



FITA INFO

Season's Greetings



Dear friends in archery,

Exceptionally this month's FITA INFO will be a bimonthly issue including December. You have then in hand the last issue of the year. Enjoy it!

The FITA Office takes this opportunity to thank you all for your interest and support in archery. We wish you all the best for Christmas and we are looking forward to seeing you all again in 2005!

**Please take good note that the Office will be closed
from Thursday December 23 at 5:00 pm to January 3 at 8:00 am.**

Caroline, Chantal, Françoise, Ludivine,
Juan Carlos, Pascal, and Terry

Associate Members

DANAGE OF SCANDINAVIA

FITA is pleased to welcome a new Associate Member: the popular Danish target matt manufacturer, DANAGE (www.danage.dk), has recently joined FITA as an Associate Member.

A new range of benefits is now available for Associate Members including a higher level of brand exposure at FITA events. For more information, please contact Terry Reilly (treilly@archery.org).

Council Meeting

FOCUS ON DEVELOPMENT AND TV INTEREST

The FITA Council met in Lausanne on 27th to 29th November to discuss the operations of FITA in the last year and focus on the development plans of Committees and Continental Associations.

During the meeting, the Council took a series of decisions focusing on the development of archery in all five continents and on increasing the interest of television, media and spectators in the sport.

The Council has decided to continue its project with a development officer in Oceania and to put more emphasis on the development of archery in Africa and South America. International Judges training has been strengthened by coordination with continental and national training schemes.

Ski Archery will return to FITA from IBU at the end of the present season. FITA has therefore created a development program for this discipline.

A rule change for Field of Play layout was put forward and discussed. The concept of having a smaller field with one match is the focus of this change so that we can increase spectator and TV interest. This will be decided in June 2005 at the FITA Congress held in Madrid.

The Minutes of the meeting will be posted on the web site as soon as they are finalized and approved by the Secretary General.

Committees

NEW CHAIRMAN FOR THE COACHES COMMITTEE

Due to the withdrawal of the Chairperson of this committee (because professional change), Ken Bearman (GBR) is now Chairman and Josef Preisser (RSA) has been appointed member.

Kim Hyung-Tak (KOR) remains as member of this committee and Pascal Colmaire as ex-officio.

Our deepest thanks to Juan Carlos Holgado (ESP) for chairing the FITA Coaches' Committee.

TARGET COMMITTEE MEETING

The Target Committee met in Lausanne just before the Council meeting and commented on motions to be discussed by Council. One of the major issues we face is the growth of our World Championships and the effect on archers, Member Associations and organising committees. They also examined Club Match Round ideas for experimentation by Member Associations in 2005.

SKI ARCHERY

During its Congress held in September 2004, the International Biathlon Union (IBU) has decided to hand over the discipline of Archery Biathlon (Ski Archery) to FITA, as of season 2005-2006.

On 17th November, the representatives of IBU met FITA in Lausanne, in order to discuss the transition period and the future of this discipline, which both IBU and FITA want to keep developing. Another IBU/FITA joint meeting has been already planned in April 2005 in Torino.

For the season 2005, FITA will focus on the following aspects:

- World Cup and World Championships Organizers support (organization and financial, in partnership with IBU)
- Image production, information and promotion (e.g. website)
- Development of the network of participants and nations

Contact for Ski Archery: Françoise Dagouret, fdagouret@archery.org.

Constitutions & Rules

INTERPRETATIONS

During its meeting in Lausanne on 6th and 7th November, the C&R Committee reviewed four interpretations that have been submitted to C&R or other relevant Committees (see below). These interpretations are also available on the FITA website under the section "Rule Book/Interpretation".

Please note that interpretation request is an official process which falls under the FITA rules, Book 1, Art. 1.16.7 to 1.16.10, and includes consideration by Congress.

Therefore Member Associations and Council Members are kindly requested to submit any request for interpretation to the FITA Office, attention Françoise Dagouret, who will follow-up the process with C&R and the relevant committees.

Any interpretation coming from a Committee directly to a Member Association or its representative, outside of the official process (which includes validation from the C&R Committee), will not be considered as reflecting the official position of FITA.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES – IR 04AUG01 **(refers to C&R Book 1, 1.16.7 to 1.16.10)**

B2, Art. 7.3.1.1.2, use of split cables

The question was raised by a Member Association on whether Article 7.3.1.1.2, Book 2 is also valid for compound bows, and if so, if it would be allowed for compound archers (possible for split cables only), to support their technique by letting the cable touching the bow arm.

Response from the Technical Committee

It is the majority opinion of the Technical Committee that the use of split cables on compound bows is legal, but at no time may the string or cables touch any part of the archers hand, wrist or bow arm.

