



Condolences

David WALLACE (RSA)

We were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Mr David WALLACE after a long illness. Dave was in many ways the doyen of archery in South Africa and rose through the ranks to the highest judge position in the world.



David, a retired corporate executive, was first introduced to the sport in the 1960's and after qualifying as a national judge in 1994, was accredited as an international judge in 1995, officiating at the World Archery Championships in Jakarta the same year. Since then he played the role of director of shooting for a number of international tournaments and world championships, including judging at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. He held a number of positions in the archery world, including that of chairperson of the South African National Archery Association Judges Commission, Coaching Committee and Constitutional Committee. David was actively involved in the sport, dedicating much of his time to increasing standards, and passing his experience to the new generation of archery coaches and judges. SANAA and all the FITA community mourns his loss and extend their condolences to his wife Eve and family.

Renato DONI (ITA)

It is with deep sadness that the Italian Archery Federation announced the passing of Renato DONI on 1 January 2010 after a long illness. Renato was one of the founder members of the Italian Archery Federation (FITARCO), being already an archer before the association was born.



Renato was born in Milan on 3 May 1931. Between 1961 and 1965 he won two Italian Championships and set up two national records. He was a member of the Italian Team at the 1962 European Championship in Paris and the 1965 World Championship in Vasteras, Sweden.

From 1968 to 1988 he was the Manager Trainer for the National Teams and Technical Coordinator of the Italian Federation. He was the Olympic Team Captain in Munich 1972, Montreal 1976 and Moscow 1980, as well as National Team Captain in a large number of European and world championships.

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In 1983 he started to teach at the Isef University in Rome as expert in archery. In preparation of the Olympic Games in Los Angeles 1984, was appointed responsible of the training for the athletes of Lombardia.

He was awarded the silver plaque in 1985 FITA Congress in Seoul and a bronze one at the 2009 Congress in Ulsan.

He was judge trainer in the first years of the national judge development committee. He was a National Judge, a person every archery organizer loved to see in Italy, and he attended archery competitions up to 2008.

FITARCO and all the FITA community miss him a lot and extend their condolences to his family and friends.

Communication

Cooperation between FITA and Socx Arrow Wraps

The International Archery Federation (FITA) and the Dutch based company for archery accessories, Socx Arrow, are pleased to announce the signature of a cooperation agreement for World Archery arrow wrap.

Under this agreement, Socx Arrow Wraps becomes a World Archery licensee and has the right to use the World Archery logo to produce arrow wraps in 2010. A few designs will be available (see photos below).

The collaboration has already successfully started with a promotional contest at the recent European Indoor Tournament in Nîmes.

To order arrow wraps with the World Archery logo please go on www.custommadewraps.com.

World Archery and Socx Arrow Wraps are also brainstorming to use the World Archery logo on other bow equipments.

FITA is delighted to welcome Socx Arrow Wraps in the archery family.

For more information about World Archery contact Mr Didier MIEVILLE, FITA Marketing Director at info@archery.org. For more information about Socx Arrow Wraps visit <http://www.socx.nl/> or contact Mr Ron VAN DER HOFF, info@custommadewraps.com.



World Archery Field Championships
13-18 July 2010



Central American & Caribbean Games
17 July-1 August 2010



Youth Olympic Games
14-26 August 2010



Commonwealth Games
2-14 October 2010



Asian Games
12-27 November 2010

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FITA-IFAA Agreement

A Memorandum of Mutual Acknowledgment has been agreed by the Congress of FITA being the legislative branch of the "Fédération Internationale de Tir à l'Arc" and the World Council of the "International Field Archery Association" being the legislative branch of the IFAA.

Purpose of this Memorandum

This memorandum concerns the mutual agreed understanding of the role that both parties play in the world of archery and related sports activities.

FITA is the International Archery Federation representing Archery as foreseen in its objectives and constitution. IFAA is the International Field Archery Association representing Archery as foreseen in its objectives and constitution.

Agreement between both parties

Both parties agree to:

- Recognise each other as independent sports organisations
- Respect doping bans on athletes by either party, based on the WADA defined antidoping rules
- Furthermore standardize rules related to archery equipment
- Cooperate on activities to promote archery as a sport

It has been agreed that both parties will continue to jointly:

- Develop safety recommendations for field and 3D ranges
- Lobby jointly for privileged air transport terms and conditions related to archery equipment and the conservation of the legal status of owning, handling and using archery equipment.
- Have a joined field event at the World Masters Games in Sydney which will be composed of a marked FITA Field Round and a marked IFAA Field Round.

