



FITA INFO

Executive Director Message

Archery is a sport that we all love and I believe that we all want other people to join with us in understanding the joy of releasing an arrow and hitting the centre of the target. FITA has several objectives; the first one in the FITA Rule book is "To promote and encourage Archery throughout the World in conformity with the Olympic principles".

In October this year, all sports will be required to submit their justification to remain in the Olympic Games. We will receive the official survey questions in August, about the time of the Athens Games. The IOC will then take the current sports through a process of evaluation to determine if they remain in the Games or forced out to make way for more progressive sports. With strong bids from a number of sports outside of the Olympic Games, we cannot afford to be complacent.

The IOC decision for new sports (and those excluded) will take place in July 2005, just after our World Championships in Madrid.

I hope you now see the importance of your Member Association responding in an accurate and timely manner to information requests from FITA.

Terry Reilly

Member Associations

FITA SURVEYS

FITA will conduct a follow-up to a survey that was sent out on the 1st of September 2003.

Only 62 out of 131 Member Associations responded to the last survey. This is only **47%**, a number that is **discouraging**, but hopefully more countries will reply to the new survey that will be released soon.

Member Associations really need to remember that surveys are an important aspect to improve the sport of Archery.

LOGO AND WEB ADDRESS

Only **41%** of the Member Associations have replied to our request for their official logo. We thank those who have responded for their cooperation.

FITA really needs its Members to reply to this kind of enquiries. Therefore, we require from all Member Associations who have not given their logo and homepage address (if any) yet to send them to the FITA Office (info@archery.org) as soon as possible. Thanks in advance.

DEREGISTRATION

Botswana is no longer active and has requested deregistration from FITA.

Committees

C&R COMMITTEE

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

(refers to C&R Book 1, 1.16.7 to 1.16.10)

Book 1, Art. 5.5 and national rules (6 April 2004)

The question has been raised by a Member Association to what degree the rules of the national federations may differ from FITA rules, in particular how far to go in order to fulfil Book 1, Art. 5.5.

C&R Committee response:

FITA as a rule does not interfere with the internal rules of a national federation taking for granted that Article 1.4.1 of the FITA Constitution is respected.

For national purposes a country may define its own rules, disciplines, classes, divisions, national records, national awards, national championships etc. The FITA rules may serve as guidelines but are not obligatory. It is advisable to follow them, however, to avoid difficulties for competitors when they are shooting abroad or for FITA purposes.

The matter is different when you shoot for FITA purposes, FITA records, FITA awards, when you participate in FITA Championships. In those cases you will have to follow the FITA rules.

In the case of FITA Championships the FITA Rules will have to be followed to the letter.

In the case of records and awards FITA Rules must be respected (see articles 4.8, 5.5, 6.4.6). It is essential to follow to the letter those FITA rules that guarantee that athletes at different places, in different countries follow the same shooting rules to avoid any advantages or disadvantages.

Book 1, Art. 2.4, Book1, Art. 3.7.3, Book 2, Art. 7.5.2.3 (13 April 2004)

The question was raised whether the composition of a team for Indoor or Outdoor archery as defined in the "FITA Information" of October 2003 could be changed before the Elimination Round.

C&R Committee response:

The C&R Committee is unanimous that the composition of a team that shot the Qualification Round cannot be changed.

BYLAW CHANGE PROCESS

In order to simplify the requests for bylaw change, addition or deletion process, a new one-page form has been made available to those entitled to submit such a request. It can be downloaded from the FITA website under the link "Rule Book". Once completed please forward it to Françoise Dagouret at the FITA Office (fdagouret@archery.org) who then will follow-up with the internal process and keep the submitter informed of the status of the request.

COACHES COMMITTEE

Meeting, 29-31 March 2004, Lausanne

All 3 members, Juan Carlos Holgado, Ken Bearman and Hyung-Tak Kim, as well as the FITA Technical & Training Director, Pascal Colmaire, attended this meeting.

Level 1 Coaching Manual

Selection of ECCREA (FRA) to make the final page layout and print the French version, and of "En Route" (GBR) for the revised English version.

Presentation of a draft revision of the Power Point document for conducting a Level 1 Archery Coaching Course. Draft accepted, to be finalized.

Coaching Video Project: Could be implemented in Seoul after the 2nd World Archery Coaching Seminar (see below).

Level 2 Coaching Manual

Selection of writers and identification of some potential writers of the different modules of the future FITA Level 2 Coaching Manual.

