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Dear Colleagues,

Please find below a few bits of information to keep you up to date with the latest news.

1) Judge Changes and news

Huge congratulations to Tony Harris and Debbie Horn who have passed their National Judge Assessments last month. Also congratulations to Steve Johnson who also passed, whilst he now lives in Scotland, Steve started in Essex, so will always be a SCAS Judge!

We also have two new Candidates, John Gorman from Cambridgeshire and Lynsey Taylor from Hampshire. Please make them both welcome to our team.

Unfortunately there is also some bad news. Martyn Gore, Paul Birch and Meera Shah have all retired from Judging. We thank them for all their hard work over the years and wish them well for the future.

2) Judge uniform

If you are ordering any of the jackets, can you please make sure you check the size charts for each garment before ordering. The suppliers are unable to refund items just because you have ordered the wrong size. Just because you are normally large does not mean you are a large in all the outwear.

Please can you also make sure that anything you wear with your judge uniform is appropriate, such as hats and umbrellas. It is best to avoid anything with your club, county or region name or logo and please do not wear anything that promotes alcohol.

Don't forget the qualified Judges are able to claim a free t-shirt from Archery GB and all Judges are able to claim the cost of a t-shirt from SCAS. To claim your money, please send me a copy of the invoice (a photo or scanned version is fine if you do not get an email copy)

along with your bank details - ALL payments will be by bank transfer, no cheques will be sent.

You can order the shirts here - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/judgeshirts>

### 3) Bamboo Arrows for Longbows

Just to remind you that whilst the interpretation from World Archery last month now allows bamboo arrows for longbows, this is for World Archery ONLY. Bamboo arrows are NOT allowed for longbows in Archery GB.

### 4) World Archery Interpretations

World Archery have amended their website so that all the Interpretations can now be found here - <https://worldarchery.org/rulebook/interpretations>

To access the interpretation click on the rule number, which will take you to the rule book with a box for the interpretations, click on the title of the interpretation to read it in full and at the bottom is a button to download the interpretation

World Archery has issued the attached interpretation

Book 3 Article 12.2.4, 12.2.6, 12.2.7, 15.2.2 and Book 4 Article 24.5, 24.5.1, 24.6, 27.8.1 and Book 5 Article 32.2.4.2 and 32.4.6.2 – Interpretation on Equipment Failure.

This is clarifying what counts as an Equipment Failure. In summary it is anything where equipment has actually broken and is not working as it should. Things that are not equipment failures are things that you would expect to happen due to the circumstances – for example water in a compound clarifier or scope, or a broken nock – as nocks break. Please use common sense when using this interpretation at shoots in the UK. For example if a new archer or junior claims an equipment failure because a fletch is failing off and they don't have another arrow in their quiver, then give them the benefit of the doubt, they probably only keep 3 or 6 in their quiver to ensure they don't shoot more than the required number.

### 5) Bow slings and finger slings on Longbows

Just to clarify that bow slings and finger slings are allowed on longbows as long as they do not give the archer a consistent hand position and do not give any aiming point.

If you do come across something that you are not sure about then the first thing to do is to check what the rule book actually says (not what you think you remember it saying), consult with your other Judges on the team in case they have come across the item before and if you cannot find anything that says the item cannot be used then **allow the archer to shoot**. However take photos of the item and the archers details and contact either myself or the Rules Committee for advice. Once you get some advice then let the archer know so they are aware for the future. Also let me know so I can let all SCAS Judges know.

### 6) AGB National Conference

Booking for the AGB National Conferences is now available on Sport:80. The Conference is on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 at the Holiday Inn Taunton, TA1 2UA, just off the M5. Bed and breakfast and dinner can be booked at the Holiday Inn directly, there is a special code on Sport:80 to

use. Alternatively, you can book your own accommodation, there are plenty of hotels in the area.

The proposed Agenda includes - AGB Update, Writing effective J05s, How to cheat at Field, Equipment Inspection practical, Field Party and Triple spot scoring.

More information is attached.

#### 7) SCAS Judges Conference

The SCAS Judges Conference is on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Stevenage Leisure Centre. Please make sure by the 15<sup>th</sup> December you let me know whether you are attending or not, which SCAS Shoots you want to apply for and your Annual Returns for 2020. The position of Liaison Officer/Secretary is up for election at the meeting as well.

If you have any ideas for the meeting or anything you would like discussed then please let me know.

#### 8) New Archery GB Rules

Archery GB have issued some new rules which come into effect immediately. Please make sure that you update your rule book (both any printed version and any electronic version). In summary the new rules are

Rule 408 – The Worcester round has a new version called the “Worcester X-Ring”. This is exactly the same as the current Worcester but can be shot if 5 zone faces are used which have an Inner ring in the 5. This ring is scored as an X and scored as a 5. The X count can then be used to resolve ties.

Rule 409A – A new round called the “Vegas 300” Round has been introduced. It is shot over 20 yards, on a 40cm triple spot triangle face and is 2 ½ dozen. It is very similar to the current Vegas round but everyone shoots the big 10 and the inner 10 is an X and arrows up to 10.7mm diameter can be used.

The new rule book can be found here - <https://www.archerygb.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Proc-01-08-RoS-October-2019.pdf>

#### 9) Important Dates for your Diary

Just a reminder of some important dates

11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – SCAS Judges Conference, Stevenage

1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 – National Judge Conference at Taunton, Somerset (now available to book on Sport:80)

If you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to contact me, Hannah or Richard.

Kind regards

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