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“SPOTTERS PROCEDURES”

Spotters are selected by ATHOC and trained on spotting arrows quickly and accurately.

Procedures:

1. Spotter will sit in the first row of the stadium seats directly behind each target and on both sides of the announcers.
2. Spotter will have a low shade structure, a small table and a high-resolution telescope set on a tripod and placed on the marble aisle way in a very comfortable position. Also, a TV monitor showing the arrow impacts will be on the table.
3. The Swatch MTS unit will be located on a stand or support on the bench seat area next to the Spotters writing hand in a comfortable position where the keys can be operated without looking at the keyboard and without delay.
4. The Spotter will look through the telescope when the archer starts to draw back each arrow and watch the arrow impact the target.
5. Once the Spotter sees the arrow hit, the score is immediately entered into the MTS unit. The goal is to have the arrow score accurately posted on the small scoreboard within one second after it hits the target.
6. If the Spotter is unsure of the score of an arrow, the Spotter will give the arrow the lower of the two possible scores and put an asterisk on the small scoreboard behind the uncertain arrow score. The Spotter will then check the arrow position on the video screen. If the arrow score is clearly different on the screen, the score will be changed or the asterisk removed. Any changed score should be displayed on the small scoreboard within five (5) seconds.
7. After the arrow score is displayed on the small scoreboard, the arrow score will be verbally communicated via a dedicated line to the Scorer of the Spotter's target. The Spotter will tell the Scorer if an asterisk has been placed behind the score of an arrow.
8. The Scorer will also have a video monitor in front of him/her. If the Scorer can see on the monitor screen that an arrow score is clearly another value, the Scorer will communicate their opinion to the Spotter.

9. If, after checking the position of the arrow through the telescope and on the video screen again, the Spotter agrees with the change, the Spotter will change the score of the arrow on the small scoreboard. If the Spotter does not agree with the change of the score, the arrow score on the scoreboard will remain as called by the Spotter.
10. The Scorer will record the score on the official scorecard.
11. If the Scorer still questions an arrow score call made by the Spotter, the Scorer will underline the arrow score on the official scorecard to be sure that the arrow score is closely checked at the target.
12. The Spotter also records the arrow position and value on a Spotter form after the score is transmitted to the small scoreboard. The form has a target face for each end of a match. A small circle or solid spot is marked at the location of the arrow. After the score is communicated to the scorer, the spotter may write a number reflecting the order of the arrow shot, as "1", "2", "3" (and through "9" for the Team Round) next to the circle or spot marked where the arrow has impacted the target face. Marking the target with the location of the arrow will be especially helpful when spotting for the nine (9) arrow Team Round ends. The Spotter also puts each arrow score (in the order shot) in a score box below the target face symbol on the form. These forms will be saved for each archer or team and given to FITA at the end of each day.
13. The Archer's Agent (AA) will be watching the TV monitor behind the wall, and will be sure to check any close arrows once he is at the target. (See Archer's Agent Procedure in Information Bulletin #6.)
14. Once at the target, if the AA or Target Judge (TJ) changes a close arrow score, the Scorer will, through the communication head set at the target, talk to the Spotter and ask the Spotter to change the score on the small scoreboard before the arrows are marked and pulled. The Spotter will also correct the score on the Spotter form.
15. The TJ must sign any arrow score changes on the official scorecard.
16. The Spotter should also confirm to the Scorer, the total score for the end and the match, either while the Scorer is at the target if an arrow score was changed at the target, or immediately after the Scorer returns behind the wall, if there was no need for the Scorer to communicate with the Spotter while at the target.
17. Once the Scorer is behind the wall, communication is re-established and the process is repeated for the next end or match
18. The Spotter then transmits the official score of each arrow into the ATHOC Results System prior to the next end or match.

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