World Archery Coaching Seminar

First Edition was in Madrid (SPA) in January 2003. Second edition should be in Seoul (KOR) in 2005. Agenda and preparation schedule have been drafted. Preparation tasks have been assigned.

Code of Conduct for Archery Coaches

Under development.

Collaboration some other FITA committees

Some proposals have been made for the Juniors Development, Judges and DTAC Committees.

Training Centres

The identification of such centres is still progressing.

FITA Coaching Certification

Only Coaching educational "tools" are produced by FITA. It is up to the Member Associations to use it (or not) for their National Coaching Certification Program.

Website

Identification of the Coaching information to be posted on the FITA Website.

Development

COURSES

An Olympic Solidarity Course has been held in Sri Lanka.

Coaching Courses will be held in May in North Korea, Libya, Egypt, Lebanon and Morocco.

The Course initially scheduled in Côte d'Ivoire will be transferred in Burkina Faso due to civil war.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

Papua New Guinea has been accepted by Council as a member and has created a school program to build membership for their association.

Somalia and Dominica are completing their FITA membership application.

Malawi has requested a membership application file.

BEGINNER AWARD

A project of FITA beginner awards is under test. If you want to join the test pool, or just get some information on this project, please contact the FITA Technical and Training Director, Pascal Colmaire at the FITA Office (pcolmaire@archery.org).

Anti-Doping

FITA REGISTERED TESTING POOL AND WHEREABOUTS INFORMATION

As a consequence of its new anti-doping rules that came into effect as of 1 April 2004, FITA has a Registered Testing Pool (RTP) of those athletes who are required to provide up-to-date whereabouts information, in order to coordinate testing, and in particular the FITA and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Out-of-Competition tests. The process has started this month, with the first set of whereabouts forms sent to Member Associations. The following aims to clarify some issues and practical points raised among MAS upon this first experience.

Why a FITA RTP?

Out-of-Competition doping control programmes aim to uphold the fundamental right of athletes to participate in doping-free sport through effective detection and deterrence. They aim to protect the majority of athletes who choose to compete in a spirit of fair-play, and seek equity for all athletes in all sports and all countries. It is essential that both MAS and athletes have confidence in these programmes.

How does it work?

The criteria and the number of athletes to be included in the FITA RTP have been defined by the C&R and the Medical Committees during the preparation phase of the new rules, and submitted to Council as part of the new anti-doping rules approval process. They are described in Book 1, Appendix 5, Art. 5.5.1.1 of the FITA rules. The retained approach includes a combination of World Championships results in major FITA disciplines and the World rankings, so that the number corresponds

approximately to the number of athletes representing the sport of archery at the Olympic Games (128 in 2004).

FITA REGISTERED TESTING POOL as of FITA rules Appendix 5, Book 1, 5.5.1.1 – Summary

LIST FROM EVENTS	Indiv. Gold	Indiv. Silver	Indiv. Bronze	Team Gold	Total
World Outdoor Recurve	2	2	2	8	14
World Outdoor Compound	2	2	2		6
World Indoor Recurve	2	2	2	6	12
World Indoor Compound	2	2	2		6
World Field				6	6
World Junior Outdoor Recurve	2				2
World Junior Outdoor Compound	2				2
					48

LIST FROM WORLD RANKINGS	Women	Men		Total (maxi)
World Rankings Recurve	Top 25	Top 25		50
World Rankings Compound	Top 10	Top 10		20

OG QUOTA PLACES				Total
(only in years preceding OG)				128

Article 5.5.1.1 states also that the updated list of athletes in the RTP is available on the FITA website (see on the “Anti-Doping” link).

2004, a transition period

However, as 2004 has been considered as a busy transition period (Olympic Year, rules starting as of 1 April, procedures to be set up at the FITA office level, etc...), C&R and Medical Committees suggested that the 2004 RTP would only include the athletes who have obtained a quota place for their country at Olympic Games, regardless whether independently they will be participating in the Olympic Games, plus all athletes as soon as they are effectively selected to participate at the Athens OG. This means:

1. That all athletes in the current RTP will remain there at least until the end of the calendar year
2. That all Member Associations have to inform FITA about the final list of their athletes participating at the Athens OG as soon as it is confirmed, so that these athletes can be added in the RTP for the rest of 2004 at least.

Then in 2005, the full criteria as described above will apply.