Under the spirit of the rules as they pertain to any FITA discipline, it is the intent of these long standing rules to exclude from use any means to assistance in holding the bow steady other than the physical strength of the archer. At draw, the bow should only be held by the bowstring (with or without a release aid) and be supported by the bow hand at the grip only. It was never the intent of the rules to allow any type of **brace**. Furthermore, under the Compound division in the section pertaining to stabilizers, there is a specific note that excludes stabilizers from touching anything but the bow. That is 7.3.1.6 second bullet point under 7.3.1.6.1, which states, "touch anything but the bow". The basis of this ideal is that the bow or any part of the bow should not be utilized in a way that offers an advantage for holding or aiming the equipment.

Technical Committee, 11 October 2004

Approved by Constitution and Rules Committee, 7 November 2004

INTERPRETATION OF RULES – IR 04SEP01
(refers to C&R Book 1, 1.16.7 to 1.16.10)

Book 3, Art. 8.4.1.1, shooting order

The question was raised by a Member Association on the following:

If 2 different distance Indoor Rounds (e.g. an 18m & a 25m) which are to be separate rounds and not a combined round are shot on the same day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

- a) Must they be shot with the 25m in the morning and the 18m in the afternoon to claim FITA Awards and Records, as this is the order in which they are listed in 4.5.2?
- b) Can they be shot with the 18m in the morning and the 25m in the afternoon and still claim FITA Awards and Records?

Response from the Target Archery Committee

The TAC does not know the history why the rules read that the 25m round must be shot first. We feel that it makes no difference if the order is 25m first or 18m first. We see no advantage in either order of shooting and therefore recommend that either order can be used.

Target Archery Committee, 1 November 2004

Approved by Constitution and Rules Committee, 7 November 2004

INTERPRETATION OF RULES – IR 04SEP02
(refers to C&R Book 1, 1.16.7 to 1.16.10)

Book 2, Art. 7.3.1.5.3, use of cylume stick

The question was raised by a Member Association on the ruling on use of a chemical illuminating substance on a sight.

Response from the Technical Committee

It is the majority opinion of the Technical Committee that the Cylume stick used for illuminating a fiber optic pin for indoor shooting is legal for use in the Compound division under rule 8.3.2, but not legal for the recurve division.

In addition, it is the opinion of the Chairman of this committee that the Cylume stick should be encased in a housing that covers the light but offers a small hole through which the fiber optic rod can be placed to provide illumination. The reason for encasing the Cylume stick is that it may very well be a hindrance to other archers on the shooting line.

Technical Committee, 24 September 2004

Approved by Constitution and Rules Committee, 7 November 2004

INTERPRETATION OF RULES – IR 04NOV01
(refers to C&R Book 1, 1.16.7 to 1.16.10)

Book 1, Art. 5.3.1.2, Indoor World Records

The question was raised by a Member Association on setting a world indoor record. Can world records be shot on 40cm single spot or triangular three spot faces or must they be shot on the vertical three spot?

Response from the Constitution and Rules Committee

For the Indoor Match Round the 40cm triple face will be used. Vertical triple faces are mandatory for the Indoor World Championships (see Book 3, Art. 8.2.1.1).

For any other round, including the 25m or 18m Round, any face can be used for World records.

Constitution and Rules Committee, 7 November 2004

BYLAWS

During its meeting in Lausanne from 27th to 29th November FITA Council has approved a number of bylaws that will be published on the FITA website before Christmas, under the section "Rule Book/Bylaws" and on the next issue of FITA Info by the end of January 2005.

MOTIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR LAWS AT FITA CONGRESS

As per Article 1.6.14.3, Book 1 of FITA Constitution and Rules, 62 motions and 2 proposals for laws to be submitted to FITA Congress next June in Madrid, have been sent to Member and Continental Associations for review and amendments, if any.

Amendments can be submitted up to 29 January 2005, by using the form sent with the motions, and also available on the FITA website under "Organisation7Congress/Madrid 20057Forms".

RULE BOOK 2004 – FRENCH VERSION

Due time constraints and budget reduction, the FITA Council has made the decision to not produce printed copies of the French version of the FITA Rule Book 2004. However, an electronic version will be available on the FITA website and CDs by early March 2005, the latest.

As of the 2006 edition, all translations and formatting processes will be handled by the French Archery Federation, which we thank gratefully for its contribution. The costs will be shared with FITA, upon an agreement to be discussed.

