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“ARCHERS PROCEDURE FOR FAMILIARIZATION DAY”

On August 14th, archers will be scheduled to take the ATHOC buses from the Village to Ethnikos. The bus ride will take 45-60 minutes. They should arrive at Ethnikos at least one hour before they are scheduled to leave Ethnikos for Panathinaiko. They will have time to set up their equipment and shoot a few arrows to warm up. They will leave their equipment case in the storage room at Ethnikos. A small bag can be taken to the Stadium, but it cannot be taken on to the field. The bag must be stored in the Waiting Room. The archers and coaches will depart Ethnikos about 15-20 minutes before their scheduled start time at Panathinaiko.

The archers will use the same special van system as will be used during the competition. The vans are outfitted with special bow racks that will allow a fully set up bow to be safely restrained and transported for the five-minute ride to the top and rear of the Stadium.

Once at the top of the Stadium, they will visit the Waiting Room and just before they are scheduled to shoot, will be escorted down the tunnel to the tunnel exit. They will assemble in the tunnel exit area and enter the field as soon as the prior group leaves the shooting area. The archers will enter first and when all are on the field, the coaches will enter. See Information Bulletin #3 for details on the movement of archers during the competition days, plus what items can be brought onto the Field of Play (FOP).

All archers will be scheduled to have 45-50 minutes of practice on the competition field in the Panathinaiko Stadium on August 14th (the day before the 1/32nd Women's Elimination Round starts). This will allow archers to check their sight setting from the setting determined at Ethnikos and become acclimated to the conditions and procedures in the Panathinaiko Stadium.

There will be eight targets on the field and 16 archers will shoot at one time. The archers will be spaced one meter apart. This eight target field design will give the archers the maximum time to practice on the competition field. Archers will have three minutes to shoot their arrows each end.

Archers will walk to the target and pull their own arrows. Archers should be able to shoot at least eight ends in the 50-minute period.

The archers will exit the FOP on the west side and pass through the Media Mix Zone as they will do during the competition. As soon as the following group of archers and coaches are in the shooting area, the prior group can exit the field and return to the Waiting Room to pick up items left there and load onto the special vans going to the Ethnikos field. From Ethnikos, they can take the ATHOC bus back to the village or stay at Ethnikos to practice, if there is space.

During the Familiarization Day, only two bows, one quiver and arrows, a telescope and the normal small shooting equipment may be taken on the field. Water will be available on the field. The coach will be given a small FITA belt pack to carry spare items on the field. The coach can also carry a pair of binoculars. (See Information Bulletin #3.)

On Competition days, the archers will follow a similar procedure described in Information Bulletin #3.

FITA hopes this explanation of the Familiarization Day will be helpful to prepare the archers and coaches for the Olympic competition in Athens. Please give the attached memo and Information Bulletin #9 to the archers, coaches and captains of your team.

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