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To; All USA Archery Judges

From; Tom Green, Chair Officials & Rules Committee

It is that time of year again to submit your requests for tournaments next year and to send in the personal update forms. There is also a new case study included, double points for this one. I am in the process of updating the Judge's page on the USA Archery website and hopefully it will be done soon. When finished it will contain all of the necessary forms, case studies, answers to case studies and a current list of active Judges.

I want to thank all of you that worked and volunteered your time to judge this past year at USA Archery events but also those that worked at your State and local events. We were able to staff all of the tournaments with the exception of Field with no problem this past year. So next year, please sign up for Field, it is a great experience.

I keep hearing of a number of items coming up again and again with Judges' performances. The most common is the execution of rule 7.7.4.1, after an athlete has shot his or her arrows, he or she will immediately retire behind the waiting line. This rule is in the book to insure that no one delays the tournament by standing on the shooting line when everyone else has finished shooting. This seems to be called "spotting your last arrow rule". As Judges we do not care if someone spots their last arrow as long as they are not the last shooter on the line. So I do not want to hear complaints about Judges approaching archers about this anymore.

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At an indoor event an archer has a bounce out. She stops shooting and approaches the Judge to tell him, he asks how many arrows she has left to shoot. She answers saying she has shot two, he says to go to the shooting line and shoot two arrows. At the finish of the end the Judge goes to the target to find out she has shot four arrows.

top face-9

middle face-8

bottom face-10

also with an arrow laying on the floor in front of the target

None of the archers on the target had marked the arrow holes, the lowest unmarked holes were

top face-7

middle face-8

bottom face-7

As the Judge on the target what would you do?

