



Judging Policy

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1. Purpose

Archery Ontario, through Ontario's Sport Recognition Policy, is formally recognized by the Ontario government as the governing body of the sport of archery in Ontario. One of our primary functions is the development of athletes, coaches and officials. This policy sets out how Judging in the sport of archery is managed in Ontario.

2. Scope

This policy applies to everyone who is or wants to become an accredited archery judge in Ontario.

3. Ontario Tournaments

Archery Ontario has the following major tournaments that are outdoor tournaments: 1. Ontario Target Championship

2. Ontario Field Championship
3. Ontario 3D Championship
4. Ontario Summer Games

5. Ontario Junior Challenge

4. Judging Classifications

Archery Ontario recognizes four Classifications of judges

- 1) Range Safety Officer (RSO)
- 2) Local Judge (formerly Club Judge)
- 3) Provincial Judge Candidate
- 4) Provincial Judge



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5. Accreditation Procedure

This section describes the requirements to become accredited for each judging Classification.

A. RANGE SAFETY OFFICER

Obtaining your Range Safety Officer (RSO) accreditation through Archery Ontario is a straightforward process with two primary pathways to ensure flexibility for our members.

Option 1: Individual Proctored Test

You can complete the Archery Ontario RSO test on an individual basis by reaching out directly to the Judging Chair. To begin this process, email judging@archeryontario.ca to request the exam materials. Please note that a minimum score of 80% is required to pass and receive your provincial accreditation.

Option 2: Archery Canada Online Exam

For a more immediate digital option, you may take the Archery Canada (AC) RSO Online Exam. While this test is administered nationally, it is fully recognized by Archery Ontario. A minimum score of 80% is still required, and the online system allows for rapid marking. Once you have successfully passed and received your confirmation from Archery Canada, you must forward a copy of your pass certificate to the judging@archeryontario.ca to ensure your provincial records are updated.

B. LOCAL JUDGE

To serve as an official within Archery Ontario, candidates **must be at least 18 years of age**

There are the five Classifications of Local Judges:

- a. Local Target Judge – Target Archery (indoor and outdoor)
- b. Local Field Judge – Field Archery
- c. Local 3D Judge – 3D Archery
- d. Local Indoor Judge – Indoor Target
- e. Local Target/Field/3D Judge (having completed all 4 Classifications)

To be accredited as a:

a. Local Target Judge – Target Archery (Indoor and Outdoor)

- i. Already be accredited as a Range Safety Officer
- ii. On an individual basis, write and pass (80% minimum required) the Local Target Archery Test.



b. Local Field Judge – Field Archery

- i. Already be accredited as a Range Safety Officer
- ii. On an individual basis, write and pass (80% minimum required) the Local Field Archery Test.

c. Local 3D Judge – 3D Archery

- i. Already be accredited as a Range Safety Officer
- ii. On an individual basis, write and pass (80% minimum required) the Local 3D

Archery Test.

d. Local Indoor Judge – Indoor Archery

- i. Already be accredited as a Range Safety Officer
- ii. On an individual basis, write and pass (80% minimum required) the Local Indoor Archery Test.

e. Local Target/Field/3D Judge

- i. Already be accredited as a Range Safety Officer
- ii. Obtained accreditation as a Local Judge – Target Archery, Local Judge Field Archery and Local Judge 3D archery.

Note: Local Judge tests may be obtained by emailing a request to:
judging@archeryontario.ca

C. PROVINCIAL JUDGE CANDIDATE

To be accredited as a Provincial Judge Candidate:

- 1. The Applicant must be accredited as a Local Judge for at least 6 months in one or all Disciplines.
- 2. The Applicant must have judged at least one tournament before you can take the Provincial Judge exam. Preferably under the supervision of an experienced Provincial Judge.
- 3. The Applicant must be approved by the Judge Chair.

D. PROVINCIAL JUDGE

To be accredited as a Provincial Judge:

- 1. The Applicant must have been a Provincial Judge Candidate for one full year.
- 2. The Applicant must have served, under the supervision of an experienced Provincial or higher judge, as a Provincial Judge Candidate at a **MINIMUM** three tournaments, of which there be one indoor, one outdoor and one major Ontario tournament. They must receive positive evaluations from the supervising judge at all three events. (Some leeway may have to be given for northern judges).
- 3. An experienced Provincial or higher judge is a judge who has been actively judging for the last two years at that level. Note: Major tournaments are listed in an earlier section.



- 4. The Applicant must attend a Provincial Judge Clinic and obtain a good evaluation and a minimum 80% on the written test.

6. Accreditation Period

The accreditation period is the length of time during which the judge's credentials are valid before they expire and must be renewed.

A. Range Safety Officer

A Range Safety Officer's accreditation is good for a period of 4 years from the date of successfully passing the test.

B. Local Judge

A Local Judge accreditation is good for a period of 4 years from the date of successfully passing the test.

C. Provincial Judge Candidate

The Provincial Judge Candidate accreditation is good for a period of three (3) years from the date of first being accredited.

D. Provincial Judge

The Provincial Judge accreditation is good for a period of four (4) years following the same accreditation period as that of World Archery.

7. Accreditation Renewal

This section describes the requirements to renew accreditation for each judging level.

A. Range Safety Officer

On an individual basis, write and pass the Archery Ontario or Archery Canada Range Safety Officer test.

B. Local Judge

The accreditation renewal process is the same for all five (5) Local Judge classifications. i. Within 6 months of the end of the accreditation period, on an individual basis, write and pass (80% minimum required) the appropriate re-accreditation Local Judge Test(s). (Note: the re-accreditation test will be half the length of the full test with questions concentrating but not limited to rule changes in the last four years.)

ii. If more than six months has passed since the accreditation has expired, then on an individual basis, write and pass (80% minimum required) the appropriate full length Local Judge Test(s).

**C. Provincial Judge Candidate**

If a Provincial Judge Candidate's accreditation has expired, they will have to be re-accredited as a Provincial Judge Candidate (repeat section 5C above to be re-accredited).

D. Provincial Judge

To renew the accreditation at the Provincial Judge Level the following have to be met:

- i. Have judged at least once every two years during the four (4) year accreditation period at one of the major tournaments. Note: Major tournaments are listed in an earlier section.
- ii. Attended a one (1) day Provincial judging workshop
- iii. On an individual basis, write and pass (80% minimum required) the open book Provincial Judge Re-accreditation test.

8. Non-Compliance with Competition Rules and Judging Procedures

The Judge Chair may at any time withdraw or suspend for a period a judge's accreditation if in the opinion of the chair they are not handling judging issues to the required standard. They will be notified of the reasons for their accreditation being withdrawn or suspended.

9. Failed Test

In the event of a failed test at any level, there will be a 6-month waiting period before a rewrite can take place.