To the members of the international Archery Family

The cooperation between FITA and IFAA was discussed last year at the FITA Congress and this year at the IFAA Congress. What does it mean?

First of all, this means that there is cooperation between the two archery organisations. Both have different visions and objectives for the respective organisations, which is why both have a reason to exist. It doesn't mean that we will have a merger of the two organisations or that there will be only one organisation organising events.

What it means is that there is a joined objective which is to develop the sport of Archery further by working together in certain domains. This includes matters such as equipment rules, safety and legal requirements, travel with archery equipment, development initiatives and any other matters of common interest. We also will have from time to time events in which we cooperate such as the Master Games in Sydney last year.

The wish of both organisations is that the same spirit of cooperation can be developed at national and local level and that we do not have conflicts that stop the development of the sport. **We wish that in each country a similar agreement of cooperation can be made that prevents any issues.**

If you need any further information please contact Trudy MEDWED (trudymedwed@aon.at) who is the liaison between the two organisations.

Archery TV

Three Millions Views!

In January we reached 3 million views on Archery TV! Please visit www.archery.tv and help us reach our new goal of 5 million views!



Coaching

A Guatemalan archery coach fully benefits from the Olympic Solidarity



Julio Cesar URIAS is a former Guatemalan champion of race walking. In 1995 he was ranked 9th of the World according to the IAAF. At the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, he was the flag bearer of the Guatemala delegation (photo).

URIAS turned 38 in January 2010, is married and has two children.

Julio started to study archery coaching in 2003 and judging in 2004. He attended several courses organised by his country, COPARCO and FITA; several of them with the assistance of the Olympic Solidarity.

Among these courses:

- * A level 1 Coaching Course Conductor clinic in Colombia in December 2008; this training was sponsored by the Olympic Solidarity.
- * A level 3 Coaching Course at the FITA Middle East Archery Centre in Cairo, Egypt in November 2007, with a sport specific Olympic scholarship for coaches.

Julio Cesar URIAS attended a generic course of applied sciences to sport at the High Performance Centre in Barcelona (CAR) from 17 September to 15 December 2009. For this training Julio was sponsored with a sport generic Olympic scholarship for coaches. He got great marks at his evaluation, rated as excellent in eight of the twelve modules and an overall mark of 8,8 out of 10.



Julio Cesar URIAS (yellow shirt) at the FITA MEAC in 2007

The evaluation form from the CAR reported that Julio had an excellent integration to the group of students, as well as a nice and positive relationship with everyone, including the staff of the centre. He was always motivated. It is doubtless that this training will improve the quality of Julio's coaching, with positive effect on archery in Guatemala.

Development activities

Coaching Course and training camp in New Zealand



In order to prepare the future, including several major international tournaments, New Zealand Archery organised a coaching course and a training camp on 9-13 December 2009 in Auckland. Both events were conducted by the FITA Development and Education Director Pascal COLMAIRE. A total of 23 persons attended these events. All of them were involved in the national squad as coaches or athletes, including Stephen CLIFTON, the compound bronze medallist at the 2009 World Archery Championships, as well as members of the compound women medal-winning team from the 2009 Antalya World Cup leg.

The training camp had a twofold objective:

- * get the archers used to the recent FITA rules changes (set system)
- * better handle the psychological side of the archery competition

This second part was rated as a total success.

The coaching course conducted before and after the training camp with the same expert was a continuing education project for the main archery coaches from New Zealand. Intensive days were dedicated to the refinement of the training methods and the collaboration archer-coach during the training practices and the tournaments. The partnership coach - Member Association was also deeply covered. This coaching course was also rated as a total success.

FITA is eager to see the recent progress achieved by the New Zealanders confirmed and expanded to the recurve division.

Coach KIM visited Estonia

Coach KIM Hyung Tak visited Estonia from 2-10 December. He worked with the national team and gave a 3-day seminar for coaches.

It is mandatory to attend coaches seminars to be a certified archery coach in Estonia. Coaches have to take general courses organised by the National Olympic Committee and leading university as well as specific archery seminars/courses. They also have to pass exams before getting certified.



The Estonian Archery Federation organised this seminar to give Estonian coaches the opportunity to get knowledge from one of the world's best lecturers. There were theory lessons as well as practical exercises. The seminar was mainly concentrated on archers form and basic skills, but coach KIM also shared his experience about physical exercises, equipment tuning and the overall role of a coach.

