

WORLD CROSSBOW CHAMPIONSHIP 3D 2016

12TH June

Arrived in Lisbon at 10.30am. Miguel arrived at 11 o'clock and we went straight to the competition field worked until 9.30 pm preparing for unscheduled competition on 13th June. Arrived at hotel at 2.30am.

13th June

Had meeting with Miguel regarding target faces – 3 different types for forest round. Field inspection by Alexandre, Vania, Miguel and myself, which involved inspecting four courses at once. Lots of walking. No targets or pegs in place. Bosses still to be built. No course maps yet available. Parvej Joshi not yet arrived.

14th June

Arrived on field at 9am reception and meeting not held. Pegs in place but targets not ready some misunderstanding between Miguel and organizing committee. Judges sitting around all day not allowed to help. Back to hotel at 6.30pm.

15th June

Practice and equipment inspection by Alexandre, Vania and myself. Practiced controlled by Parvej. Practice from 10.30am to 12.30pm and 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Field inspection by John, Alexandre, Miguel and myself. Briefing at 6.30pm.

16th June

Practice from 8.00am to 9.00am. First day of Forest Round; assembly and briefing at 10.00am. Leading out of Archers by Judges not by field crew direction signs removed by groundsmen – replaced later. This caused some confusion. Competition started at 11.00am and finished at 5.30pm. Got back to hotel at 12 midnight.

17th June

Second day of Forest Round. Practice from 8.00am to 9.00am. Controlled by Parvej and Vania. Field inspection by Alexandre and myself. Assembly and briefing at 10.00am. Leading out of Archers by field crew. Competition begun at 10.30am and finished at 5.30pm. Again long wait, dinner and back to hotel at 12.05am.

18th June

Day one of 3D practice from 8.30am to 9.00am. Controlled by Alexandre and Vania. Field inspection by Parvej and myself. Briefing at 9.30am.; competition started at 10.20am., Archers taken out by field crew. Three equipment failures due to heat – broken strings. Some judges lacked experience in dealing with this. Competition finished at 3.30pm long wait again, dinner back to hotel at 12.05am.

19th June

Day two of 3D. Practice from 8.00am to 9.00am. Controlled by Alexandre and Vania. Field inspection by me as course maps were not available, but were supplied later. Briefing at 9.30am., competition started at 10.15am., Archers taken out by field crew. Competition finished at 2.30pm. Closing ceremony afterwards. Presentation of medals at banquet held at 9.30pm. Left for airport at 10.30pm. Flight was at 10.00 am on Monday 20th June.

Open Forest Round – number of archers 29. World Crossbow Championships 3D, number of archers 32. Low turnout – need to rethink this situation.

Judges – John Clark, Miguel Duarte, Alexandre Teixeira, Parvej Joshi, Vania Barra, Tony McLoughlin. Overall the judges did an excellent job in difficult conditions, however some mistakes were made by some judges using cameras and mobile phones while on duty. This was remarked on by some archers.

Jury of appeal – Nune Mateus, Paula Duarte, Paulo Nascimento – Jury not required.

I wish to congratulate the organizers for running an excellent shoot over two field and two 3D courses. This was praised by all participants.

Praise is due to Miguel for all his excellent work in laying out the four courses. More information on the construction of the courses at an earlier stage would have been appreciated. Many thanks to the complete work crew for all their work and late nights. They were the best I have worked with.

Tony McLoughlin
Chairman of Judges.