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2006 World Cup

New web pages

Our new pages on the Archery World Cup 2006 were launched on May 1st. Learn more on this new event starting next week in Porec (Croatia) on:

www.archeryworldcup.org.



New Nation Ranking and Prizes

The new Archery World Cup 2006 will create even more interest among the archery world. Thanks to a successful sponsoring campaign, FITA decided to create a new ranking for Member Associations during the World Cup, in order to reward their full participation. The ranking will take into account all the results of the 4 qualifying tournaments (Porec, Antalya, San Salvador, Shanghai).

For more information please visit the World Cup web pages.

World Games General Assembly

FITA Secretary General elected to Executive Committee

The International World Games Association elected during its General Assembly at Sport Accord at the beginning of April a new Executive Committee which will serve until 2010.

The new committee comprises: Ron Froehlich, President (gymnastics); Max Bishop, senior Vice President (air sports) - new -; Sue Harvey, Vice President (orienteering); Co Koren, Secretary General (tug of war); Tom Dielen, member (archery) -new-; and Rinaldo Orlandi, member (ju-jitsu).









Meetings

Third FITA Think Tank

On 29-30 April FITA hosted a third Think Tank meeting and the Strategic Plan for 2007-2012 is getting in shape. The plan is to ensure a breakthrough for the sport of Archery so it is one of the internationally recognized <u>important</u> Olympic sports.

During a two days meeting hosted by the Turkish Archery Federation, 20 representatives from 4 continents discussed on the 5 key subjects: identity, events, promotion, partnerships and expansion. Also two FITA Sponsors, Swiss Timing and Meteksan System, actively participated in the meeting.



The plan is now coming to its final drafting stage and in August the steering group will make a draft Strategic Plan which will be then be circulated to the Member Associations for comments and reactions. During all key events in 2006 and 2007 the plan will be discussed with the Archery Family and external stakeholders so that everyone involved can give input.

Now the FITA Office and TSE Consulting will integrate the new ideas into the plan. A questionnaire has also been sent to all Member Associations for guidance to the plan. After the discussion and agreements, the implementation will start at the 2007 FITA Congress.

Olympic Results and Information System

Last 10–12 April an ORIS (Olympic Results and Information System) meeting was organized with FITA for the preparation for Beijing 2008 Olympic Games (Archery). ORIS is a way to integrate and coordinate all the areas and institutions involved in the OG in order to provide the right information and results.

3 representatives from BOCOG (with Archery Competition Manager, Ms Xiuzhi Zhang), 3 representatives from FITA (Tom Dielen, Werner Rau and Juan Carlos Holgado), OMEGA and ATOS were participating in this meeting with the ORIS team coordinating and directing the meeting.

The new FITA rules in effect since April this year, which affects the Olympic competition format in Beijing, was included in the ORIS document. Also the feedback from the successful Archery event in the Athens 2004 Olympic Games were taking into consideration. The new design of two Fields of Play for the elimination round was also studied and included in the relevant parts of this document.









FITA Target Archery Committee

On 13-14 April the FITA Target Archery Committee (TAC) met in the FITA office in Lausanne, Switzerland. The Chairwoman Xiuzhi Zang (CHN) and members Gloria Rosa (PUR) and J.P. Gabarret (FRA) as well as Juan Carlos Holgado (FITA Office liaison for this committee) participated in this meeting. Tom Dielen, Pascal Colmaire and Didier Mieville also discussed some points with them.

The goals of the TAC committee are:

- Field layout
- Procedures concerning scoring
- Timing procedures
- Equipment to be used on the field
- Guidelines for conduct of the shooting
- > Address media and spectator concerns to make the sport more attractive
- > Give input concerning proposals submitted by Member Associations

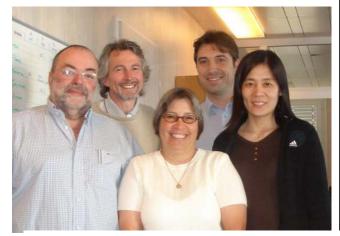
The meeting was productive and the Committee, after having discussed all the matters included in the agenda will work internally and will come back to FITA with proposals and possible Rule changes to have Archery fitting in the future directions that FITA would like to go in some areas.

