



THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL FIELD ARCHERY ASSOCIATION IFAA

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Dear Delegates, dear Officers, dear Members of the Family of Archers!

With 2026, an exciting new year of great opportunities to enjoy archery lays ahead.

Whilst the Northern Hemisphere is in Winter mode – frosty 3D rounds and cosy Indoor Sessions, the southern hemisphere enjoys Archery in warm temperatures and bright daylight.

Regardless the region we are in, our sport offers us enjoyment, challenges to our skills and wonderful opportunities to meet and socialize with folks having the same passion for Archery.

And as the year will progress, there is a promise of even more amazing changes to meet other cultures, other archers and jointly compete on ranges just built for the one purpose – providing you with fun in the games and encouraging you to stay active.

2026 brings also a Regional and World Council Meetings to determine the direction the Association will head towards with decisions requiring a good preparation as we all are aware.

The work on the revision of the Sports By-Laws showed us how many aspects there are, that will impact on the future of our Sport in the one way or the other:

- Recognition of our Sport in the Public
- Maintaining and developing attractive formats for an active society on different levels of intensity.
- Incentives making voluntary engagement and mastering the sport attractive.
- Building bridges to introduce others to the beauty of our sport and sharing our knowledge about the multiple styles' archery can be performed in

and this is just to name a few...

The spectrum of our member association reaches from young enthusiastic group of archers looking for ideal ways to organise the sport to established naturally grown organisation with a wide-spread range of experiences. But what's in common is the difficulty in preserving and spreading the knowledge about lessons learned, the do's and don'ts both in actively conducting the sport and in managing of sport to gain predictability and continuation.

We are also facing times of transition and changes – older generations of archers and officers handing over to younger generations, the skills to communicate need to change to reach a larger community by avoiding pitfalls and misunderstandings and the changing general expectation in what a sport shall offer to the individuals and to societies, still being based on the everlasting human nature.

This year, we not only need to find new volunteers covering vacancies in offices by stepping in and take-over roles that have been covered so impressively by great persons who find now that it is time to move on and hand over to the next generation, we also have new roles to be filled with engagement and dedication as the Association develops further. Here is where your support is needed most!



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From the Associations Executives, a clear commitment can be conveyed to you in supporting the programs for capacity build-up in the national associations such as the Training and Coaching program or the Initiative of supporting the development of Women in IFAA as ongoing activities. Beside the enjoyable championships provided with your help, these programs have meanwhile become landmarks in the Associations profile.

To address the need in assisting our Member Associations on their individual way of development, in the cause of this year, we are going to introduce to you two (2) new initiatives which will add to the programmes already in place:

- Youth in IFAA and
- Capacity building programme for Officers

The IFAA over the year as an Organisation of international format has collected a vast range of experiences and developed professional approaches to topics of common interest and by this somehow became a respected Institution which sets out Rules and Regulations for the general benefit of Archers – providing quality standards and predictable conditions for the sport. With this role, we have joined the ranks of other International Sports Organisation that are covering both recreational and competitive activities by establishing a levelled playing field, assuring minimum qualities, and providing references that are guaranteeing conformity in conditions on a world-wide scale.

In continuing this role, 2026 will see us increasing our activities towards cooperation with other organisations and consolidating our inner strengths by updating roles of workgroups already existing and/or introducing new platforms to concentrate excellencies in several aspects of Archery.

In line with the above, and in continuation of what has been communicated in the last year, please stay tuned to receive further information as we move on into 2026.

For the draft revision of the Sports-by laws, we will provide you soon with a similar programme of introduction, review, exchange of opinions and suggesting for modifications as you have been used to when we worked on the other by-laws and we hope you will contribute to this process.

Our goal is to have this process managed successfully until we are meeting for the World Council in Yankton.

Until then, I wish all the best for 2026 to you, your family, your fellow officers and of course to all your archers and supporters!

Yours in Archery,

Martin Koini

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