



FITA Information

NEW RULES

We inform you that all the rules that were accepted in Riom will be applied in Sydney since SOCOG has accepted these rule changes. Especially we want to stress the rule change on the Team Round.

One rule changes the penalties on the Team Olympic Round. With the old rule, a team could deliberately cheat on crossing the one-meter line once without a penalty and a second or subsequent time suffering only a two-point penalty. If a team had to decide between a two-point penalty or losing the highest scoring arrow, the temptation was there to stretch the rules.

The new rule passed by Congress applies a time penalty for crossing the line early, which should eliminate a deliberate foul and does not so seriously penalize an accidental infraction.

Since this rule is in effect as of January 1, 2000, all team events should be using those rules this spring. FITA wants to be sure that all teams understand the rules and the Judges know how to apply the time penalty. (The Judge must raise a yellow card if an archer crosses the line early. The archer then must put the arrow back in his quiver and step fully behind the one-meter line before moving forward to shoot. The same time penalty applies for removing an arrow from the quiver before being on the shooting line).

The time penalty should not be more than 5 seconds, which is certainly fairer than a two-point penalty for a second infraction. FITA requests all competition use the new penalty system and report any difficulties noted in its implementation. If there are any unanticipated difficulties in the rules, then we need to know before the Olympics in Sydney.

SYDNEY - CQT

CONTINENTAL QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT AFRICA

The African CQT took place 28 April –1st May 2000 in Port Elisabeth, South Africa. Six places in total were to be attributed (3 to men and 3 to women).

The following places were won

Men: 2 places RSA; 1 place MRI

Women: 2 places RSA (+team); 1 place UGA

OUT OF COMPETITION TESTS

We remind the Member Associations that FITA is conducting at the request of the IOC and the World Anti-Doping Agency a substantial number of tests out-of competition in preparation of the Sydney Olympic Games.

So far 35 tests have taken place in different parts of the world and this will be continued in the coming months. We remind all Member Associations that these tests are mandatory and that a refusal to be tested by an archer is equal to a positive test.

BELFORT

JURY OF APPEAL

The Jury of Appeal of this Championships will be :

Chairman : Raoul Theeuws

Members : Morten Wilmann and Lynne Evans

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RULE INTREPRETATIONS

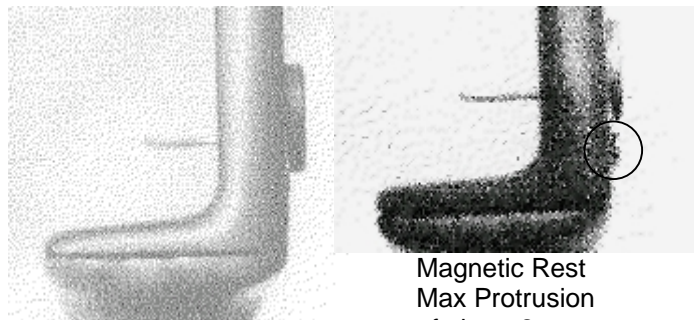
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

It is a majority decision that the arrow rests submitted by FITARCO (see enclosed pictures) are legal. Arrow rests that project through the riser are legal, as long as the rest does not project across the outside of the riser within the archers view.

We also remind the Member Associations that an arrow rest, which may be attached only to the sight window side of the riser, must remain mechanically and visually within the sight window area and not protrude across any portion of the belly (archers side) of the riser.



We would like to stress that all Member Associations entering Bare-bow archers at the World Field Championships in Cortina need to have their equipment in line with the Rules applicable for this year. The Judges will not allow any arrow-rests that are not legal according to the new rules.



Magnetic Rest
Max Protrusion
of about 2mm

No protrusion Mechanical rest

JUDGE COMMITTEE

Interpretation of Art. 7.4.4.1 (3-meter line) and procedure for its enforcing

At the request of the President, we are reporting the interpretation of art. 7.4.4.1 and the procedure to be adopted to enforce it.

According to art. 7.4.4, an arrow may be considered to have not been shot if "the arrow drops or is mis-shot and a part of the arrow shaft lies within the zone between the shooting line and the 3-meter line, provided the arrow has not re-bounded". To

this end according to Art. 7.1.9 "a 3-meter line shall be marked in front of the shooting line".

It is unanimous opinion of the Judge Committee that:

- i) The 3-meter zone delimited by the 3-m line and the shooting line has to be considered a three-dimensional space (and not a two-dimensional surface). Therefore an arrow embedded into the ground outside the 3-m zone, but with its rear part behind the 3-m line will be considered to have not been shot even if it does not lie flat on the ground.
- ii) The width of the tape (or ribbon) used to mark the 3-m line will be considered inside the 3-m zone.
- iii) In case of a close-to-the-line mis-shot arrow during a match-play round, the competitor has to decide by himself if the lying arrow is valid or not because timing cannot be stopped and he/she cannot claim extra time for an equipment failure (Art. 7.4.2.4). In case the competitor decide to shoot one more arrow and (after a close checking by the judge) the lying arrow is considered to have been shot, the last arrow will be forfeited if spotted by the judges assigned or the highest value arrow of that end will be forfeited, as applicable (Arts. 7.4.2.2 & 7.6.9).
- iv) In case of a close-to-the-line mis-shot arrow during a non match-play round, the competitor has the choice of going on shooting or using the equipment failure procedure (Art. 7.4.2.3). In the former hypothesis, if (after a close checking by the judge) the lying arrow is considered to have been shot, the highest value arrow of that end will be forfeited (Art. 7.6.9). In the latter case (equipment failure procedure) the competitor shall eventually make up the arrow if the lying arrow is considered not to have been shot (after close checking).
- v) The judge must take into consideration in his close checking of a close-to-the line mis-shot arrow that the competitor must be able to estimate the validity of his shot from the shooting line and in doubt cases the benefit will be given to the competitor.

