

Candidate Statement for Douglas Ludwig USA Archery Board of Directors, Judge Position

I have been a Judge for USA Archery for approximately 15 years. During this time I have had the pleasure of participating as a Judge for all phases of our archery events. Indoor Nationals, Collegiate Nationals and Regionals, Outdoor Target and JOAD Nationals, USAT Tournaments and Olympic Trials. As a Continental and World Archery Judge Candidate I have been able to extend this experience to an International level and gain even greater understanding of what Judges are expected to know, how to apply this knowledge, and how to handle the unexpected and always interesting situations that come up at tournaments.

The challenge for our USA Archery Judges now has a number of points which I would like to address, with the goal always being a group which is getting better, more informed, and professional in not only the application of the rules, but also in the spirit in which they should be applied. So some discussion points....

- 1) Education of existing Judges pool. While many of our rules remain constant, we have had numerous changes, updates, and rules interpretations that occur annually from World Archery, whose rule book is our standard. This new information is already available on USA and World Archery's website, but how do we make sure that our judges are reading this material and understanding it?
- 2) Recruiting the younger generation. OK, lets' all admit it, our judging pool is getting older. We have to get the younger people in our sport involved in judging, but how do we do this?
- 3) Feedback from the Judges who work the tournaments. Perhaps give all the judges a chance to comment and express ideas after tournaments. What are common issues that you see while on the field? What can be better? How do we improve in our job and make the athletes more confident in our abilities?

So in general terms that is my platform, education, recruitment, information gathering and sharing. I do have ideas about all these issues, but I do not have all the answers. Looking forward to some great idea sharing, problem solving and as an end game making our USA Archery judges some of the best in the World.

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SKILLS

Best skill is my ability to work with and listen to people. We are an individual sport that is heavily reliant on equipment, and has an extensive rule book. This fact always generates interesting scenarios while at tournaments, not only with the archers but also with their coaches, parents, tournament directors, field crew, and with fellow judges. Knowledge of the rules, applying them fairly, and explaining the correctly is critical in our job as Judges and representatives of USA Archery. If this approach is done with courtesy and professionalism, the result is a more informed archery community, better tournaments and hopefully greater participation.

EXPERIENCE

President, Points To The Cross JOAD, PTTC Archery Club, January 2004-Current
Fairport, NY

Provided organizational leadership for all phases of our JOAD club including youth and adult camps, JOAD lessons and shooting times, all equipment purchasing and maintenance, range set-up and liaison with local Archery shops.

Board Member, USA Archery JOAD Committee, USA Archery, January 2012-December 2016

Worked in collaboration with all regional representatives to develop National, State and Local programs to help market and increase our sport

National Judge, USA Archery, January 2008-Current

Extensive experience in all phases of USA Archery's Judging program.

Field judge/DOS/COJ for Indoor Nationals, Target Nationals, JOAD Nationals, World Team Trials, and Olympic Trials. I have learned to work closely with all individuals/groups in running Archery Tournaments including Tournament Directors, Scoring Teams, The Athletes and Field Crew.

International Judge Candidate, Continental Judge, World Archery, January 2017-Current

Succeeded in passing my Continental Exam in 2015, and my International Exam in 2017. These have lead to Continental assignments in Latin and South America and World Cups in Salt Lake City and Medellin, Colombia. Relationships developed over this time have helped me have in place a network of professionals in our sport that are of great value in discussing and answering some of the

questions and rules challenges that come Archery Tournaments.

Assistant Coach And Team Leader, USA Archery Team , USA Archery, January 2010-Current

I have had the privilege of being part of the International Team Staff Coaching program since 2010. I have worked with the Junior and Senior Teams on trips all over the world, including World Cups and World Championships. This experience has been invaluable as not only a Coach but also as a Judge as I have learned to see things from both sides, thus gaining greater understanding of how rules are applied.

Coach JDT, RDT Developmental Programs, USA Archery

Part of the Junior Dream Team Coaching staff from 2013-2016, part of the Regional Dream team coaching staff from 2017-2019. As part of these staffs we developed coaching strategies, schedules, performance charts, MQS requirements. Also helped run camps as a assistant team leader. Camps were located in New Jersey, Michigan, Chula Vista, Newberry FLA. and Colorado Springs.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Natural Resources Conservation, SUNY College of Agriculture & Technology At Morrisville, Morrisville NY