

National Secretary: Carole A Hicks, MNZM
 81 Pikarere Street, Titahi Bay
 Porirua 5022
 Aotearoa/New Zealand
 Tel: +64 4 236 6699
 Email: secretary@archerynz.co.nz



JUDGES' COMMISSION REPORT Archery New Zealand Annual General Meeting 2013

The 2011-12 year saw a change in the chairperson of the Judges' Commission, with Les Jones stepping down after filling in as the acting Convenor until the AGM in January, and Anne Mitchell coming in as the new Convenor. Les did an excellent job while in the position and has been only too happy to be available for further advice throughout the year.

Ann Powley has continued to do a stellar job as the Administrator. Ann retired from active judging after the 2012 Nationals but has continued in her position as Administrator for the Commission, having a very busy year with registering all our domestic tournaments for the clubs.

Throughout the year there has been an increase in numbers with one judge returning and two new candidates being accepted for training, but despite this total number of Judges are down on previous years due to a number of resignations. Unfortunately the Commission still doesn't have an International Judge and the numbers of Continental and National Judges are still below the recommended number in the Strategic Plan.

In September the Commission undertook to completely revise the ArcheryNZ Constitution and Rules. Although the Constitution, Administrative and Tournament Rules were updated and approved at the 2012 AGM, the Shooting Rules had not been updated for quite some time. It had been discovered that the version on the website was incorrect so consequently was removed so that these could be corrected. The suggested changes to all Rules are being brought to the 2013 AGM for discussion and approval.

With the rebranding of ArcheryNZ it was agreed by the Board that the Judges' Commission would supply new shirts and jackets to all of our current Judges. The uniforms have been phased in throughout the year with them being worn for the first time at the Trans Tasman Test in Rotorua in April. Unfortunately there has been a delay in ordering the balance of these and it is hoped that all of our Judges will be wearing their new uniforms at the Nationals in Whitianga.

As Les mentioned in his report to the last AGM, uniforms that archers are wearing at major tournaments still raise concerns for the Commission. The rules now include a district uniform, so archers now have a choice of their club, district/squad, current NZ representative uniform or whites. Our current ANZ Rules do not include sponsored tops on the line. The Commission is endeavouring to get photos from all of the Clubs of their registered uniforms to put on the website to help identify what these are.

A major concern over the past year has been the performance of the ANZ lights. At a number of tournaments these have created problems with the sound and display not being fully synchronised at times. This tends to happen when the line is longer than normal with only one set being used. Interference by cell towers at the finals venue at the 2012 Nationals in Masterton meant that the lights couldn't be used at all and the Judges had to control the matches by whistle. At the Trans Tasman the North Island set of lights had issues with battery charge.

The Damage butts are in the process of having new wooden frames made up. When shooting the multiple target face setup with the original frames it was found that either arrows were hitting the wood or the Kevlar back-stops were not sufficient to stop the arrows, in particular for the compound archers.

At domestic tournaments the coverage of Judges has been excellent but it is still a struggle to have enough to cover at the Nationals each year, especially if the line is split like it was in 2012. Perhaps the time has come to invite some of our Oceania Judges to attend and to assist our National Judges.

Operational Plan of the Judges' Commission for 2011-12 together with outcomes is below.

Objective-Strategic Goal	Actions	Goal
COMMISSION FRAMEWORK – structure and recruitment of new Judges into the Commission	Maintain a national register of a minimum of 20 Judges and Judge Candidates, of which at least 1 will be a World Archery approved	International Judges – Nil Continental Judges – 2 National Judges including Judge Candidates



	International Judge or International Judge Candidate and 2 will be World Archery approved Continental Judges.	15
	Provide a minimum of 1 National Judge per 8 target butts at all major tournaments.	Achieved
	Recruit potential judges from existing archers, club officials and interested parents.	Achieved and ongoing
	Enhancing the reputation of judges by having New Zealand judges judge overseas.	Not achieved
	Achieving a minimum of 80% satisfaction rating from a voluntary survey of archers and tournament officials.	To be carried out
JUDGES DEVELOPMENT - assist current judges remain up to date in all rules and to train and examine prospective judges	Maintain regular newsletters to judges advising of World Archery determinations, rule changes and problems encountered.	Partially achieved
	Maintain the assessment of judges' practical skills through peer assessment at tournaments.	Achieved and Ongoing
	Train judge candidates through mentoring, competency evidencing by the use of a Judge Candidate logbook and assessment of theoretical and practical skills.	Achieved and Ongoing
	Maintain the assessment of judges' theoretical knowledge through regular assessments.	Partially achieved 1 assessment completed
	Continue judge revalidation based on the results of the theoretical and practical assessments, and on attendance at a Judges' seminar held every alternate year.	Ongoing. Due 2013
	Up skill judges and judge candidates through seminars.	Every alternate year - Ongoing
MAINTAINING STANDARDS - ensure a consistent acceptable image of judges	Ensure all judges and judge candidates are uniformly attired. That the clothing reflects both the rebranding of Archery NZ and the NZ climatic conditions.	All Judges to be wearing rebranded uniform by early 2013
	Ensure all judges and judge candidates are provided with the knowledge to perform their duties appropriately through Judge newsletters or email information.	Achieved
	Ensure all judges and judge candidates have acceptable interpersonal skills with archers and tournament organisers as evidenced by achievement of a minimum of 80% in annual satisfaction surveys.	Not carried out
	Publishing in each edition of The Archer information to assist archers and officials to understand the rules of archery both Archery NZ and World Archery.	Achieved
	Provide assignments to Judges and Judge Candidates quarterly and conduct a seminar for Judges and Judge Candidates every alternate year.	Partially achieved with 1 assignment Seminar 2013
	Revalidate Judges every alternate year with revalidation dependent on attending 1 seminar every 3 years and demonstrating competency through the written assignments.	Review of Judges 2013
	Provide at least one seminar for directors of shooting to ensure an understanding of procedures and a consistency of standards.	Not achieved
	Ensure through publication that archers representing New Zealand are cognizant with the current World Archery rules that will affect them.	Not achieved
MONITORING ROLE – provide an impartial view on constitutional matters	Maintain a watching brief over Archery NZ Constitution and Rules.	Achieved
	Alert the Board to potential rule change needs or rule clarification(s).	Achieved
	Alert the Board to World Archery	Partially achieved

	determinations and rule changes.	
	Assist with the writing of rules and the rewriting of the Archery NZ Constitution and Rules at the request of Archery NZ.	Achieved
COMMUNICATION	Provide to the Board of Archery NZ an annual budget to maintain the Commission's ability to operate effectively.	Achieved
	Provide to the Board of Archery NZ a report on the effectiveness of the Commission in the previous year.	Reports to each Board meeting throughout the year
	Communicate with Commission members to ensure Commission is in line with the Archery NZ strategic plan.	Ongoing

Anne Mitchell
Judges' Convenor