

## REPORT TO CONGRESS

# Board of Justice and Ethics

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During the period of review, three matters were referred to the Board of Justice and Ethics.

### Incident I

The first was an appeal filed by former International Judge, Henk Wagemakers, regarding his suspension as an International Judge from June, 2019 until December 31, 2020 by the World Archery Judge Committee.

Said suspension involved an incident that occurred at the VI Finals of the World Para Championships in the Netherlands on June 5, 2019. In the Gold Medal match, between archers from Great Britain and Italy. IJ Wagemakers, while acting in the capacity of the Target Judge made a mistake in calling two arrows of the archer from Italy, thereby causing the scorer to change two nines into two tens. The result of this mistake was that the British archer who was ahead 4-0 at the end of the second set was prevented from winning the match 6-0 at the end of the third set and a fourth set was shot at the end of which the British archer was declared the winner.

Pursuant to Article 11.1 in Appendix 4 of Book 1 of the World Archery Rules, the five members of the Judge Committee, taking into consideration the effect of the mistake on the British archer in having to shoot an additional set, having already won the match. Together with the Judge's subsequent efforts to try minimizing the importance of the mistake and to infer others involved in the scoring were also at fault, decided to suspend International Judge Henk Wagemakers for the aforementioned period of time.

After reviewing the statements of all witnesses as well as those of the Judge Committee, it was the unanimous decision of the BOJ&E to deny the appeal as the decision of the Judge Committee to impose the suspension was fully within the scope and authority of the Judge Committee.

## Incident II

The second matter to come before this Board was a case submitted by the President of World Archery, Prof. Dr. Ugur Erdener as to a case of a Breach of the Code of Ethics of World Archery in particular as to Article 1.1 (the Dignity of the Individual) and Article 1.4 (Harassment).

On July 16, 2019 World Archery received an incident report from Mr. Keji Yoshimoto detailing an incident involving Mr. Almqajjel Abulaziz Sanda at the Hotel Route Inn Grand Tokyo Toyoko. Summarizing the report it alleged that Mr. Abulaziz, while a guest at the hotel, molested two Chinese female housekeepers while they were at work cleaning his hotel room. This incident occurred around 10:00 a.m. July 11, 2019. This incident took place during the Archery Test Event in Tokyo. Local authorities were called and a police report was made in which hotel staff and housekeeping staff were interviewed. Subsequently Mr. Abulaziz stated he may have accidentally touched the two victims after initially denying it. The victims indicated to the police they would not file a report if the police would warn Mr. Abulaziz and that he express remorse which the police did and he did. He was also asked to relocate to another hotel which he did.

It was also determined that Mr. Abulaziz was part of the KSA delegation to the test event although not accredited as such. On October 2, 2019 the KSA Olympic Committee banned Mr. Abdulaziz from traveling with any sport delegation within the kingdom and internationally. Additionally, he was banned from playing any role and/or traveling with any Archery delegation both within the kingdom and internationally. The Board of Justice and Ethics did not take any further action in light of the KSA Olympic Committee ban.

## Incident III

The third and final matter presented to the BOJ&E involved a decision of the Ethics commission of the Egyptian NOC received January 16, 2020. That decision involved a member of World Archery's Board of Justice and Ethics who also was an International Judge, Mr. Ahmed Roushdy. Mr. Roushdy by the terms of the Egyptian NOC decision, had been suspended for three years from any sport position in Egypt. The issue presented was whether or not World Archery should recognize the sanction. Mr. Roushdy was alleged to have violated paragraphs 6, 7, 8 and 17 of Article 8 of the Egyptian Archery Federation Code of Conduct. The allegations ranged from disloyalty to the sport organization, non-compliance with the statutes of the Federation, disrespecting decisions issued by the sport organization and non-preservation of the funds of the sport organization he belonged to. At the time of these allegations Mr. Roushdy was the Executive Director of the Egyptian Archery Federation.

Between January 16, 2020 and September 14, 2020, appeals were filed, each of which were denied and other efforts to resolve the matter were declined by Mr. Roushdy. In order to serve as an International Judge and a World Archery Association Committee member, one must be in good standing with their own federation and Olympic Committee. Mr. Roushdy was not in good standing. It was the decision of the World Archery Executive Committee, the Judge

Committee and the Board of Justice and Ethics in collaboration with each other to give full faith and credit to the decision of the Egyptian archery officials and that World Archery recognize the suspension with all its terms.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members of the Board of Justice and Ethics for their willingness to serve and contribute to the work of the Board. I also wish to thank Secretary General Mr. Tom Dielen and Mr. Mark Miller, Chair of the Constitution and Rules Committee for their sage advice and consultation. Thank you as well to our President and the Executive Committee for their continued leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Swanson  
Chairperson Board of Justice and Ethics, June 2020