

World Archery Coaches Committee Newsletter #2

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INTRODUCTION

This is the second newsletter from the World Archery Coaches Committee. The World Archery Coaches Committee (WACC) represents coaches and coaching interests within World Archery's membership.

World Archery Congress of 2019 elected new coach committee members for 4 and for 2 years. The committee now consists of;

- Ki Sik Lee (USA, Chairperson, 2023)
- Göktuğ Ergin (TUR, Deputy chairperson, 2023)
- Marcel van Apeldoorn (NED, 2023)
- Hana Majarova (CZE, 2021)
- Oh Kyomoon (KOR, 2021)

A special warm welcome for our first (and currently only) female coach in the committee; Hana Majarova from the Czech Republic. At the highest level in our sport, we see more and more female coaches and are happy that also the WACC is no longer a men only committee.

"Archery has the advantage over other sports that men and women meet and compete side by side at the same competitions. It is neither purely male nor female sport. Therefore there is a room for both male and female coaches. A female point of view, different perception, a high level of empathy can all be of great benefit when working with athletes in a sport where the mental side of performance is very important. Cooperation between male and female coaches can also bring great dynamics and atmosphere to the team. I am very happy and proud that I can work in such an open and friendly sport environment where coaches are respected based on their work and not gender. We already have some great female coaches in archery and I hope we will meet more of them in the coming years."

-Hana Majarova

THE WORLD ARCHERY COACH COMMITTEE

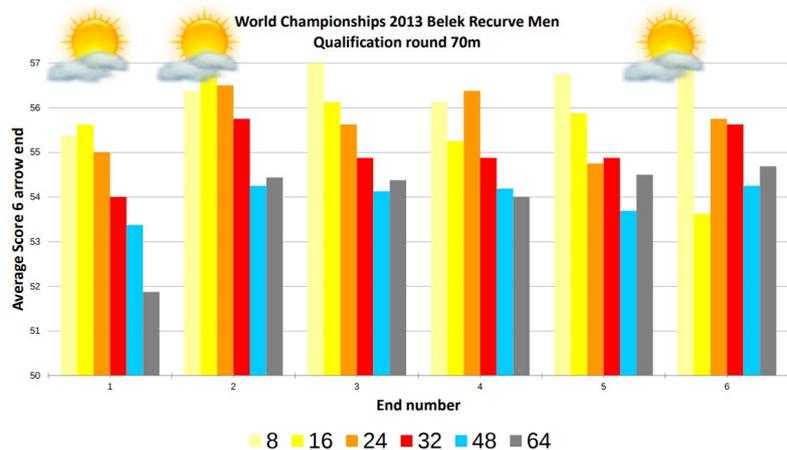
In 2018, the WACC introduced itself in newsletter #1. The role of the WACC was set out to focus more on high-level coaching and development of top-level competition. Matters relating to how to act as team manager or coach on the field of play at international events, propose changes in procedures related to those international events, submit proposals for bylaws and motions or give opinions on interpretations. All coaches are invited to provide feedback on the ideas and issues of the newsletters. We are happy with

the response we got last year, and hope you know how to find and approach us in the upcoming season.

In 2019 a mailing list of active top-coaches was collected and this list is used to sent the newsletter. Besides sharing your ideas in person during one of the international competitions, there is an email address as well: Coach@archery.org

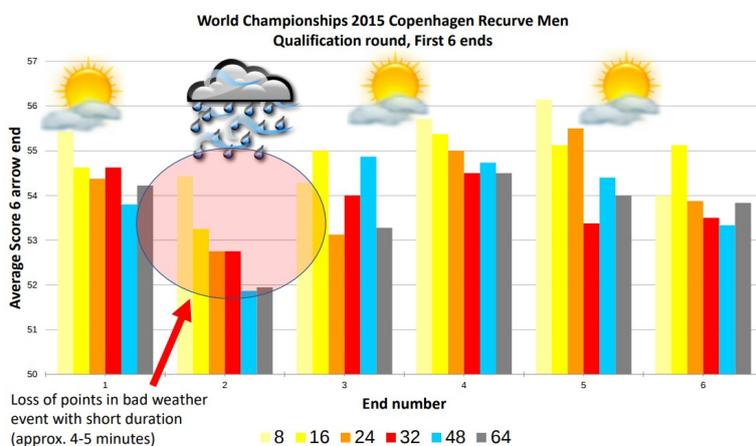
WHAT HAPPENED IN 2019?

