WAO News

April 2019

Dear WAO Member Associations,
Welcome to another edition of the WAO News, to keep you all informed about what is happening in World Archery Oceania.

Enjoy the read, but we would love for you to contribute to the content as well.

Please feel free to contact the Secretary General (secretary@worldarcheryoceania.org) if there is anything from your Member Association that you would like others to know about.

Happy Easter and kind regards to you all

Susanne Womersley
President
world archery oceania

Less than 90 days to go until the start of the Pacific Games

Archery Fields, Faleata

Target Shoot Information

The Field of Play can accommodate 20 plus targets.
The Field is approximately 60m wide x 120m in length.
The warm up area can accommodate at least 3 targets adjacent to the FOP (Field of Play).
The overshoot area is approximately a further 20m ended with a bank.

Venue Facilities

- ☐ Seating for 500 spectators
- ☐ Grass terraces for extra seating
- ☐ Four Fale Samoa shelters for the archers and officials
- ☐ Toilets, Showers and Changing Rooms

Smoking is restricted to areas well behind the archers and outside the official shooting ground.

With so little time left to the opening ceremony of the Pacific Games, teams across our region are preparing hard for this major event. This should be one of the best attended events for our region (in terms of nations) as for the first time AUS and NZL will be permitted to shoot the Continental Qualifying Tournament portion of these Games.

In preparation for the Games or those looking for more details of the archery event, please keep an eye out on the official website of the games for more detail.

http://www.samoa2019.ws/games/archery/

You can also find the sports technical manual here.

Here is a **preview of the program**:

Day 1	Monday 8 July	Registration, Team Managers Meeting, Equiment Inspection and Official Practice
Day 2	Tuesday 9 July	Pacific Games Target Championships and Matchplay Qualification Round
Day 3	Wednesday 10 July	Pacific Games Mixed Team Championships (am) 2020 Olympic Games Mixed Team CQT
Day 4	Thursday 11 July	Pacific Games Matchplay Individual Eliminations
Day 5	Friday 12 July	Pacific Games Matchplay Individual Finals

National Judges course set to take place in Samoa

A reminder about the National Judges Course to be held in Samoa the weekend immediately before the Pacific Games archery tournament.
The course is for those World Archery Oceania Member Associations who do not have their own officiating program, and applicants must have the endorsement of their Member Association.

The course will be delivered in English and will require pre-reading and require participants to pass an open book examination prior to attendance. At the end of the course there will be a closed book exam and practical assessment.
Applicants who are not competing in the Pacific Games archery tournament will be encouraged to watch the event and gain additional insights on how the tournament is run and the judging practices used.

A nomination form has been sent to all Member Associations at the end of February, and nominations are due by **1 May 2019**.

Australian Open 2019

At the end of February the city of Victor Harbor hosted the Australian Open as well as the final of the Australian National Matchplay Series. This is typically one of the largest Open Matchplay events in our region and the Matchplay Series is one of the biggest in our region as well.

Extremely hot and dry weather met the archers who on occasion also dealt with some tricky wind conditions. A separate Finals venue was used to great effect with a live stream taking place for the finals of both events. The event had also archers from NZL and FIJ in attendance. A big “Well done!” to all organisers, volunteers and participants.

Fiji Mission a success

In March our Development Officer spent two weeks in Suva, Fiji, on his first mission in the region. These two weeks had a range of objectives, but the main

goal was to run a World Archery Level 1 Coaches course. This course was well attended by 11 Fijians (one of them a female coach). Two of them were Para sports specialists who are interested in taking the sport to more disabled youth and athletes across the country.

Fijian Archery star and 3-time Olympian, Robert Elder, also flew back to his home country to take part in the course. His reasoning was that "I won't be an archer forever and when I finish competing I would like to share my knowledge with the new young archers in Fiji."

The Level 1 course is a full seven day course that mixes some theory work with a wide range of practical information.

All 11 candidates passed the course.

