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- Introduction by Chairman Luca Stucchi

As you know, at the WAE congress last June the new WAE JC was elected, of which I have the honour of being the Chairman.

For me it is certainly a challenging and stimulating new project, I hope to be able to consolidate the excellent work done by the previous commissions and, thanks to the help of friends in the commission with their experience and their enthusiasm, to be able to make an improvement contribution.

Considering the complicated period we are experiencing, certainly the commission's activities will not be the same as the previous commissions: for the next few months, the use of telematics tools for contacts will prevail not expecting face-to-face meetings in 2021. The main goal is being able to organize a seminar for 2022, an essential and important event to be able to strengthen a staff that is beginning to be scarce. We also want to be able to organize a congress for 2023, trying to repeat the success of the last one held in Rome in the now distant 2018.

Now the first milestone will be the appointments for the 2022 season. We sent the applications to you a couple of days ago. This year not only in the usual format, Katy created a link on the internet, which you can use to send your availability. We hope this experiment will facilitate communication and increase efficiency. Link: <https://forms.gle/v8Qcb7K2qPxBJsJd6>

Finally, I want to thank, both personally and on behalf of the commission, Klaus with whom I have worked very well in the past years, always finding sharing in the objectives, works and priorities. Always available and tireless and in any case never intrusive or inappropriate. Thanks again for the work done and for the unforgettable convivial moments

I asked the members of the commission to make a short presentation to allow everyone to get to know us.

- Presentation of WAE JC' members

I am **Luca Stucchi**, Italian and international judge for many years. I am currently a WAE judge and have served as a member of the previous WAE committee. Over the years, I have been lucky enough to collaborate with numerous colleagues but I hope in the future to be able to meet you all, old and new friends.

Hi, I'm **Katy Lipscomb**

I am very pleased and honoured to have joined the WAE Judge Committee, I am looking forward to working with the Committee and carrying on the good work done by previous members.

A little bit about myself. I have been a Judge in the UK for over 25 years.

I qualified as a Continental Judge in Rome in 2007, then as an International Judge Candidate in Wiesbaden in 2009, becoming a full International Judge in 2011. I have been lucky to work at many events over the years.

Within the UK I am a very active Judge, I am currently the Judge Liaison Officer for the Southern Counties Region (which means I look after the Judges in the Region) and I am on the National Judges Working Group and am involved in e-learning, communications and reviewing the Judging scheme in the UK.

When I am not judging I like to relax either at home in my garden or on holiday!
I look forward to meeting you all somewhere soon!

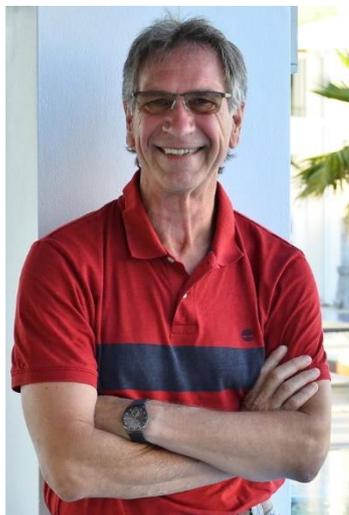
Dear friends and colleagues, Luca asked me to make an introduction of myself.

I doubt many of you do not know me yet. 😊

Since this is definitely my last period as member of the WAE JC, I would like to take the opportunity to say a few words.

Great thanks to all of you for being so cooperative during the time I was member of the committee. Most of you set his/her first steps on international judging level participating in a seminar I was lecturing since 2006.

It gives me an enormous pleasure to see at which level WAE judges are serving these days. Is this my contribution? A little bit maybe but mainly because you all seeing the need archers deserving good, fair judges running the events.



I will give my best during this last year to support Luca and Katy in their mission and of course, any of you who will contact me.

I will look back with pleasure at this period, serving you was a privilege and for sure enriched my life.

Thank you all for letting me part of your life and I hope you share the same good memories as I do. Take care and hoping seeing each one of you on a field someday.

Still at your service,

Jean

- “Tips and Tricks”

This is a new topic in which the committee members will give you tips and tricks hoping will help you with your task during an event.

The first topic we would like to address “When and how to handle bad weather situations”

Whilst we all hope that competitions take place in beautiful sunshine and with no wind that is not always the case. Sometimes the weather is so bad you need to stop shooting. Luckily, there are some very good Apps available now which help you know when bad weather may happen so you can hopefully plan ahead. Whilst the decision on pausing shooting is with Chairman, the Chairman should consult with the Technical Delegate, Organising Team, other Judges, and people from the area when possible.