Shooting lines - The World Championships in the Netherlands posed an interesting problem; the competition field would not have the dimensions needed for the number of participants in the various divisions (e.g. Men Recurve) to shoot in a single shooting line (ABC). This meant that there would be two shooting lines AB-CB. The allocation of teams of 3 athletes between the two lines could either be all team-members on the same line, or divided over the two lines. This could potentially result in unfair disadvantage in short bad weather conditions as was explained by the WACC during the team-captains meeting in Antalya.



A typical score distribution for recurve men at 70m (taken from the 2013 World Championships, in Belek) is shown to the right; It shows the average end-score for top 8, top 16, top 24, etc. per end (1..6). Except for the first end (perhaps due to sight-adjustments) all ends score about the same.

In the next picture, a scoring distribution with a short burst of bad weather (taken from the World Championships 2015 in Copenhagen) is shown. The effect of short bad weather conditions that lasted approximately 4 to 5 minutes is obvious in score. If this would happens in two shooting lines, one line might be more unlucky than the other. If the entire team of a single country would be on either the AB or CD line, weather conditions could potentially have big influences.



For this reason it was decided that the countries with complete teams would be divided 2-1 or 1-2 on the AB and CD line.

Spotting-scopes - Another issue was raised and voted on in Antalya; the problem of too many coaches with spotting scopes behind the waiting line blocking athletes. Coaches are allowed to setup their scopes just behind the waiting line, effectively blocking the athletes that need to pass both ways with their equipment in hand. The idea of a spotting-scope line was introduced in Antalya (the red line in the picture on the right). This spotting-scope line was a couple of meters behind the waiting line. With the athletes' equipment in front of it. Spotting-scopes were only allowed to be setup behind this spotting-scope line. Coaches without spotting-scopes (but possibly holding binoculars) were still allowed upto the waiting line. This resulted in the athletes having much more space for moving in and out holding their equipment. The WACC's opinion is that this system worked very well. The feedback we received from coaches was almost all positive feedback on this test and would like to keep the scope-line for 2020.



Judging mistakes - In 2019 we have seen a couple of issues involving judging mistakes in general and a very unfortunate incident during the Minsk European Games. World Archery is addressing the lessons that were learned. WACC has expressed the importance of good quality professional (=paid) (head)judges at the World Archery or Continental Events.

Scoring mistakes - The attention given to scoring mistakes during the international events at the TM meetings and the update that the IANSEO team made in their scoring tablets at the start of 2019 have reduced the number of scoring errors (and their sometimes harsh consequences) at lot. Errors in total score have almost reduced to zero. The biggest source of mistakes is the count of 10's and X's.

Motions, Interpretations and bylaws - WACC requested WA to improve the communication on (sometimes Ad-hoc) rule changes and to have these rule changes reviewed or advised upon by several applicable committees (like Athlete and Coach committee), before implementing them. In 2019 the WACC has been asked for their opinion on several amendments and bylaws ranging from the World Indoor Championships title, use of the WAREOS system and athletes' names on their team the format of naming on team uniforms

Practise fields - We have had reports about problems with the practice fields. Most of the important competitions there have been some issues about it. Different directions and sometimes far away from the finals field. In 2020 this will be on the agenda.

DISCUSSIONS, IDEAS AND ACTIONS FOR 2020

There are still relevant discussions within the committees and within the archery community on subjects that we want your feedback on. The 13th of August 2019, the (newly installed) WACC held a conference call with Tom Dielen and Thomas Aubert about items that need to be addressed in 2020;

How to reduce the cost of participating in international events? Can the schedules be reduced and how? Is an official practice day required?

Should we diversify the programs of the World Cups vs the World Championships?

With the scores approaching maximum score more often, is there a need to adjust formats?

How are the Mix Teams at the TOKYO Olympics appointed (before the OS, before the OS qualification round, or after the OS qualification round)?

Did we like the provided scopes at the finals venues?

How can we (from a coaching point of view) help in reducing the number of issues around scoring mistakes, judging errors, agent mistakes, team management and athlete behaviour on the FOP?

FUTURE

The World Archery Coach Committee represents you as a coach in your profession as coach within World Archery. Help us in doing this by providing feedback, remarks and new ideas.

Hope to see you all in the upcoming international competitions!

Contact us at: Coach@archery.org.

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