Member Associations

SOMALI ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

It was with great sadness that FITA learnt of the death in a car accident on November 3 of Mr. Omar Mohamed Gacal, Secretary General of the Somali Archery Association, and of the recent death of Miss Ayaan Hassan Ire, who was an archery coach in Somali. She and her family were fired by gunmen in the family house. Her brother was killed as well, whereas her father and a kid were injured.

The FITA family members wish to send their condolences to the relatives and friends of Miss Hassan Ire and Mr. Gacal.

Development

L.A.S. SUPPORTS ARCHERY DEVELOPMENT

Loisir Archerie Sport Distribution (L.A.S.) the distributor of the innovative Rolan bow, has donated a dozen of these bows for assisting FITA in its efforts to develop archery worldwide. Some of these nice looking bows have already been shipped in Burkina Faso; the other will be allocated soon. Thank you to L.A.S. for their contribution to archery development worldwide!



BEGINNERS AWARDS PROGRAM

During its latest meeting the FITA Council has accepted the project of awards for beginners. This project will be posted on the FITA Website in a near future. The awards should be available by the end of March 2005.

The selected pin awards are from Pirkka Elovirta (FIN). Congratulations to him!



DO YOUR EQUIPMENT YOURSELF

Another important decision of the FITA Council is the approval of guide on how to make the archery equipment

Due to the experience of India, the bow making is almost ready; an important step!

Your suggestion for making equipment are welcome, they will contribute to archery development worldwide.



Coaches

STARTUP MISSION IN ALBANIA

Two experts, Claudio Foiera (ITA) and Juan Carlos Holgado (ESP) assisted by George Donas (GRE) have conducted this successful event in Durres on October 9-15, 2004.

The objectives were to:

- Educate potential coaches for the new Archery Albanian Federation, that is currently a branch of the national shooting federation
- Elaborate a development plan for short and long terms

18 participants attended. This course was funded by the European Olympic Committees and was strongly supported by the National Olympic Committee of Albania.

COACHING COURSE IN BURKINA FASO

It will be held on December 6-11, 2004 under the umbrella of the Olympic Solidarity. About 30 participants from +/- 10 countries are expected. The expert Pascal Colmaire, (FITA Technical & training Director) will teach how to introduce novices to archery.

WORLD SEMINAR

FITA Council has also accepted to fund the second World Archery Coaching Seminar. It will be in the city of Busan in Korea, on February 12-16, 2005. The information / registration documents will be available soon.

Anti-Doping

REGISTERED TESTING POOL 2005

The FITA Registered Testing Pool 2005 has been published on the FITA website under the section "Anti-Doping/Registered Testing Pool". It includes 89 international athletes from all FITA disciplines, and not only from the Olympic discipline as it was the case in 2004.

It will be updated according to the anti-doping rules criteria after the World Indoor Championships in Aalborg, and the World Ranking Lists at that time. However, it is reminded that all athletes in the Pool as of 1 January 2005 will remain there until the end of the calendar year.

ATHLETES AND TEAMS WHEREABOUTS

With an average return rate of 47% for the individual athletes (in the Registered Testing Pool) and 26 % for the teams whereabouts in 2004, FITA is not very satisfied with these results, although it was not expected to reach high percentages during the first year under the new anti-doping rules.

Therefore we address our grateful thanks to those who spend their time and energy to respond, and we strongly insist that each FITA Member Association (MA) makes effort to comply with these requirements which represent a key aspect of the success of our anti-doping programme.

So please start now your good resolutions for 2005, and send us the 1st quarter 2005 details by the time limit of 12th December 2004! Thanks in advance!

Moreover, as of 2005, FITA will implement the process of the formal written warnings, as described in its Anti-Doping rules, Article 5.5.3.

The formal written warnings are not the reminders we send you before the period starts. They will be under the format of a paper registered letter sent individually to the MAs who fail to submit athletes' whereabouts, at the beginning of each quarter.

This process will also allow FITA to consider possible sanctions not only against the athletes, but also non-complying MAs, as of Article 12.3.3 of the Anti-Doping rules.

THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTIONS (TUEs)

We have received a number of questions regarding coordination between TUEs at national and international level. The process is set up in Article 4.4.2 of FITA anti-doping rules, as published below:

Athletes included by FITA in its Registered Testing Pool and other Athletes prior to their participation in any International Event must obtain a TUE from FITA (regardless of whether the Athlete previously has received a TUE at the national level). TUEs granted by FITA shall be reported to the Athlete's Member Association and to WADA. Other Athletes subject to Testing must obtain a TUE from their National Anti-Doping Organization or other body designated by their Member Association. Member Associations shall promptly report any such TUEs to FITA and WADA.

ANTI-DOPING MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM (ADAMS)

There have been a few months that FITA has been participating in the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) ADAMS Reference Group which includes some National Anti-Doping organizations, International Federations, National Olympic Committees, and Laboratories.