This seminar was attended by Estonian coaches as well as people from Austria and Switzerland. The feedback from participants was 100% positive. Most people said that coach Kim's lectures outclassed all their hopes. We hope to see the results of coach KIM's visit in the future.

Assistance between two Member Associations

Here is a solidarity example between FITA Member Associations. The Superior Sports Council of Spain cooperated with the Sports State Secretary of Paraguay, to the benefit of the Paraguayan Archery Federation. This federation benefitted from the expertise of Mr Jorge MATO on 16-21 December 2009. Jorge MATO is an archery coach as well as the President of the Galician Archery Federation.

In 2008, another Spanish expert went to Paraguay to teach twelve judges. This time there was a twofold goal:

- * Preparation of archery coaches
- * Technical improvement of the recurve archers towards the South American Games in Medellin (Colombia) on 19-30 March 2010 and the Open Archery Championships of Argentina.



Surrounded by the members of the national team, are standing up in 5th, 6th and 7th positions from the left: Rodrigo GONZALEZ, Technical Director of the Paraguayan Archery Federation, Jorge MATO, the expert, Susana KOVACS, President of the Paraguayan Archery Federation.

Said Susana KOVACS, President of the Paraguayan Archery Federation: "With that, the federation is meeting the objectives set to develop this sport. In 2008, twelve judges were trained and the first tournament held. From there several tournaments were organised; in 2009 the key one was the Closing Tournament. On 23-24 January 2010 another federal tournament was held".

FITA Middle East Archery Center

Coaching course level 1

The course lasted four weeks, from 19 November to 21 December 2009 at the FITA Middle East Archery Center (MEAC). It was attended by six participants, among whom five were sponsored with an Olympic Solidarity scholarship for Coaches.

Theory classes and practical demonstrations were given at the beginning of the course, while the last weeks were dedicated to practical sessions, allowing the participants to correct their weaknesses as coach and archer.

The participants learnt a lot from the Korean Coach Mr. MUN Baek Woon, with whom they developed friendly links over the 4 weeks of common work. At the end of the course the FITA Development and Education Director, Mr Pascal COLMAIRE, ran an evaluation with immediate feedback. He provided several teaching tips that were well appreciated by the participants.



From left to right: Chadin WANKUMLUE (THA) - Amadou SOUMALIA (NIG) - Pablo BASGALL (ARG) - Alotaibi MESHAL MUTLAQ E (KSA) - Otton Jose BAQUERIZO CARRERA (ECU) and Muhammad BARMAWI WIN SULAIMAN (MAS).

FITA and the participants thank the Olympic Solidarity for its funding and the Wadi Degla Sporting Club for the excellent learning environment provided.

Training camp for the Russian National Team

Following a training camp for its national youth team in November at the FITA MEAC, Russia held another training camp with the senior national team at the MEAC from 4-20 December 2009. Seven men (three of them shooting compound) and seven women (including two compound archers) as well as three coaches made this team.



Men: Andrey ALRAMOV - Alexey BORODIN - Anton KHLISHCHENKO - Aldar TSYDENOV - Denis SEGIN - Rem SHAKIROV

Women: Victoria BALZHANOVA - Tatyana BOROCHAI - Miroslava DAGLAEVA - Ekaterina KHARKHANOVA - Sanzhi OLODOEVA - Ksenia PEROVA - Inna STEPANOVA

Coaches: Evgeniy PETROV - Sergei TYGZENOV - Galina SHADRINA

Egyptian competitions

The Egyptian Archery Federation frequently organises tournaments at the Wadi Degla Sporting Club, home to the FITA Middle East Archery Center.

On 11 December the Egyptian Archery Federation selected the archers for the African Championships, to be held in the country on 7-11 March 2010. On 18-19 December a national competition was held at the MEAC.

The number of Egyptian recurve archers is growing a lot, particularly among the cadet and junior categories, and so is the number of compound archers. We can expect high performances in the future.

The FITA MEAC in South Africa

Baek Woon MUN, the Coach of the FITA Middle East Archery center (MEAC), went to South Africa to conduct a training camp and a coaching course.

The training camp was held at the High Performance Centre in Pretoria University from 7-15 January. Many sessions about shooting skills and equipment were conducted. They were attended by nine men and one woman.

