

## COMMITTEE REPORT

# Athletes' Committee

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### Tasks since the 2019 Congress

In the last two years our committee has become more active by collaborating and joining conversations with other WA committees, World Archery staff and Global Athlete Forums, as well as having discussions among ourselves and other athletes. The athlete lifestyle does not make it easy to do committee work and all contributions are appreciated.

### Meetings

Global Athlete Forums (hosted by Athlete365 - IOC athlete commission) happen at least once a month, one of our committee is usually able to attend and when appropriate join the conversation. Common subjects to date have been IOC Rule 40, IOC Rule 50, Tokyo Playbook, athlete welfare and mental health. We also wrote a letter to Kirsty Coventry in support of keeping the field of play and podium as a place for sport, I believe it was later quoted in their report.

October 2019 – Meeting with World Archery staff to discuss current affairs at that time.

November 2020 – Meeting prior to and during the cross-committee meetings.

Regular communications – usually in response to something.

### Reports

July 2020 - Staging international competitions in October 2020 (during the pandemic).

September 2021 – Athletes in Tokyo were asked to complete a questionnaire regarding some of the proposed rule changes. Only 8% were in favor of the 100cm face, while 30% were happy for qualification to change to 60 arrows and 47% were in support of the time change to 3 minute ends. Unfortunately, we did not get enough compound athletes to complete the questionnaire to make the data for their questions valuable. As a committee we do not support any of these proposed rule changes, including the compound X scores 11.

## Cross committee cooperation

Tokyo July 2019 – Meeting with the Judges’ Committee, particularly about the scoring and roles of judge and agent during finals competition. Other discussions have taken place since including possible solutions for querying line calls.

10 July 2020 – With World Archery staff and coaches’ committee as part of World Archery consultation about international events.

December 2020 - Joined discussions with Field Committee and World Archery staff about the structure of field and 3D events. We agreed that the current structure works only for World Games and there is a good opportunity for finals every day of competition by staggering the start day of each bow type at championship events, this would work even better by combining field and 3D events.

Joined most other committees at the joint committee meeting in November 2020, where we supported the removal of the second arrow shoot off for 10 / X and other useful conversations took place.

## Projects

Joined World Archery staff and others with the Summit series in 2020.

Joined World Archery staff to help with the Covid-19 athlete support grants.

Facebook – We have a private FB page for international athletes, making it a useful tool for communication is an on-going challenge.

## Themes for future

Athlete welfare including athlete and coach education.

Accuracy of judging in finals, mostly the score card and the role of the agent, looking at the procedure and how this can be improved.

What can an athlete do when judge line calls are incorrect – i.e. an athlete believes that a mistake has been made.

Scheduling of Olympic and Paralympic Games – mistakes with start times for warm up on ranking round day and warm up prior to matches. The manner of communications between staff and athletes should also be assessed.

In field archery the course must change between team, mixed team and individual finals.