CONSTITUTION & RULES COMMITTEE

It is the unanimous decision of the C&R Committee that:

**WORLD RECORD CLAIMS FOR CADET
CAN ONLY BE ACCEPTED FOR CADET
DISTANCES**

- If a cadet world record is claimed for a "FITA Round (144 arrows)", the distances of shooting have to be: 70, 60, 50 and 30 meters.
- If a cadet shoot a FITA Round (144 arrows) in the men / junior men class with distances of 90, 70, 50 and 30 meters, the "FITA Round (144 arrows)" and the "90 Meters (36 arrows)" world records can not be claimed in the cadet class.
- Consequentially, if a cadet shoots in the men / junior men class, only the "70 Meters (36 arrows)", the "50 Meters (36 arrows)" and the "30 Meters (36 arrows)" world records can be claimed in the cadet class.

**CLAIMS FOR THE "70 Meters (36 arrows)"
WORLD RECORD CAN ONLY BE
ACCEPTED WHEN SHOOTING A
COMPLETE "FITA Round (144 arrows)"**

- Consequentially, when shooting a "FITA 70 Meters Round (2x36 arrows)", a "70 Meters (36 arrows)" world record can not be claimed. Only the FITA 70m Round (72 arrows) can be claimed.

MISCELLANEOUS

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PAYMENTS
TO FITA**

Our Bank Co-ordinates have slightly changed. The new bank co-ordinates are on the new invoices but if you still need to pay old outstanding invoices use only the following bank co-ordinates to prevent extra bank-charges.

FITA c/o UBS SA
Place Saint Francois, nr 1
CH 1002 Lausanne (Suisse)
Swift BIC: UBSWCHZH10A
Account nr. 243.295.067.60R (USD)

In case you want to pay by Cheque, cheques should be send only to the FITA office and not to the above address.

By the end of this year we will be able to receive payments by credit card which will cause lower bank-charges.

AD HOC WORLD RANKING COMMITTEE

- Council has adopted the new structure of the Ad-Hoc world ranking Committee and has appointed the following members
Chairman: Bob Smith (USA)

Members: Sergio Font (CUB); David Rowson (AUS), Tom Dielen (ex officio)

- The Indian Archery Association has informed us that the 3rd leg of the Asian Circuit is re-scheduled from the 29th October – 1st November 2000 in New Delhi

AD HOC ARCHERY RUN COMMITTEE

- Council has added Mr. Jean Claude Lapostolle (FRA) to the Ad Hoc Committee
Chairman : Willem Trienekens (NED)
Members: Osvaldo Garcia (ESP), Sébastien Flûte (FRA), Jean-Claude Lapostolle (FRA)

RULE BOOKS

- The French version of the Rule Book will be available by the end of May. Books 2,3 and 4 will be available by the middle of May and will be send as soon as they are ready to the federations that have requested them.
- The CD-Rom version will be ready in the middle of May and will contain for the moment only the English versions. A bilingual version will be produced by the end of June.
- We ask all National Federations that produce copies of the FITA Rule Book in their national languages to inform FITA of these translations and to send a copy of the translation to the FITA office. This will allow us, if you agree to send these translations to other countries that use the same language in order to help with the development of the sport. It has to be clearly understood that there are only two official versions of the FITA Rule Book which is the French and English versions. In case of doubt the English text prevails.

JUDGE APPOINTMENTS

The following judges have been appointed by the FITA Judge Committee for the 2001 World Championships as Chairman

Chairman WC Indoor Castellanza, ITA

Mr. Marty Swanson (USA)

Chairman WC Outdoor Beijing, CHN

Mr. John Norio Heya (JPN)

We have included with this mailing (only sent to Judges and FITA Council) a list of all judges that have applied to serve as Judge for the 2000 World Championships and applied to be chairmen for the 2001 WC. The application for the chairmen was by accident also sent to the Judge Candidates. Only International Judges could be appointed as Chairman and therefore they will not figure on this list. If for some reason you did enter an application or did not receive the application form please verify that we have your correct address and that the form was sent to the FITA office (Avenue de Cour 135, 1007 Lausanne, Switzerland.)

CALENDAR

2000

16-18 May	3 rd Small Nations of Europe Archery Games	Malta
10-11 June	The Ontario Spring Classic	Toronto (Canada)
23-30 June	Batalla Carabobo	Venezuela
7-12 July	Balov Memorial International Tournament	Moscow (Russia)
9-16 July	XVII World Field Championships	Cortina d'Ampezzo (Italy)
(T.D. Trudy Medwed)		
12-15 July	IIIrd World University Archery Championships	Madrid (Spain)
(FISU T.D. Juan Carlos Holgado + FITA T.D. Tom Dielen)		
19-23 July	VI Junior World Target Archery Championships	Belfort (France)
(T.D. Teddy Bettex)		
31 July-4 August	116 th National Target Championships	Canton, MI (USA)
14-19 August	National Canadian Tournament	Boucherville (Canada)
15 Sept. - 1 Oct.	XXVII Olympic Games (World Ranking Tournament)	Sydney (Australia)
(T.D. Don Lovo & Klaus Schulz)		
4-11 November	Americas Indoor Championship	Guatemala

FITA World Ranking Tournaments

28 March – 2 April	Golden Targets International	Havana	CUB
7-11 April	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
30 May – 4 June	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
29 Oct – 1 Nov	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	Castellanza (Italy)
(T.D. Lynne Evans)		
24-26 August	World Games (Field Archery event)	Akita (Japan)
14-20 September	XLI World Outdoor Target Championships	Beijing (PR China)
(T.D. Pascal Colmaire)		
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.