- Thunder and Lightning – when thunder and lightning is near you should always stop shooting immediately as it is dangerous to continue. Liaise with the DOS as often the decision must be taken during an end. Then work with the Organiser to ensure everyone is safe, particularly at Field and 3D events.
- Fog – you need to be able to see all of the safety overshoot area, if you cannot see it due to fog then you need to wait until you can. It is worth speaking to someone from the area as they may be able to advise how long it will take for the fog to go.
- Wind – if the wind is too strong or gusty then you may need to stop. This can be hard to decide and is worth talking to other judges. If the wind is so strong that there is a risk an archer will fall over whilst at full draw, then shooting needs to stop. It is worth watching archers of different sizes and different bow styles, watch to see how much their arms are moving and if they are having to move their feet whilst at full draw. If buttresses are being blown over then you must stop shooting.
- Rain – normally rain is just a problem as it is hard to mark the faces and arrows are more likely to pass through the buttress, but sometimes you need to stop shooting. If the rain means you cannot see all of the safety overshoot area you need to stop. Also if the rain is so hard the target faces will not stay on then you need to stop.

When you stop shooting make sure the teams are kept informed about what is happening and if possible, let them know when you hope to restart, the Apps can be useful here, if they show the storm will have gone in 30 minutes you can let the Teams know.

You do have the option to extend the time limit in exceptional circumstances (Article 10.2.5 and 13.4.8). For example you may consider this when it is windy but not dangerous. The change should be made between ends and must be announced to all before it happens. The 30 second yellow warning should remain at 30 seconds. But this should only be done in exceedingly rare circumstances.

When you are happy you are able restart then liaise with the Organising Team and Technical Delegate. It is worth rechecking the field to make sure all the buttresses are secure and the faces are okay to use, also check any electrics to make sure they are working and run a test of the timing system. Give the Teams advance warning of when you are about to restart so they can prepare/warm up (at least 5 minutes). Do a check against the target list to make sure that everyone is there.

If you are lucky then you were able to stop shooting between ends, but if not then remember that archers get 40 seconds an arrow. So if an archer has 6 arrows left then they get 4 minutes, but if they have 3 arrows left they get 2 minutes. The clock should be set to the longest time, all the archers go to the line and then start shooting when the clock reaches their start time. For example if some archers have 6 arrows left and others have 5, 4 or 3 arrows the clock would be set to 4 minutes (240 seconds). All the archers go to the line and when the clocks start the archers with 6 arrows left can

start shooting The archer with 5 arrows left start shooting when the clock reach 200 seconds, when the clock reach 160 seconds the archers with 4 arrows left can start and so on. This need to be explained carefully to the Teams.

Field and 3D events have extra things to consider such as the safety of the archers as they walk around – if it is very wet or muddy and they need to walk up or down a steep bank / slope it may not be safe. This must be decided for each target with consultation with the TD and Organisers.

Every situation is different so there are no hard rules on when to stop due to weather. The most important thing is the safety of the archers and that the competition is run safely.

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1. At a National Competition, In the last end of a compound women semi-final match Archer A calls the designated judge to make a call on one of her arrows. The judge (who happens to be from the archer's own city) calls it a ten, causing the match to come to a tie at 145 points. Archer B complains against the call claiming the arrow is a nine, and she asks the chairman of judges to call another judge who is not from Archer A's city. Most judges on the field were from the same city. Only one is from another city. This judge from out-of-town is called by the CoJ to make a call on the arrow in question. This second judge calls the arrow a 9, causing archer B to win the match. Both archers sign the scorecard.

When the archers returned to the waiting area, archer A explains what had happened to her team manager, and the latter immediately approached the CoJ indicating that she will appeal against the procedure used allowing a second judge to make a decision.

An appeal is lodged with Jury. The Jury interviewed everyone involved and decided that based on WA rules the decision made by the first judge should stand, as WA rules indicate that the decision made a judge on the value of an arrow in the target is final.

The Jury informed the two team managers involved of their decision, and that a shoot-off would be conducted. Archer B's team manager argued that the scorecards had been signed and that according to the rules the result could not be revoked. The Chairman of Jury explained that the scorecards had been signed agreeing to a rule violation that it is the Jury's responsibility not to allow a violation of the rules.

Do you agree with the Jury's decision?

2. In a recurve semi-final match, a tie break was required. The measurement of the distance was carried out but not in an appropriate manner, and the wrong country awarded the win. An appeal was lodged by the losing country against the result of the match.

As a Jury member, what is your view of this appeal?

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