2007 Leipzig Preparation – Meeting with Organizing Committee

FITA visited Leipzig on 19-20 April. Tom Dielen (Secretary General), Trudy Medwed (Technical Delegate), Olivier Grillat (Event Promotion Consultant) and Juan Carlos Holgado (Event Director) met with the Jörg Brokamp (President of German Shooting Federation), Heiner Gabelmann (Sport Director), Klaus Lindau (Archery Commissioner), Werner Rau (Result Verifier and Archery Manager) and Claudia Hess (Competition Director)



Afterwards, some representatives of the city of Leipzig joined the meeting to include their areas into the discussion (transport, accommodation, volunteers, hospitality and security).



From left to right: Jean-Pierre Gabarret, Pascal Colmaire, Gloria Rosa, Juan Carlos Holgado and Xiuzhi Zhang.









Different areas of the preparation of this event were discussed, such as the venue (Festwiese sport facilities), FITA and local sponsors, sport presentation, financials matter, volunteers, transport, accommodation, website and information package, TV and Media, local-national-international promotion, FITA Congress, training site facilities, competition schedule, registrations-entries-accreditation, security, etc.

FITA representatives also visited the archery facilities and during the meetings offered advice and collaboration in different areas where the local OC asked for assistance.

The progress in the preparation is positive. 365 days before the event the official website will be launched in order to inform all the possible participants' about all the details of this event.

The city of Leipzig and the German Shooting Federation are working closely to present an efficient and impressive World Championship to all participants and archery fans. FITA is satisfied with the event preparation status and the plans that the local OC has put in place from now on until the start of the World Championships.

Reasonable and good accommodation prices for the participants, the close distance between hotels and the archery venues, the city itself, TV& Media promotion and the qualification quotas places for Beijing 2008 are some of the strongest and more interesting points in this event.

FITA Marketing Committee

The FITA Marketing Committee met on April 21-22 at the FITA Office in Lausanne, Switzerland. The Committee is composed of Chairman Mr. Anil Kamineni (IND) and members Prof. Wong Lee (KOR) and Mr. Sébastien Flûte (FRA). The ex-officio members are Tom Dielen and Didier Miéville.

The meeting was successful in assessing the start of the FITA sponsoring program related to the World Cup and the World Championships. We also worked on the servicing that FITA must offer to its sponsors, the publicity rules on equipments and a possible new sponsoring program that would include the Member Associations (like the TOP Olympic program with NOCs).

The Committee also went to visit FITA Partner's Balmain Swiss Watches. We met the new management and worked to maximize the impact of Balmain during FITA events and possibly during international events in general.

World University Archery Championship

Juan Carlos Holgado, FISU (Fédération International du Sport Universitaire) Chairman of the Archery Technical Committee and FITA Event Director, visited the Organizing Committee (OC) of the 6th World University Archery Championship (FISU event) to be held in June in Vinicne, Slovakia. This competition is going to be organized in the most active club in Slovakia and the preparation work is going in a good speed. So far there are 220 participants and 26 countries registered.



The University of Slovakia (SAUS) in combination with the Archery Federation of Slovakia, the Archery club of Vinicne and the city of Vinicne are involved in the OC. The field is right now under a renovation process to be ready for 14-17 June when the competition will be running. Extending the field, preparing the rooms and access road is under construction and in some weeks the field will offer an excellent service to the Archery community in Slovakia and to the participants in this World University Archery Championship.









FITA Technical Delegate is Jean-Pierre Gabarret (FRA). FITA is in close contact with FISU in order to collaborate as much as needed in the success of this event and Archery in the FISU community. The signing of a memorandum of understanding between FISU and FITA is in progress in order to make this collaboration even more efficient.

Any FITA Member Associations interested in participating in this event should contact their national FISU member (<u>www.fisu.net</u>) in order to proceed with the registration.

Website for this event: <u>http://www.saus.sk/EN/ams06arc.php</u>

Inspection Visits

2007 Göteborg

At the end of March FITA Event Director Juan Carlos Holgado and Secretary Tom Dielen visited the Organizing Committee, including the local clubs involved and the Swedish Archery Federation, for the 2006 World Field Archery Championships in Göteborg, Sweden.

