



ATHENS OLYMPIC INFORMATION

2004 OLYMPIC ARCHERY COMPETITION

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Appendix III – Information Bulletin #2

Revision I – June 11, 2004 (Additions Underlined)

DESCRIPTION OF THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE FITA ARCHER AND COACH UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Uniforms and proper dress will be inspected at:

1. Dekelia during the Ranking Round. All archers and coaches with a three-person team must wear their team uniform. Individual competitors must wear the uniform they intend to wear during the individual competition.
2. Ethnikos during departure for Panathinaiko.
3. Panathinaiko in the Waiting Area (where any bags or backpacks are stored).
4. Panathinaiko at the tunnel exit to the Field of Play (FOP).

The inspection will be done at Ethnikos and Panathinaiko, prior to each match by FITA Judges and/or FITA Officials. See Information Bulletin #2 and its Appendices I and II for detailed clothing specifications.

Team Captains will have the policy explained to them at the Team Captains meeting, along with the reasons for the policy, and will be expected to enforce the rules with their archers and coaches. We expect full cooperation from the Team Captains in Athens, as we do not want an athlete or coach to be confronted prior to a match for not following the FITA uniform policy.

1. Dekelia Inspection

- Judges will fill out a “Uniform Compliance Form” during the Ranking Round and give it to FITA officials after each session of the Ranking Round.
- A FITA Official will meet with any Team Captains (TCs) whose team is not dressed according to FITA bylaws. For teams who do not conform to the FITA shirt rules, FITA will direct them to where they can buy some matching shirts in Athens for their teams members.
- Sanctions – see below.

2. Ethnikos Inspection

- At this point, it is too late to do much, except remind the coaches and archers of the “no bag” rule and be sure shirts are tucked in.
- Generally, men don't wear shirts (Tops) that can't be tucked in. If they do, we will follow the rules for women. In the rules sent to MAs, FITA clearly states

that if a women's Top is designed to be worn outside the skirt, shorts or pants, (Bottoms) that is okay. However, if it extends below the waistband of the Bottoms by more than 7cm, it must be tucked in. When at full draw, the archer's midriff must be covered by the Top.

- The archers who do not have the correct uniform, will be allowed to go to Panathinaiko and shoot their first Elimination match, but will be expected to cooperate with FITA to conform to FITA appearance bylaws before their next match.
- Archers in the 1/32nd Elimination who do not have the proper uniform will be recorded on a list that will be given to FITA. FITA will meet with the Team Captain after the competition that day to clearly explain the FITA bylaws. The Team Captain and his coaches and archers will be expected to fully cooperate with the FITA bylaws relating to the athlete/coach uniform policy if their archer wins in the first round or is on a team to shoot on Day 6 or 7. (See Paragraph 1 above.)

3. Panathinaiko Waiting Room – Same as Paragraph 2.

4. Panathinaiko FOP Entrance – Same as Paragraph 2.

During the Team Captains (TCs) meeting, FITA will explain in details why all archers we must follow the clothing rules. Next, we will check clothing and team uniforms at the Ranking Round field. FITA will have a meeting with the Team Captains of those countries whose archers or coaches are not following the FITA bylaws, and make perfectly clear what is expected from them once the competition starts. (See Paragraph 2 above.)

The coaches and team officials of the Individual archers and Teams are responsible to make sure all archers and teams are dressed properly and adhere to the FITA bylaws. Violations of the FITA Archer's Appearance Bylaws during competition will be addressed to the coach or team official and appropriate action taken.

I realize some teams may not have their name and country on their shirts, but most will. Those archers without their name and country on their shirts will be referred to a local silk screener who can put the name and country on the shirts.

We hope all archers in the Finals will follow the rules and present a professional looking image of our sport. This is one of the critical efforts all Member Associations can make to help FITA keep archery on the 2012 Olympic Program.

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