The coaching seminar was held from 13 to 16 January. All participating coaches had a lot of experience. Basic steps and method for the beginners and intermediate archers were taught following the basic shooting sequence of stance, grip and hook, set-up and draw, release and follow through. The participants practiced this sequence a lot. They will apply and follow up this coaching standard in each province.

Calendar 2010

20 Feb.-14 March	FITA Coaches Course Level II	Cairo (EGY)
28 Feb.-13 March	Commonwealth & Mediterranean Training Camp	Ain Sokhna (EGY)
15-21 March	Olympic Solidarity Coaching Course for Coaches	Nepal
22 March – 4 April	FITA Training Camp Level I & II	Cairo (EGY)
12-25 April	FITA Coaches Course Level III	Cairo (EGY)
3-16 May	FITA Training Camp Level II and III	Cairo (EGY)
23 May-13 June	FITA Coaches Course Level II	Cairo (EGY)
20 June – 3 July	FITA Coaches Course Level III	Cairo (EGY)

Events

Events 2010 – Invitation Packages

We are pleased to inform our Member Associations that Invitation Packages for the following events have been published and are available on our website:

- Archery World Cup 2010 Stage 1 – Porec (CRO), 4-8 May 2010
- Archery World Cup 2010 Stage 2 – Antalya (TUR), 7-11 June 2010
- World Archery Field Championships – Visegrad (HUN), 13-18 July 2010
- Archery World Cup 2010 Stage 3 – Ogden (USA), 3-7 August 2010

Please note the respective deadlines for your registration with FORS to these events. The deadlines are as follows:

Porec

End of Preliminary registration: 3 February 2010
End of Final registration: 13 April 2010

Antalya

End of Preliminary registration: 9 March 2010
End of Final registration: 17 May 2010

Visegrad

End of Preliminary registration: 14 April 2010
End of Final registration: 22 June 2010

Ogden

End of Preliminary registration: 5 May 2010
End of Final registration: 13 July 2010



World Archery Event Organisers Seminar 2010

The World Archery Event Organisers Seminar 2010 will be held on 10-14 June 2010, in conjunction to the World Cup Event in Antalya, Turkey. This Seminar is aimed at anyone organising, interested in organising, collaborating on or learning about future events, as well as current and/or potential Technical Delegates.

The Seminar will be the occasion of getting first-hand information on events as there will be practical sessions during the World Cup, as well as classroom based activities. It will take place at the World of Wonders Hotel Resort, Kremlin Palace, the venue for the finals of the World Cup Stage 2.

Registrations are coming in and we remind you that participation is limited, so make sure you do not miss out this important Seminar that will enable you and your organisation to learn more or improve your skills to deliver better, high quality international archery events.

Full details and the registration form are available on our website www.worldarchery.org. Should you have any questions regarding this Seminar, please do not hesitate to contact Sandrine BLATTER at sblatter@archery.org, who will be happy to assist you.

2011 World Archery Championships & FITA Congress



FITA Congress 1-2 July 2011, World Archery Championships 3-10 July 2011 & World Archery Para Championships, 10-17 July 2011 – Torino (ITA)

The FITA Events Director visited the Organising Committee in early January. The dates have been confirmed for the Congress and both events, as you can see above. The World Archery Championships will take place in the Venaria Castle, and the finals will be featured on the Piazza Castello (photo). The Venaria Castle will be the venue for the World Archery Para Championships. Both events will be linked by the Closing Ceremony of the World Archery Championships, which will be the Opening Ceremony of the World Archery Para Championships. The Organising Committee has a strong support from the city, the region and the national authorities.

Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games Qualification Process

All the places acquired during the World Archery Youth Championships held in Ogden (USA) in July 2009 and during the Asian and Oceanian Continental Qualification Tournaments have been accepted and confirmed by the National Olympic Committees. We are awaiting news from the IOC for end of February regarding the non-used universality places, which would free the stand-by quota places gained at the World Archery Youth Championships. More on www.worldarchery.org under the Olympics menu.



IOC launches new Youth Olympic Games visual identity "YOG-DNA"



THE SPIRIT OF
THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

The International Olympic Committee celebrated the 200-day countdown to the first Youth Olympic Games by launching the visual identity of the Youth Games - "YOG-DNA".

The "YOG-DNA" label can be viewed on the YOG website, "the Cube" www.olympic.org/yog, and will be integrated into all YOG digital and social media concepts in both the build-up to Singapore 2010 and future YOG editions. A film has also been created which takes the viewer on a journey to understand what it means to have YOG-DNA (www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7c9UEL6p8Q).