The FITA delegates had the opportunity to visit the venue of the finals, a centric park called Trädgardsföreningen situated downtown only five minutes by car from the hotel. They also visited the Gunnebo Castel gardens where the qualifications and elimination rounds are planned to be organized. This lovely residential area is 10-20 minutes away from the hotel.

Also visited was the "Lindome Bagskytte Club" of which 740 archers are members. It is a nice archery field including an indoor range, a cafeteria, a meeting place as well as a field archery range. Sweden has around 7000 archers, of which 3500 are licensed members of the Swedish Archery Federation.

The weekend before FITA's visit the National Indoor event was being organized in a Expo Hall in Göteborg. For this event a target line of 100 targets was needed for the more than 700 archers who were competing.

For more information on the 2006 World Field Archery Championships, please visit the following website: <u>www.fieldarcherysweden.com</u>.

15th Asian Games

Archery Operational Competition Manager appointed

Mr. Rathin Datta (India) has been appointed to the position of Archery Operational Competition Manager for the 15th Asian Games in Doha, Qatar. The Archery event is scheduled for 9th–13th December 2006 and with some of the top world competitors expected to compete, we look forward to an exciting event.

Mr. Datta has a Computer Diploma from Regional Computer Center, Jadavpur University and a Certificate course from National Institute of Sports, Kolkata. He is well known in international archery circles as an International Judge and for his work as Chairman DTAC and as a member of the FITA Youth Development Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Datta will be working in the Archery Team with the Competition Manager, Mr. Jabber Nasser Al Hajri and the FITA Technical Delegate, Mr. Sanguan Kosavinta, to ensure that the Archery event is conducted to the highest international standards.









Events Bids



2009 World Indoor Championships

The FITA Office has received a bid from Poland with the city of Rzeszow.

FITA Event Director Juan Carlos Holgado will arrange an Evaluation Commission visit in the coming months to evaluate this bid and report to FITA Council.

2009 World Outdoor Championships

Two bids arrived in the bidding period defined by FITA for the 2009 World Outdoor Archery Championships: Korea and Croatia.

Korea is offering two possibilities, Yecheon (photo on left) and Ulsan (photo on right). FITA Event Director Juan Carlos Holgado, Korean Archery Association (KAA) Secretary General Mr. Hwang Do-Ha, and Asian Archery Federation (AAF) Deputy Secretary General Mr. Woong Hur visited both cities and local Organizing Committee (OC) Candidates on 2-5 April. A meeting with the KAA was organized after the visits in order to define the next steps in the bidding and selection process. An evaluation report is in preparation to give to FITA Council the technical aspects of both cities.





The two cities are ready to organize an excellent World Championships, both having high standards in accommodation, archery venues, sport equipment, media coverage and spectators.

The Croatian Archery Federation (CAF) has bid for this event with the city of Zagreb.

FITA still has to arrange an Evaluation Commission visit in the coming months to evaluate this bid. However, CAF's level of high experienced with the Porec World Cup and Grand Prix ensures that this bid is of a high level. The city of Zagreb is offering all its support to this event and as soon as the FITA evaluation visit will be done, a report to FITA council will be issued for a decision in next FITA Council meeting in August this year.









Anti-Doping

Communication of Sanction

The archer Mr Bulat Badmaslov (RUS) has been sanctioned by the Executive Committee of the Russian Archery Federation as follows: 2 years ineligibility, as of 20 June 2005.

This decision has lead to the withdrawal of the athlete's title of National Indoor Archery Champion of Russia 2005.

Athletes Whereabouts – 100% answers

FITA is proud to announce that for the first time since it begun its anti-doping Out of Competition Testing Programme (OOCT), the male archers in the Registered Testing Pool (RTP) have fully completed their obligations, as we have received the Athletes Location Forms (ALF) for all of the 44 male archers listed in the RTP.

FITA is glad to see that the archers are committed to the fight against doping, and thanks them for their help to assist us in this daily fight.

