

WAE Judge Committee Report – Congress 2026, Antalya

I would like to start with some thank yous. Thank you to President Mario Scarzella, Secretary General Alessandra Colasante and all of the WAE Executive Board for their help and support. Thank you to my fellow Committee Members Klaus Lykkebaek and Christophe Pezet, none of us could do this alone. My special thanks go to Klaus who is stepping down from the Committee this year, Klaus has been a member of the Committee for many years during which he has made a large contribution to judging in WAE. Thank you to my predecessor Luca Stucchi, it is an honour to be Chair of this committee and to follow on his good work. And finally, thank you to all the WAE Judges, they give up their time and energy willingly to make our events a success.

I must pay tribute to those Judges who have retired from judging from WAE since the last Congress –Bjarne Strandby, Aurel Robu, Slobodan Matic, Xiuzhi Zhang and Graham Potts who retired due to the age limit; and Vickie Duncan and Soren Sonnichessen who retired for personal reasons.

Their many years of hard work and dedication are hugely appreciated.

The Committee has continued with its annual tasks of appointing Judge Commissions for the necessary WAE events. Appointments are made to try and maintain a gender balance across the commissions and roles as well as managing country balance and experience balance. The Committee started appointing named Deputies in 2025 to help with the development of our Judges. The Committee has introduced standardised reports for the Events to identify issues and help at future events. We have also introduced standardised reports for all Judges to help with training and development.

The Committee has started work on an E-Learning System, with the support of WA and WAE. We hope that the system will not only help WAE Judges but National Judges with their knowledge and training. The Committee is working with a variety of people and countries to develop this. The platform has also recently been used to provide training for para-archery coaches.

The Committee continues to work closely with the WA Judge Committee to ensure a good flow of information and ideas. For example, we have been able to use some of the tools on the WAREOS system to maintain Judge records, which will be very helpful in future appointments to events.

A great many WAE Judges were involved in Paris 2024 Olympics and Paralympics, either as WA appointed Judges or as National Judges. They formed a part of the team that made the events a great success.

In March 2025 the WAE Judge Committee and WA Judge Committee worked together to hold a Seminar for new Continental Judges and to upgrade Continental Judges to International Judge Candidate which was kindly hosted in Sallanches, France. The Seminar was very well attended by 20 Continental Candidates from 11 countries and 38 IJC Candidates from 26 countries, including 20 from World Archery Europe. The Seminar was conducted by members of both Judge Committees. Whilst it was a long few days it was very enjoyable to meet so many people and discuss all aspects of judging. World Archery Europe are pleased to welcome 13 new Continental Judges and 9 new upgrades to WA International Judge Candidates.

Looking forward to the Committees plans for the next few years. We will continue to work on the E-learning platform and look to make it available as soon as possible.

Towards the end of the summer we will be starting the 4 yearly reaccreditation process for all Continental level Judges, WA will be conducting the reaccreditation for WA level Judges. The main part of the process is an open-book exam. The Committee is confident that all our Judges will do well.

On the 31st October – 1 November the Committee will be running a Conference in Legnica, Poland. This will be an excellent opportunity for our Judges to get together to discuss issues and provide training. We look forward to seeing many of our Judges there.

Currently in WAE there are 102 Judges

25 – IJ

16 – IJC

52 – Continental

9 – WA Youth Judges

58 – Male

44 – Female

28 – different countries

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