Wietse VAN ALTEN appointed Athlete Role Model for the Youth Olympic Games



The Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee (SYOCOG) implemented the Athlete Role Models programme. The Athlete Role Models are Olympians selected by the International Federations whose role of sharing their life story and experience with young people will be crucial for the Youth Olympic Games Culture and Education Programme. The Athlete Role Models must exemplify the Olympic values – both on and off the field of play. The Athlete Role Model appointed by World Archery (FITA) is the 2000 Olympic bronze medallist Wietse VAN ALTEN from the Netherlands.

Born in 1978, VAN ALTEN discovered archery at age 7 and started his international career four years later. At 16, Wietse left his parents' home and moved to another part of his country to optimize his training in archery. VAN ALTEN placed 8th at his first major international competition, the 1999 World Archery Championships, earning a spot on the Dutch Olympic team. At the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, VAN ALTEN lost to Simon FAIRWEATHER (AUS) in the semifinals, but rebounded with the highest score of the tournament for a 12-arrow match by scoring 114 in the bronze medal match to defeat Magnus PETERSSON (SWE) and win the bronze medal. Wietse is now the Dutch national coach for recurve (Olympic discipline) archery and trainer in a full-time talent program in the Netherlands, where he trains young archers on their way to London 2012. Since 2007 VAN ALTEN is a member of the FITA Athletes' Committee.

Read more on Wietse and the Youth Olympic Games on www.worldarchery.org, menu Olympics.

Invitation to the 2nd Asian Grand Prix 2010

The National Archery Association of Thailand (NAAT) will organise the 2nd Asian Grand Prix 2010 in Bangkok on 14-20 March 2010. All the Asian Archery Federations & Member Associations are invited to participate in this competition, that will count for the world ranking 2010. Download the invitation form on our website under the menu FITA/News/Archives 2010.



International Tournament of the Western and Central Africa Zones

The second edition of the International Archery Tournament of the Western and Central Africa Zones (better known by its French name, the Tournoi International des Zones Ouest et Centre de l'Afrique, TIZOCATA) will be organised in Cotonou from 5-8 August 2010. Download the invitation form on our website, menu FITA/News/Archives 2010.



Invitation to the 2010 African Archery Championships

The Federation of African Archery is pleased to invite the African Archery Federations and Member Associations to the African Archery Championships, to be held in Ain Sokhna (EGY) from 7-11 March 2010. More info on our website www.worldarchery.org under the menu FITA/News/Archives 2009.

First Memorial Tournament in Honor of Dr Karol HIBNER

The Warsaw-Mazowsze Regional Archery Federation organised the 1st Memorial Tournament in honor of Dr Karol HIBNER, MD, PhD, chairman of the FITA Medical and Sports Sciences Committee, who passed away on 28 March 2009 at the age of 72. The tournament took place on 23-24 January 2010 in Teresin, near Warsaw (Poland).



From 1971 Dr HIBNER was a member of the FITA Medical Committee. He was President (1988-1992) and then Secretary General (1993-1997) of the Polish Archery Federation. He also organised the 1991 Archery World Championships in Krakow. He has been chairman of the Medical Committee since 1993. Dr HIBNER was FITA Medical Delegate at the Olympic Games in Atlanta (1996), Sydney (2000) and Athens (2004). He was awarded several distinctions for his contribution to the Polish Olympic Movement. In 1995, he was decorated by the President of the Polish Republic, Lech WALESIA, with a "Golden Cross of Merit" for his contribution to the development of diabetes treatment in Poland. The FITA Congress awarded him a Gold Plaque in 2003.

South East Asian Games

The 25th South-East Asian Games were held in Vientiane, Laos, from 8-18 December 2009. The archery event featured 109 recurve and compound archers from 9 countries: Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. The most successful country was Indonesia with 3 gold medals; Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines and Vietnam won one gold medal each.

During the opening ceremony, an archer from Laos wore a traditional dress and shot the traditional bow and arrow to light the Games Torch (photos).



European Tournament of Nimes

Over 1200 archers from 29 nations took part in the European Tournament of Nimes, held on 22-24 January. Several famous champions were present. France's Berengere SCHUH and Christelle GARITAT won in recurve and compound women, respectively. On the men's side the top spots went to Michele FRANGILLI (ITA) and Jesse BROADWATER (USA). More information and the results are available on the website of the organisers, www.arcclubdenimes.com.