The female athletes in the RTP have a less glorious response rate of 93.48%, as 2 out of the 46 female archers listed haven't fulfilled their duties. However, we believe this rate will be at 100% very soon.

We also believe that the ADAMS online system will help us to keep these response rates at the top level.

Judges

Deadline for Case Studies 64

We remind all our Judges that the deadline for the answers to the case studies 64 is 31 May, 2006.

Coaching

New Korean Coach for Colombia

On April 12, the Korean coach Mr. Park Myun Kwon arrived to Colombia with a work contract for three years (until 2008). His two main goals are to improve the level of the Colombian coaches as well as the competitive level of the Colombian archers, with special attention to the juniors and cadets.

Mr. Park immediately became part of the Colombian Team who was on a training camp preparing the next Central-American and Caribbean Games, achieving an affinity with the whole group. The Colombian archers and coaches received him with a lot of enjoyment and great expectations for the work to do.









Development

Equipment making workshop

The second week of May 2006, for the first time, FITA will organize a making workshop of archery equipment from Bamboo. It will be held in Benin (West Africa), coordinated by Paul Zinsou, a new FITA Development Agent and conducted by Rupesh KAR, an Indian bow maker. A dozen of nations are already registered to this workshop: Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Chad, Egypt, Kenya, Liberia, Libya, Somalia, Uganda, Sao Tome & Principe, Benin

Assistance to the South East European countries

A specific development program for the South East European countries is under construction. The first step is to assess the development level of archery in this world area, in order to better figure out the specific needs of these countries. FITA thinks that most of these countries could join the world elite with some assistance. The countries involved in this program are: Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Bulgaria, Ukraine, and Belarus.

Meeting with the Arab speaking countries

The day prior the Opening Ceremony of the FITA Middle East Archery Center, FITA will organise a meeting with the Arab speaking countries in order to discuss of the following:

- > How developed and structured is archery in each of these countries;
- > How could we do better on the above point;
- Identification of common issues, barriers, strengths and needs;
- > Identification of particular issues, barriers, strengths and needs;
- Draft of a plan;
- > Piloting group or committee or organization.

This meeting is scheduled on Friday May 19, 2006 at 14h00 at the Wadi Degla Sporting Club:

4th district Zahraa El Maadi Cairo Egypt <u>http://www.wadidegla.com</u> Phone: +202 (521) 81 40 or 41 or 42

For more information and/or registration, please contact the FITA office: pcolmaire@archery.org

FITA Middle East Archery Center

Since this project has become a reality, FITA will organize an opening ceremony on Saturday May 20, 2006 at 10h00 A.M. at the Wadi Degla Sporting Club:

4th district Zahraa El Maadi Cairo Egypt <u>http://www.wadidegla.com</u> Phone: +202 (521) 81 40 or 41 or 42









The objective of this ceremony is to introduce this center to the member Associations of this region of the world and to the sports authorities (International, Egyptian and close-by countries). Not only we would like to show how nice are the facilities of this center, but we would enjoy the opportunity to explain how this center and its famous coach Mr. Kim Jeong-Ho would be able to assist the elevation of the standard of archery in the Middle East countries.

FITA Magazine

Subscription to "The Target"

In order to cover closely the new Archery World Cup, the Field World Championships, the Junior World Championships and many other events, FITA decided to publish its magazine "The Target" three times this year:

- > at the end of May, after the first World Cup event in Porec
- > in September to relate on the Antalya, San Salvador and Göteborg events
- > in December, to wrap up the year with the fantastic World Cup Final in Merida

The magazine will also publish special interviews, development, coaching features and much more.

Any archery fan can subscribe to the three issues of the magazine for a total of **15.- Euros** / **20.- USD** (including post shipment). Please simply contact us at <u>info@archery.org</u>.

Member Associations and FITA officials will still receive The Target magazine courtesy of FITA.

Constitution & Rules

Rule Book 2006 - Update

English version

The Errata sheet at the end of the Rule Book 2006 has been updated on 25 March 2006 with the following change:

Book 1, Appendix 4 11.4 delete last sentence: 'The award will not be given if the accreditation has been denied for failing the reaccreditation test.'

