



Report of the WAE Judge committee
WAE congress, 2024

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Mr. President,
Dear WAE board members,
Dear Representatives,

First of all, I would like to thank President Mario Scarzella, the secretariat in the person of Alessandra Colasante and the WAE JC committee in the persons of Katy Lipscomb and Klaus Likkebaeck for their understanding and cooperation during the last 2 years of activity in which, due to a family problem, I had to prioritise which prevented me from carrying out my tasks in the time and manner I deemed appropriate. Thank you for a job well done. My special thanks to Jean Martens who worked with the committee in an advisory and assisting capacity during the height of my problem.

I would also like to thank the following judges who, due to age limits, have ended their judging experience, for their professional work and passion: Jean Martens, Rolf Volungholen, Klaus Lykkebaek and Susan Richards

Also to the following Judges who have retired for other reason since the last Congress: Marc Gys, Irati Zurbano, Anja Meyer, Dimitros Avgernakis, Christoph Schillinger, Daniel Koss, Tonis Veltbach, Agate Zalite, Nataliya Rodionova and Nina Vugrinec.

Thank you for everything!

With regard to the organisational tasks pertaining to the commission, the necessary commissions were appointed to cover all continental competitions organised by the WAE and those for which the WAE Judges' Commission was involved. Efforts were made to maintain a gender balance, both for the commission and for the chairman, despite the difficulties in some competitions due to the, at times, non-availability of judges.

In cooperation with Mr Dominique Olhmann, information was passed on to the judges group on the discipline of Run Archery, a competition that is also experiencing growth and appreciation from a regulatory perspective in the WAE group of judges.

At the end of 2022, the committee managed the re-accreditation process by submitting the questionnaire that had been proposed by WA to the continental WAE judges. The result was quite satisfactory: 41 judges passed the test confirming the good level of knowledge of European judges.

Also as part of the collaboration between WAE committees, the distribution process for the new uniforms began at the beginning of 2023, and the committee, in the person of Katy Lipscomb, whom I personally thank for her work, worked with the secretariat to inform, to gather the necessary information on sizes and any subjective issues. Initial feedback from the Judges is they like the new uniform very much.

I would like to emphasise that the committee carried out its activities in accordance with the guidelines expressed by the WAJC, with which it has created a close collaboration. The result of this synergy was numerous web conferences on various topics to which all WAE judges were also invited. With this aim in mind, the WAJC recently expressed the wish that, for World Cup

competitions held on the continent, international and continental judges should be part of the commission of national judges, in addition to those assigned by the WAJC, a request that we absolutely agree with and



support. The Committee stands available to assist the Organising Committee of any World Cup who needs assistance in finding suitable Judges.

During the last two years, from the second half of 2022 to the present, the judges' committee, in addition to its tasks related to the management of events from a judging perspective, has carried out considerable activity in the field of training and information.

In the autumn of 2022, a judges seminar was held in which national judges participated and 13 were deemed suitable, bringing the total number of operational WAE judges to 96 today. Thank you to Christophe Pezet and his team in Sallanches for their assistance in organising the event and their hospitality.

In October 2023, a WA youth judges seminar was held in Sallanches under the auspices of the WAJC, attended by 24 judges, including 13 Europeans. Katy Lipscomb participated in the seminar as a lecturer. Her involvement not only strengthened the climate of cooperation between WAE and WA JC, but also allowed WAE JC to get to know the European candidates who are now also part of the continental judging staff.

In November 2023, the judges' congress was held in Wiesbaden. 31 judges attended and two sit-ins from Germany were also present. We covered numerous topics ranging from regulatory novelties to the description of complex and less common events such as Para archery. Also invited to speak were members of the WA JC who described the path to the next Olympic Games in Paris. Given the very positive feedback, I hope that the experience can be repeated in the future. The only recommendation is to give judges more than 2 months' notice, which was adopted for this edition, to facilitate greater participation. Thank you to the DSB in Germany for their assistance in organising the event.

With regard to the future, although my presence is not confirmed, I would like to inform you that there have been discussions within the current committee regarding the organisation of a continental judges' seminar that could hopefully take place in 2024. The current committee is already in agreement with the WAJC to organise such a seminar in conjunction with a WA and WAJC Judge seminar with a view to effective cooperation between the two committees.

Currently in WAE there are 96 Judges

27 – IJ

10 – IJC

53 – Continental

6 – WA Youth Judges

56 – Male

40 – Female

29 – different countries

On behalf of the WAE JC,
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Chair