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<u>ARROW RUNNERS – INSTRUCTIONS</u> <u>2004 OLYMPIC GAMES</u>

There are two runners per match. Runners are selected by the Organizers. Runners must be in the same Organizing Committee uniform or other uniforms suitable for the function.

If the Organizer wishes, a small tube or quiver will be used to carry the arrows being returned. <u>Two</u> tubes or quivers <u>may be used to carry the arrows</u> for the Team Round to separate the nine arrows of each Team.

For each match, one Runner is stationed behind the target wall and one Runner is stationed behind the Shooting Line, but off the Field of Play, near the low marble wall.

When the Archers Agents (AA), Target Judge (TJ) and Scorers (S) go to the target to score the first three arrows (or nine in the Team Round) of a match, the Runner in the blind and at the Shooting Line will stay in place as the arrows are officially scored. After the TJ, AA and S return to the blind, the Runner in the blind will receive the arrows from the Archer's Agents. Both Runners wait in their position until the next end is finished.

After the archers have shot the second end of three arrows (nine in the Team Round) and the TJs, AAs and Ss leave the blind, the Runner(s) in the blinds immediately jog to the Shooting Line with the first group of arrows and the Runner(s) at the Shooting Line jog to the blind at the same time. After the second three arrows (nine for teams) are pulled, the AAs gives the arrows to the second Runner that is now in the blind. The Runner will wait in the blind until the next end is shot and then will change places with the Runner on the Shooting Line. The process continues until all arrows are shot for that match. However, the AAs will return the arrows to their archer after the last end or last tiebreaker end is completed and the runners will stay in place, ready for the next match.

<u>During competition</u> the Runners will never come out of the blinds until they are actually on their way back to the Shooting Line with the archers' arrows. While in the blinds, they will be under the control of the ATHOC FOP Chairman. The Runners will never be in motion when the archers are shooting.

Runners will jog at a comfortable pace and outside of the target lanes (on the track in Athens). The Runners should all jog at the same rate and leave and arrive at the same time.

FITA appreciates the Runner's efforts in Athens to create a professional looking event.

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