What about confidentiality of information provided?

Article 5.5.5, Book 1, Appendix 5 of FITA rules provides that “Athletes whereabouts information shall be shared with WADA and other Anti-Doping Organizations having jurisdiction to test an athlete on the strict condition that it be used only for doping control purposes”.

In practice, FITA is currently forwarding the data collected only to the duly identified coordinators at WADA and Anti-Doping International (ADI), FITA supplier for its own testing programme. In the future we consider that MAS could even “cc” themselves the forms to those organizations.

Athletes whereabouts information

It consists in two sets of forms:

- Athlete Location Form (ALF):

These only concern the athletes as namely defined in the RTP. Those forms are not requested for other athletes.

- National Teams Whereabouts forms (TWO and TWD):

In its recommendations to International Federations, WADA made it clear that the RTP process should be a minimum. Therefore FITA has decided to gather all MAS global information on national teams training camps and competitions calendars. It allows FITA to involve all MAS and made them concerned on anti-doping matters, and makes all international-level athletes, (and not only the ones in the RTP) subject to testing, as stated in Article 5.7.4, Appendix 5, Book 1, of FITA rules.

In the future, it is planned to work as much as possible electronically, with the blank forms published on the FITA website and receipt of forms by FITA by e-mail as well. Therefore it is of a prime importance that a "key contact" for RTP and whereabouts information is identified within each MA.

Coordination with NADOs

FITA policy is to minimize as much as possible inconvenience and paperwork load for its Member Associations and affiliated athletes. Some MAS are already under national anti-doping policies regarding Testing Pools and Athletes whereabouts requirements, and FITA would be more than happy to cooperate with national anti-doping organizations (NADOs) in order to avoid duplications in the forms. For example agreements are currently put in place or are in discussion with Canada, USA, South Africa and Australia. It is therefore strongly recommended that MAS should contact their National Anti-Doping Organization or relevant Anti-Doping authority in order to consider how to build up cooperation between FITA, the MA, and the NADO. Of course such agreements have to be set up on a case by case basis, depending on each individual situation in the country.

What if a MA fails to provide information?

According to the provisions of the World Anti-Doping Code, athlete's failure to provide required whereabouts information is an anti-doping rule violation (Art. 2.4, Appendix 5, Book 1 of FITA rules). Therefore FITA rules provide that any Athlete in the RTP who fails to timely submit a required quarterly whereabouts report after receipt of three formal written warnings from FITA or a Member Association to do so in the preceding 12 months shall be considered to have committed an anti-doping rule violation.

In practice, reminders sent by FITA office in order to get the information on time will not be considered as these formal written warnings. However these will be sent after each considered quarter to those who failed to submit information. This process will start as of third quarter of 2004.

Once an anti-doping rule violation has been established under those circumstances the applicable sanctions are defined in Art. 10.4.3, Appendix 5, Book 1 of FITA rules.

According to Article 12.3, Appendix 5, Book 1 of FITA rules, MAS are also subject to disciplinary sanctions.

*As of 27th April FITA has received **40% of the RTP whereabouts requirements for the May/June 2004 period, and 12% of the Team Whereabouts requirements.** We appreciate the efforts of those who have answered, and we thank them for their commitment in the fight against doping. We strongly encourage those who have not answered yet to go ahead with the process in order to help us to improve those figures. Please do not hesitate to contact Chantal Steiner or Françoise Dagouret at the FITA Office for any question or any problem you may encounter.*

Ski Archery

Erratum: There was a mistake in the final results of the 2004 World Cup as published in the previous FITA INFO issue. The correct results are as follows:

Men

1. MARKOV Andrei RUS 346 points
2. ZUPAN Andrej SLO 304 points
3. MENSHIKOV Maxim RUS 293 points

Women

1. KOZLOVA Olga RUS 335 points
2. MALTSEVA Ksenia RUS 332 points
3. PEYROT Nadia ITA 330 points

Our apologies to the athletes and Member Associations concerned.

The complete results of the World Cup, Junior World Cup, FITA Best Archer and Zero Penalty prizes are now available on the FITA website under the link "Ski/Archery – results".

Questions & Answers

NEW RULE BOOK

Is it possible to send us only the changes in rules?

Answer: The section 'addendum' at the end of the book lists all the changes (you can find it on our website). Moreover, in the published Rule Book the changes are highlighted by underlining.