You are invited to replace the current Errata Sheet dated 15 January 2006 with the new one, which is available on the FITA website in the section "Constitution & Rules / Rule Book 2006", and can be printed in the Rule Book booklet format.

The full electronic version has been updated accordingly.

All printed English 2006 Rule Books sent by the FITA office as of 1 May 2006 include this new errata sheet.

French version:

An errata sheet dated 1 May 2006 has been published, including the errata on Book 1, Appendix 4, Article 11.4, plus some amendments on translation mistakes that only affect the French versions (for details please refer to the French version of this FITA Info issue).

All printed French Rule Books 2006 sent by the FITA office as of 1 May 2006 include this errata sheet.









Interpretation of Rules

Book 2, Article 7.3.1.9.3 Book 3, Article 8.3.2.9.3 Book 4, Article 9.3.9.1.2

A question was raised by a Member Association on the use of iris lense:

"May an archer use an adjustable iris lense system (like the adjustable opening of a camera) on his shooting glass for his aiming eye?

Response from the Technical Committee:

The FITA Technical Committee agrees unanimously that the use of an adjustable iris lense on the shooting glass is not legal.

Technical Committee, 24 February 2006 Approved by C&R Committee, 27 April 2006

Frequently Asked Questions – National Teams

Book 1, Article 2.4

Question:

Does the eligibility to National Teams rules apply for World Ranking Tournaments or World Cup Events?

Answer:

Yes, these are the rules for all events where the registrations have to be made by the Member Associations.

Question:

Does it matter if someone has competed for his country passport when he/she wants to compete for another Member Association?

Answer:

No, provided that he/she complies with Book 1, Article 2.4.2 of FITA Constitution and Rules, and the interpretation of the C&R Committee on 29 August 2005.









Calendar Highlights

2006

9-13 May	FITA World Cup Outdoor / European Grand Prix *	Porec (CRO)
7-10 June	FITA World Cup Outdoor / European Grand Prix	Antalya (TUR)
14-17 June	6 th World University Archery Championships	Vinicne (SVK)
20-25 June	FITA World Cup Outdoor / Grand Prix Olimpico 2006	San Salvador (ESA)
5-8 July	European Grand Prix	Sassari (ITA)
14-19 July	2006 2 nd Asian Grand Prix	Kuala Lumpur (MAS)
1-5 August	U.S. Grand Prix	Colorado Springs (USA)
27 Aug-2 Sep	20 th World Field Archery Championships	Göteborg (SWE)
0	& 5 th World Junior Field Archery Championships	3 ()
2-9 September	Pan American Championships	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)
13-16 September	17 th European Outdoor Target Championships	Athens (GRE)
27-30 September	FITA World Cup Outdoor	Shanghai (CHN)
2-8 October	Oceania Continental Championships	Apia (SAM)
15-21 October	9 th World Junior Outdoor Target Championships	Mérida (MEX)
	& 3 rd World Cadet Outdoor Target Championships	
22 October	FITA World Cup Outdoor Final	Mérida (MEX)
31 Oct-3 Nov	2006 3 rd Asian Grand Prix	Yangon (MYA)
1-15 December	15 th Asian Games	Doha (QAT)
2007		
13-17 March	9 th World Indoor Archery Championships	Izmir (TUR)
	& 4 th World Junior Indoor Archery Championships	
June	3 rd World 3D Archery Championships	Sopron (HUN)
5-15 July	44 th World Outdoor Target Championships	Leipzig (GER)
2008		
ТВС	10 th World Junior Outdoor Target Championships	TBC (IND)
	& 4 th World Cadet Outdoor Target Championships	
8-24 August	29th Olympic Games (Archery: 8-16 August)	Beijing (CHN)
September	21 th World Field Archery Championships	Llwynnpia, Wales (GBR)
	& 6 th World Junior Field Archery Championships	
2009		
	8 th World Games	Kaohsiung (TPE)
16-26 July		
16-26 July TBC	25 th Summer Universiade	Belgrad (SCG)

[* in bold: World Ranking Tournaments]









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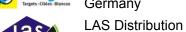
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