This mission tied in with a Level 1 Beginner bow kit given to Fiji by World Archery along with targets donated from Danage. Our Development Officer met with Fiji Archery officials to plan development pathways with this equipment, and we hope to see great programs out of the island soon.

A first visit to the WAO Championships venue for 2020 also took place, where the fields were described as top notch and will make a great field for the event.

The President of World Archery Fiji and our Development Officer also spent a day in Nadi for OSFO (Olympic Sports Federations of Oceania) meetings and gave a demonstration of archery to the IPC (international Paralympic Committee) President, the Fiji Paralympic committee and local disabled children.

For more images and videos of this mission look at the WAO Facebook page.

World Archery Oceania Championships 2020 – dates confirmed

Only in the past few days World Archery Fiji confirmed with WAO the dates for the 2020 WAO Championships:

5 to 9 April for the **Championships**, and the **WAO Congress** on **10 April**. This is the week before Easter.

Put these dates in your calendars and start planning!

Team Samoa send archers to China

As part of their preparation for the upcoming Pacific Games a young team of archers has been sent to China to train and learn from a provincial team. This program is part of a wider one across a number of sports that sees some 200 Samoan athletes preparing in China.

(L-R) Team Samoa Chef De Mission Nynette Sass, SASNOC CEO Tuala Matthew Vaea, SASNOC Vice-President Kerrie Punivalu, China's Director Of Samoa Sports Liu Yanfeng, SASNOC Sports Development Officer Sula Tagifano So'onalole-Sam Chong Address Media About The China Sports Initiative (Photo: Thomas Airey)

Archers are training hard in Recurve and Compound and get to experience for some three months the life of a full time archer. Youth Olympic Star Jil Walter shared some images of the team working hard so be sure to look at the Facebook page for those.

World Archery pick up Archery New Zealand live stream

The local organising committee of the latest Archery New Zealand Nationals are to be commended on their live stream of the Finals day going live across a range of Facebook pages (including ours) and being taken up by World Archery on

their Youtube page as well. This is the first time World Archery have allowed this to occur from the Oceania region and also shows the quality of the production, as WA try and ensure that the production level is high to keep with their branding and sponsor appeal.

The team behind the stream did a fantastic job, firstly by hosting the event at the iconic One Tree Hill Park (home of Auckland Archery Club) as well as having fantastic commentary along with some very tight and thrilling matches.

The media reached some 12,600 people via the live Facebook feeds and has broken 4000 views on WA's Youtube page as well. Congratulations again to the LOC and ANZ. We hope to see more of this in the future.

World Archery Congress documents released

https://worldarchery.org/news/166158/document-set-released-2019-world-archery-congress

The 53rd World Archery Congress is set to occur in the Netherlands prior to the World Para Archery Championships and the Wprld Archery Championships. We would like to send our best wishes to Susanne Womersley of Australia (President of WAO) who has been nominated for two positions. We wish her al the best, and if she is successful we know she will do a good job as well as be a great voice for the Oceania region.

This Congress will be streamed live online for all to watch. More information on Congress can be found here: https://worldarchery.org/congress-2019

World Archery bid dates

https://worldarchery.org/news/166325/bid-deadline-upcoming-world-championship-events-2021-and-beyond

For any interested member association World Archery have a list of events looking to be bid on. We would love to see even one of these taking place in the region, and if any of our members are interested please contact our Development Officer for more details.

WAO Calendar

2019 TRANS TASMAN
The event will run 7th - 11th July in Auckland.
Both teams will be able to stay in the same sports specific accommodation located a few minutes from the Bruce Pulman Park.

ARCHERY AUSTRALIA 2019 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Twin City Archers have been successful in their bid to host the 2019 National Championships (1 – 6 November 2019). This will be the second year in a row that the event will be held in Morwell after positive feedback about the venue and organisation of the 2018 National Championships.

Please contact the Secretary General with dates for your National Championships, so that they can be included in the next edition.