RECORD TIED UP

Does FITA recognize ties or how do we determine who get the world record in the case of a tie (hits, X's, 10s)? If we need to break the tie, is the information available?

Answer: According to the article 5.2.1 of the Constitution & Rules FITA recognizes as (new) record only a score that is "at least one point [...] than an existing Record" (see also Art. 5.2.2). The only exception to this rule is described in the article 5.5.1.3.

Athens 2004

QUOTA PLACES

Status after the Continental Qualifying Tournaments (CQT) in COPANARCO, ASIA, AFRICA and OCEANIA, and including the Tripartite Commission places.

WOMEN				MEN			
Host Country	GRE	3		Host Country	GRE	3	
Team	CHN	3		Team	KOR	3	
	FRA	3			SWE	3	
	GBR	3			ITA	3	
	IND	3			IND	3	
	JPN	3			USA	3	
	KOR	3			NED	3	
	POL	3			TPE	3	
	UKR	3			UKR	3	
		27				27	
Individual	RUS	3		Individual	AUS	3	
	TPE	3			FRA	3	
	USA	2			JPN	3	
	GEO	2			RUS	2	
	SWE	2			DEN	1	
	ITA	1			LUX	1	
	TUR	1			ESP	1	
	MEX	1			POL	1	
	AUS	1			MEX	1	
	KAZ	1			GER	1	
	ESP	1			CHN	1	
	BLR	1			BLR	1	
		19				19	
CQT COPANARCO	USA			CQT COPANARCO	MEX		
	CUB				MEX		
	CAN				CAN		
		3				3	
CQT AAF	INA			CQT AAF	CHN		
	MYA				KAZ		
	MAS				INA		
		3				3	
CQT FAA	RSA			CQT FAA	EGY		
	EGY				EGY		
	EGY				MRI		
		3				3	
CQT OAC	AUS			CQT OAC	NZL		
	AUS				FIJ		
	NZL				NZL		
		3				3	
Tripartite	BHU				ESA		
	PHI				BHU		
	TJK				TGA		
		3				3	
Standby Places	RSA	1	#1	Standby Places	POL	1	#1
	DEN	1	#2		KAZ	1	#2
	GER	1	#3		CHN	1	#3
	MEX	1	#4		BEL	1	#4
	KAZ	1	#5		ISR	1	#5
	TUR	1	#6		RUS	1	#6
	GER	1	#7		GBR	1	#7
	CAN	1	#8		TUR	1	#8

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES

The Tripartite places were decided recently by the IOC after discussion with FITA and the NOCs. The places are awarded to the following member Associations and specifically the nominated persons.

Men (3 places)

ESA – José Ricardo MERLOS ORELLANAA

BHU – Tashi PELJOR

TGA – Siosifa Moala TAUMOEPEUA

Women (3 places)

BHU – Tshering CHHODEN

PHI – Jasmin FIGUEROA

TJK – Narguis NABIEVA

Calendar

For all FITA Events, go to www.archery.org/calendar/calendar.html.

2004

27 Apr - 1 May 17-22 May	European Grand Prix (1st leg)* European Outdoor Target Championships	Rovereto (ITA) Brussels (BEL)
17-22 May 28-30 May	Continental Qualifying Tournament (Europe)** 6 th African Outdoor Target Championships	Brussels (BEL) (MRI)
15-19 June 5-10 July	European Grand Prix (2nd leg)* 19 th World Field & 4 th Junior Archery Championships	Whyi (GER) Plitvice (CRO)
13-17 July 19-25 July	European Grand Prix (Final)* 8 th World Junior Outdoor Target Championships	Antalya (TUR) Lilleshall (GBR)
20-25 July	World University Archery Championships	Madrid (ESP)
13-29 August	XXVIII Olympic Games	Athens (GRE)
17-29 September	Paralympic Games	Athens (GRE)

2005

22-28 March	8 th World Indoor Target Championships	Aalborg (DEN)
20-26 June	43 rd World Outdoor Target Championships	Madrid (ESP)
28-30 June	XV Mediterranean Games	Almeria (ESP)
14-24 July	World Games	Duisburg (GER)
15-21 August	European Junior Championships	Silkeborg (DEN)

2006

20-25 August	20 th World Field Archery Championships	Göthenburg (SWE)
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2007

19-29 July	44 th World Outdoor Target Championships	Leipzig (GER)
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* *World Rankings Tournaments (WRT)*

** *Continental Qualifying Tournaments (CQT)*