The Tournament of Nimes, along with the Tournament of Las Vegas from 19-21 February, serves as qualifier for the Indoor World Archery Challenge. A provisional World Archery Challenge Ranking after the Nimes Tournament was published on our website under the menu FITA/News/Archives 2010.

1st Leg of the European Grand Prix Cancelled

The Hellenic Archery Federation announced their decision to cancel the organisation of the 1st leg of the European Grand Prix, which was scheduled from 20-25 April 2010 in Rhodes. The Greek General Secretariat of Sports didn't give the permission to undertake this event due to the financial crisis in the country.

Clean Sport

Communication of sanctions

- The athlete Ms Jenny PAPPAS (RSA) has been sanctioned by the South African Institute for Drug Free Sport (SAIDS) as follows: two years of ineligibility, as of 26 February 2009. This decision has led to the disqualification of the results of the Athlete in the competition where she was tested on 8 February 2009.
- The athlete Ms Michelle DUFOUR (FRA) has been sanctioned by the National Archery Federation of France (FFTA), as follows: two months of ineligibility, as of 5 October 2009. This decision has led to the disqualification of the results of the Athlete in the competition where she was tested, that took place in Val d'Isère (FRA) on 4 July 2009.
- The athlete Ms Guilaine PRADELLES (FRA) has been sanctioned by the National Archery Federation of France (FFTA), as follows: four months of ineligibility, as of 1 March 2010. This decision has led to the disqualification of the results of the Athlete in the competition where she was tested, that took place in Blanguefort (FRA) on 26 July 2009.

Para-Archery

FITA Para-Archery Committee Meets for the First Time

Following the decision of Congress in 2009 to include Para-Archery as a full part of the FITA family, a new committee was elected.

Shown here are committee members Rita VAN DRIEL (chairperson), Pauline BETTERIDGE, Carole HICKS and Marco CARPIGNANO in the front row and Hans-Peter WERLEN in the back row beside the FITA Secretary General Tom DIELEN. The FITA Events Director Juan Carlos HOLGADO was also at the first part of the meeting to discuss matters related to para tournaments.



The 2-day meeting held at the FITA office in Lausanne on 15/16 January covered a wide range of topics. Of major importance were the discussions around communications with Member Associations so they know what is happening in this area of Para Archery, which will be new to many of them. It was agreed there would be regular news from the Para Committee in each World Archery Newsletter, as well as special items highlighted on the FITA website as they arise.

One of the important issues discussed was the international shooting calendar for Para tournaments. There will be a total of 3 World Ranking Tournaments per continent per year. The process to be followed to gain World Ranking status for para tournaments is the same as that for general tournaments. The national archery association of the country must apply to its Continental Association, which approves or not and then sends the application to FITA regardless of its decision. FITA will then approve or not and the tournament will be listed on the FITA Calendar as a World Ranking Tournament or simply an international tournament. The Para-Archery International Tournament Calendar can be downloaded on our website. Please check the FITA Calendar highlights for updates.

There is a change to the way archers can qualify for the Paralympic 2012 in London. The new system includes a qualifying tournament. There will be more about qualifying for London in the next News from the Para Committee.

The contact details for the members of the Para Archery Committee are in the "Committees" directory of the FITA website, so please send any questions or comments to the Committee.

FITA Judges

FITA Judging is moving onwards

The recent invitation to MAs to suggest new candidates for the Youth Judges education programme has been well received. FITA now has a group of 37 new, young candidates for this type of accreditation, from 18 countries around the world. The candidates will shortly be required to reply to a written test on rules and judging, and approx. 15 of them will be invited to attend an international seminar in Shanghai in the beginning of September (World Cup), based on the outcome of the test, geography and gender balance.

Furthermore the FJC will conduct another Judge Conference in cooperation with the Croatian Archery Federation on 9-10 May following the World Cup event. This conference is the last one in the present accreditation period for international judges, and participation is a must for those who have not attended any of the two previous conferences, in order to be re-accredited.

The Asian Archery Federation is planning an international seminar in April (during the Easter period) in order to accredit new international judge candidates. This international seminar is open to continental judges from all over the world.

FITA Rules

Clarification on new age groups and Youth Olympic Games

The FITA Congress decided in September that as of 1 January 2010 the following changes are in place which are valid for all competitions shot under FITA Rules:

4.2.3 An athlete may participate in a Cadet Class in tournaments when the competition takes place up to and in the year of his 17th birthday.

