

# Traditional Archers International Referee Manual

This document serves as a training document and reference manual for all referees and prospective referees of T.A.I.

This manual is updated regularly.  
It is recommended that all certified referees attend follow-up or refresher training on a regular basis.

## Referee's Handbook

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### A few words and remarks in advance

Referees are held in high regard within T.A.I. They have a duty to apply the shooting rules fairly, equally and impartially to participating archers, and a responsibility to lend a helping hand wherever necessary. Referees should be available to provide advice and support to participating archers.

Referees T.A.I. adhere to the values of T.A.I. These are:

- Respect
- Appreciation
- Willingness to help
- Fair Play
- The transmission of knowledge
- Willingness to share
- Networking.

Coaches as well as referees are the multipliers of the T.A.I.

Alongside the coaches, the referees are one of those who know traditional and historical archery and this knowledge can pass on. Good judgment is also part of the job.

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### **This manual is divided into 5 sections**

1. Brief explanation of the referee training blocks
2. Knowledge of the T.A.I. bow styles
3. Misconduct and rule violations
4. Categories and levels of issued warnings.
5. Disciplinary action up to and including disqualification

### **1. Referee Training modules**

Referee training consists of 5 modules:

- A. Theory — Knowledge of bow styles and and application to bow control.
- B. Theory — Knowledge of misconduct and rule violations during the competition and the training area on the show grounds.
- C. Theory — Knowledge of the powers of a referee such as warning or disqualification.
- D. Theory — Know when to give a penalty, be sent off, or disqualify
- E. Practice — Practical application (during a tournament under the supervision of a referee or walking a course with re-enacted situations)

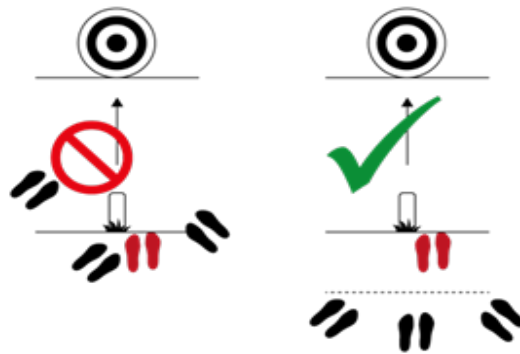
### **2. Knowledge of the bow styles**

See sporting rules of the T.A.I. - Bow Styles -.

### 3. Misconduct and rule violations

#### Misconducts are:

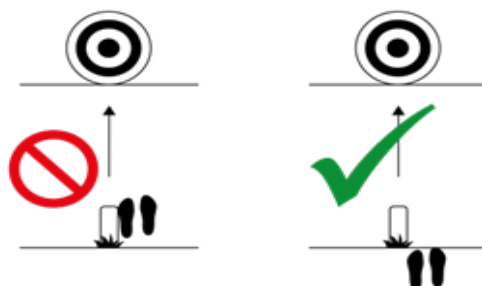
- Disturbing or distracting the shooting archer during the shooting process
- Failing to stand at an appropriate distance (at least 1,5 m) behind the shooting archer



- Overtaking a group without the permission of that group (see point 40 of the SpR). (As archers are responsible for their own behaviour, a Warning is given to every archer who breaks this rule within a group.)
- Disrespectful behavior towards other archers, referees or volunteer staff. This includes verbal insults and disrespectful hand gestures (showing middle finger or similar). Consideration should be given that gestures have different meanings in different cultures.
- Disposing of trash in the shooting grounds instead of using trash cans.

#### Mild rule violations are:

- Shooting in front of instead of behind the peg (image 01)



## **Serious rule violations are:**

- Manipulation of the archer's bow such that it no longer adheres to the requirements checked at registration or that a limb is replaced without drawing the attention of a referee to the fact and physically submitting the bow for examination during or immediately after the competition (see point 14 of the SpO).
- Changing the archer's shooting technique or release style (eg from thumb technique to mediterranean, or string-walking) during the competition such that the technique no longer meets the requirements of the bowstyle in which the archer is registered.
- Use of different arrows (shorter or longer shaft, different spine or feather styles, different point weights) such that an arrow used in competition no longer meets the requirements for uniformity that were checked at registration. The only exception is if the rules of the competition expressly permit varied arrows, such as may be the case in a Historical Open tournament.
- Leaving the shooting ground during the competition without previous consultation and without being accompanied by a referee.
- Altering or removing the shooting terrain or any branches or twigs on the course.
- Setting marks or giving other indications of distances or other target information to following archers.
- Using targets for practice during the competition, other than as expressly permitted by the organisers.
- Taking practice shots during the competition, unless by prior agreement with the organisers and under the supervision of a referee.

## 4. Categories of warnings and rule infringements

**A Warning** is issued to an archer in the event of a Misconduct.

**A Yellow Card** is issued to an archer in the event of:

- a second Warning being given, or
- a Mild Rule Violation.

**A Red Card** is issued to an archer in the event of:

- a Warning being given following the issue of a 'Yellow Card', or
- a second Yellow Card being given; or
- a Serious Rule Violation.

## 5. Disciplinary sanctions and penalties

### Warnings.

- There is no penalty for a single Warning.
- A Yellow Card is issued upon a second Warning being given during the competition.

**Yellow Cards.** The following penalties apply to an archer upon being issued a Yellow Card.

- There is no direct penalty when a Yellow Card is awarded for a repeated misconduct. (However, a further Yellow Card during the competition will automatically result in a Red Card being issued).
- When a Yellow Card is awarded for shooting from in front of the peg, the archer forfeits his or her points for that shot.

**Red Cards.** Upon a Red Card being issued to an archer, the archer forfeits his or her score for that day.

### **Immediate disqualification and exclusion from the entire tournament will occur in the following cases**

- Sexual harassment or racial slurs during the competition or in the practice area.
- Smoking on the course during the competition or in the practice area.
- Alcohol consumption on the course during the competition or in the practice area.
- Taking drugs before the competition or on the course during the competition or in the practice area.

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### Duties of Referees

Bow control.

Briefing in the mornings.

Debriefing in the evenings.

Competition supervision.

Practice range Supervision.

If necessary: repair of targets if no helper is present.

Training of prospective referees

### Tools of Referees

Use of apps such as WhatsApp

Protocol pad (to have with them during the competition)

Warnings, Yellow Cards and Red Cards

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