# **CONTINUOUS LEARNING**

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- We have a structured system of workshops and assessments for all grades of judges, and we have a rolling programme of re-accreditations to check that our knowledge is up to date. So we don't need to do anything new about learning.

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- This document, when completed correctly, see Debbie Horn's presentation of 2018 at the SCAS Judges Conference, is a great means of showing areas of training that are needed, areas that may be a potential problem, and areas that can be developed.

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- All County and Regional Judges should have a J5 completed at each event they work at. However, there is a weakness in this in that most Judges who don't wish to be considered for promotion to the next grade won't offer J5's for completion. Over the years it has become custom and practice not to offer J5s if you are not seeking to go higher in grade.

#### J10, Item 17

"Candidate, County and Regional Judges should keep a booklet of Tournament report forms (J05), to be completed at tournaments by an appropriate judge. These reports will be considered during the Judge's assessment when seeking a higher grade. They should also complete the J05 Checklist which will form part of the assessment process. Judges are required to submit returns to the JLO. Failure to do so may affect reaccreditation or progression to the next grade."

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- Secondly, we all change at the years go by, we might not have picked up on rule changes between reaccreditations, and if this is not recorded and noted then any Judge does not know there is a problem.

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- If there is no record of a Judge being told politely and in a spirit of kindness and development, that there is either a problem, or a potential weakness in the way that Judge works, then all other Judges at any event leave themselves open to potential sanction because they have not been seen to have dealt with any situation or potential situation.

• If any weakness or problem is recorded, then, as with any other Judge who does have J5's completed, they are presented and read by the Judge in charge at the next event, who can then help with any retraining or education that is required, and can then comment that the Judge has been observed in the same situation and has been seen to have dealt with this is the correct way.

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- These can be completed either by another National Judge or by a Judge of any grade that is working at the same event, it may be quite interesting sometimes to see what a County or Candidate Judge thinks of the leadership style of a National Judge.

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- In that way it is a complete circle and the reports are not just kept in a folder and no action taken regarding the contents.

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Miscellaneous Comments / Observations

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- We need to continually be improving and staying up to date if we are to offer a service that is appropriate for modern archery and meets the needs of both the competitors and the spectators.

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These are Regional Proposals only, if we can make them work and show some benefits then we can offer the system to the Judges Working Group or whoever is responsible for the Judges through AGB at the time. This won't be the first time SCAS has done this, I'm also sure it won't be the last time we try.

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- 2. That we, in this region, should start a trial system of reporting on National Judges using the different J5.

### THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

As I slide slowly away from Judging can I wish that you all have the fun that I've had, and can make such wonderful friendships throughout the country and the world.

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. - Henry Ford