For 2010 this means anyone born on 1 January 1993 or later.

4.2.4 An athlete may participate in a Junior Class in tournaments when the competition takes place up to and in the year of his 20th birthday.

For 2010 this means anyone born on 1 January 1990 up until 31 December 1992 (or later if a Cadet wishes to compete as Junior).

This is also valid for all world records as of 1 January 2010. This means the current world records can now be broken by older athletes (for example, 17-year-old cadets will be able to break the old cadet records that were set under the previous age-group restriction of 16 years).

For the Youth Olympic Games, the only athletes eligible for the Singapore Youth Olympic Games 2010 are the athletes born between 1 January 1992 and 31 December 1993. These are also the only athletes eligible to compete in the remaining Continental Qualifiers in Africa, USA and Europe. For 2010 these qualification tournaments will be shot on a 70m Round (or the equivalent FITA Round) followed by an Olympic Round at 70m.

For the next edition of the Youth Olympic Games, FITA will discuss the age group with the IOC based on the evaluation of Singapore.

Bylaws

The following bylaws have been approved and will be effective as of 1 April 2010. They can be found on our website under the menu FITA/Rules/Bylaws:

Book 1, Appendix 2, Articles 2.2.1 (new) and 2.2.2

Book 1, Appendix 5, Article 5.5.1.1 (bullets 6 and 8)

Book 1, Appendix 8 - New

Book 1, Appendix 5, Article 4.4.3

Book 1, Appendix 5, Article 5.9 (new)

Book 1, Article 1.5.7.2

Book 1, Articles 1.9.3.1, 1.10 (deletion), and 1.10.1.1 (former 1.11.1.1)

Book 1, Article 1.11.3.1

Book 1, Article 1.17.9.1

Book 1, Article 1.22.3.2

Book 1, Articles 3.17.1.3 and 3.17.1.4

Book 1, Chapter 5, Article 5.3.1.4 (New)

Book 1, Article 1.1 - Addendum

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Book 1, Article 1.5.7.2 – bullet 3

Book 1, Article 3.4.2.6

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Book 2, Articles 7.6.6.1, 7.6.6.2 and 7.6.6.3 (new)

Book 3, Article 8.5.3

Book 3, Article 8.5.4.1

Book 4, Appendix 1 (chart update)

Book 4, Appendix 1, Article 9.2.1.3

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Book 4, Article 9.6.1.1

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Book 5, article 11.10

Book 5, Article 11.10.3.4.1

Book 3, Articles 8.6.4.1 and 8.6.4.2

Interpretation

Book 2 (3 and 4), article 7.3.1.7.1

The Norwegian Archery Federation has requested an interpretation on the maximum diameter allowed of an arrow shaft that is dressed completely with "wraps".

The Constitution and Rules Committee finds the question presented to be within terms of reference of the Technical Committee.

The Constitution and Rules Committee has determined that the following interpretation of the Technical Committee is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

Response from the Technical Committee:

It is the majority opinion of the Technical Committee that an arrow shafts maximum allowable diameter is 9.3 mm as noted in Book 2, article 7.3.1.7.1 and subsequent references in Book 3, Book 4, etc. If arrow wraps are used for the purpose of identification, visibility in targets, better fletch adhesion or for other reasons, the diameter of the shaft including the wrap must be 9.3 mm or less.

Additional Information: Further to our investigation of the issue, single layer, commercially available arrow wraps would preclude the use of only two arrow sizes/diameters (in the maximum allowable range of a 23 size shaft) that would otherwise be legal if no arrow wrap was applied. Those two arrow sizes are 2315 and 2312.

FITA Technical Committee, 5 January 2010

Approved by the FITA C&R Committee, 14 January 2010

Member Associations

Sierra Leone applies to the FITA membership

This country has submitted a membership application file conformed to our Rule 1.4.2. Based on Rule 1.4.3, the current FITA Member Associations and Council Members have 60 days to raise in writing to the FITA Office any objection to this request of membership. Without any serious objection within these 60 days (31 March, 2010), a temporary FITA membership will be granted to the **Sierra Leone Archery Association**. At the next FITA Congress in 2011, the final membership of this National Archery Association will be submitted to a vote.