ADAMS will be a web-based secure system which main purpose is to assist WADA and its stakeholders to fulfil their obligations under the World Anti-Doping Code. It will include a whereabouts system, a clearinghouse (doping control data, laboratory results, TUEs, information on adverse analytical findings and anti-doping rules violations), and a doping control system module (from test distribution to results management).

Following a meeting with WADA on 8th November, FITA has now been included in the first phase of ADAMS implementation, which should start early 2005.

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Françoise Dagouret, Anti-Doping Administrator, fdagouret@archery.org

Events

2006 FIELD WORLDS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Organisers of the 2006 World Field Archery Championships that will take place in Göthenburg, Sweden, have informed us of a change in the dates of this competition: it will be held from August 27 to September 2.

The new program is as follows:

- **Sunday August 27:** Teams arrival, accreditation and unofficial practice
- **Monday August 28:** Official practice, team captains meeting and opening ceremony
- **Tuesday August 29:** The first day of qualification, 24 unmarked distances
- **Wednesday August 30:** The second day of qualification, 24 targets marked distances
- **Thursday August 31:** Elimination rounds 12 targets: 1/8 finals, 1/4 finals
- **Friday September 1:** Team rounds 8 targets from 1/8, 1/4, 1/2 to finals
- **Saturday September 2:** Individual 1/2 finals and finals and bronze match, medal ceremony and closing ceremony and banquet

INVITATIONS TO THE 2005 WORLD GAMES

During the latest week-end, the FITA Executive Committee has accepted the proposal of the FITA Field Committee in granting the following countries with an invitation to the 2005 World Games, to be held on July 13th (arrivals) to July 18th (departures) in Duisburg, Germany.

Ecuador: Compound Woman (1 invitation)
Guatemala: Compound Man (1 invitation)
Kenya: Barebow Woman and Barebow Man (1 invitation in each category)
Sri Lanka: Recurve Woman (1 invitation)
Chinese Taipei: Recurve Man (1 invitation) – *Note: TPE is the organizer of the 2009 World Games.*

Good preparation to these 5 countries!

Website

ADVERTISE WITH US!

We believe our website will provide you with an excellent opportunity to deliver your message to a targeted audience. Your advertisement will receive international exposure.

We charge **20 € / 25 \$ per annum** for one ad (description: up to 50 words).

If you are interested in advertising archery supplies and services with us, here is how it works: fill in the advertising form that you can find on our website (FITA Shop / Advertise with us!) and send it back to the FITA Office.

BOOK: "AYME FOR FINSBURY ARCHERY"

The 260 page hard back numbered limited edition reprint of the original 1628 Edition of "Ayme for Finsbury Archers" by James Partridge, is now available at a discounted price of £18.

This rare book with chapters on the ancient marks, woodcuts, maps, prints and together with photographs is a must for the serious roving archers of the Fraternity of St. George and purists of the ancient longbow tradition.

For more information: mcooper@sdf-eu.or or tel/fax 0044 01902 337622.

ARCHERY PAINTING

An early 19th century painting depicting an archery club is on sale for £1600. It is a watercolour and measures 9 ¾ x 17 ½ inches and framed 17 ½ x 24 ¾ inches. The work is still in its original frame and has been with the same family for over fifty years.

Contact: Adrian Pett, Darnley Fine Art, apfa@btinternet.com.

Questions & Answers**TOXOPHILITE**

What is a toxophilite?

Answer: *A toxophilite is an archery lover; one who is devoted to the bow.*

Calendar**2005**

23-27 March	8 th World Indoor Target Championships	Aalborg (DEN)
17-21 May	3D World Championships	Genoa (ITA)
18-19 June	FITA Congress	Madrid (ESP)
20-26 June	43 rd World Outdoor Target Championships	Madrid (ESP)
28-30 June	15 th Mediterranean Games	Almeria (ESP)
14-24 July	7 th World Games (Archery: 15-17 July)	Duisburg (GER)
11-21 August	23 rd Universiade	Izmir (TUR)
15-21 August	European Junior Championships	Silkeborg (DEN)

2006

12-18 June	World University Archery Championships	Vinicne (SVK)
27 Aug - 2 Sep	20 th World Field Archery Championships	Göthenburg (SWE)
01-15 Dec	15 th Asian Games	Doha (QAT)

2007

19-29 July	44 th World Outdoor Target Championships	Leipzig (GER)
20-31 August	24 th Universiade	Bangkok (THA)

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	29 th Olympic Games	Beijing (CHN)
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16-26 July	8 th World Games	Kaohsiung (TPE)
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