Circuit, 2nd Round	Taipei	TPE
2-6 August	3rd European Grand Prix	Bröndby	DEN
5-12 August	Championship of the Americas	Medellin	COL
October	Asian Circuit, 3rd Round	New Delhi	IND
9-12 November	Asian Circuit, 4th Round	Tai Hang Tung	HKG

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13-18 March	VI World Indoor Target Championships (T.D. Lynne Evans)	Castellanza (Italy)
24-26 August	World Games (Field Archery event)	Akita (Japan)
14-20 September	XLI World Outdoor Target Championships (T.D. Pascal Colmaire)	Beijing (PR China)
November	VII Central American Games	Guatemala

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first half Sept.	XVIII World Field Championships (T.D. Per Bolstad)	Canberra (Australia)
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Member Associations wishing to organise the World Championships that are not yet allocated are requested to contact the FITA office.