Re-Affiliation of Senegal and Central Africa

Senegal and Central Africa have submitted a re-affiliation application to FITA. These two countries have shown a real interest in developing archery and recently participated at the International Archery Tournament in West Africa in 2009. Since none of the FITA Executive and Council Members, have raised in writing to the FITA office any objection, the **Comité National de Promotion du Tir à l'Arc Sénégal** and the **Fédération Centre Africaine de Tir à l'Arc** are temporary members of FITA as of 31 January 2010. During the next FITA Congress (2011) the final memberships of these National Archery Associations will be submitted to a vote.

Membership of New Countries: Mauritania and Eritrea

The November 2009 issue of FITA info informed you that Mauritania and Eritrea applied for FITA Membership. Since none of the FITA Member Associations and members of the FITA Council, has raised in writing to the FITA office any objection, the **Fédération Mauritanienne de Tir à l'Arc** and **Eritrean Archery Federation** have been granted a temporary FITA membership as of 31 January 2010. During the next FITA Congress (2011) the final memberships of these National Archery Associations will be submitted to a vote.

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Calendar Highlights

2010

2 January	YOG CQT Oceania	Hamilton (NZL)
3-4 January	Oceania Youth Championships	Hamilton (NZL)
22-24 January	European Indoor Tournament	Nîmes (FRA)
5 -12 February	1st Asian Grand Prix	Kuala Lumpur (MAS)
19-21 February	NFAA World Archery Festival (World Indoor Challenge on 20 Feb.)	Las Vegas (USA)
7-11 March	African Championships	Cairo (EGY)
7-14 March	Test Event Commonwealth Games	Delhi (IND)
14-20 March	2nd Asian Grand Prix	Bangkok (THA)
16-21 March	World Archery European Indoor Championships	Porec (CRO)
15-18 April	YOG CQT Americas (COPARCO)	Salinas (PUR)
24-27 April	YOG CQT Africa	Pretoria (RSA)
4-8 May	Archery World Cup Stage 1	Porec (CRO)
18-23 May	European Junior Cup & YOG CQT Europe	Reggio Calabria (ITA)
24-30 May	European Archery Championships	Rovereto (ITA)
7-11 June	Archery World Cup Stage 2	Antalya (TUR)
22-27 June	European Grand Prix (2nd leg)	Echmiadzin (ARM)
13-17 July	European Junior Championships	Winnenden (GER)
13-18 July	World Archery Field Championships	Budapest (HUN)
17 July-1 August	Central American and Caribbean Sports Games (archery: 24-30 July)	Mayaguez (PUR)
20-25 July	European Grand Prix (final leg)	Moscow (RUS)
3-7 August	Archery World Cup Stage 3	Ogden (USA)
5-8 August	International Tournament of the Western and Central Africa Zones (TIZOCATA)	Cotonou (BEN)
14-26 August	Youth Olympic Games (archery: 18-21 August)	Singapore (SIN)
31 Aug.-4 Sep.	Archery World Cup Stage 4	Shanghai (CHN)
18-19 September	Archery World Cup Final	Edinburgh (GBR)
23-26 September	World Archery University Championships	Shenzhen (CHN)
3-14 October	Commonwealth Games (Archery: 4-10 October)	Delhi (IND)
4-10 October	European 3D Championships	Alghero-Sassari (ITA)
18-25 October	Pan American Championships	Guadalajara (MEX)
12-27 November	Asian Games	Guangzhou (CHN)

2011

12-17 April	European Grand Prix (1st leg)	Antalya (TUR)
2-7 May	Archery World Cup Stage 1	Porec (CRO)
24-29 May	European Grand Prix (2nd leg)	Toulouse (FRA)
6-11 June	Archery World Cup Stage 2	Antalya (TUR)
1-2 July	FITA Congress	Torino (ITA)
3-10 July	World Archery Championships	Torino (ITA)
10-17 July	World Para Archery Championships	Torino (ITA)
1-6 August	Archery World Cup Stage 3	Ogden (USA)
12-23 August	Summer Universiade (archery included)	Shenzhen (CHN)
22-27 August	World Archery Youth Championships	Legnica (POL)
5-10 September	Archery World Cup Stage 4	Shanghai (CHN)
12-18 September	European Field Championships	Florence (ITA)
24-25 September	Archery World Cup Final	Istanbul (TUR)
3-10 October	Test Event	London (GBR)
14-30 October	Pan-American Games (archery: 18-25 October)	Guadalajara (MEX)

Bold = World Ranking Tournaments

YOG = Youth Olympic Games

CQT = Continental Qualification Tournament

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