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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 Robert Potts, who after a gruelling weekend at Luasanne in Switzerland at the World Archery Excellence Centre passed his exams and is now an International Judge Candidate.

Unfortunately, Richard Custance has decided to move his Judge affiliation to EMAS, but don't worry he is not giving up Judging and will still be out and about in SCAS.

2) Weights on Barebows

The Rules Working Group have issued a clarification on weights on barebows. Whilst Rule 204(a)(ii) states "All weights, regardless of shape, must mount directly to the riser without rods, extensions, angular mounting connections or shock absorbing devices" it is acceptable for there to be a hard washer between the riser and the weight. The washer must be made of a hard material, such as metal or hard plastic so it does not offer any damping or anti-vibration properties.

3) Indoors

With the plummeting temperatures and the Christmas music in the shop the Indoor Season is definitely here. So I thought it would be worth running through some of the differences with Indoor shooting. I know most of you will know this, but for some of our Judges this will be their first Indoor Season

- a) Scoring – remember that there are no X's scored Indoors, and that Compounds use the Inner 10, as their 10 ring.

- b) Arrow Size – some archers will now start using large arrows, the maximum diameter for arrow shafts is 9.3mm, and for the pile (point) is 9.4mm (except for Longbows).
- c) Scoring on triple spot faces – when an archer makes a mistake on a triple spot face the following process must be used
 - a. Work out the value of each arrow – so for example if an archer has more than one arrow in a face, then you would score the lowest scoring arrow, and the other arrow(s) would be recorded as a Miss
 - b. Reduce to the correct number of arrows – so if an archer has shot more than 3 arrows in that end, then the lowest 3 are scored
 - c. Apply any penalties – so if an archer shot an arrow before or after time, the highest scoring arrow is written down, then crossed out and replaced with a Miss, this way the original score is preserved, in case of an appeal or problem

Examples

i) Top face – 9 Middle face – 10 and 8 Bottom face - nothing
 In this case you would record a score of 9, 8, M
 The archer has shot two arrows in the middle face, so the 8 is scored (as it is lowest) and the 10 becomes a Miss. This gives three values of 9, 8, M

ii) Top face – 9 Middle face – 10 and 8 Bottom face - 10
 In this case you would record a score of 9, 8, M
 The archer has shot two arrows in the middle face, so the 8 is scored (as it is lowest) and the 10 becomes a Miss
 This leaves you with the values of 10, 9, 8, M. Because the archer has shot more than 3 arrows, you score the lowest 3. This gives the final value of 9, 8, M

iii) Top face – 9 Middle face – 10 and 8 Bottom face – 10 and 7
 In this case you would record a score of 7, M, M
 The archer has shot two arrows in the middle face, so the 8 is scored (as it is lowest) and the 10 becomes a Miss. They also shot two arrows in the bottom face, so the 7 is scored (as it is lowest) and the 10 becomes a Miss. This leaves you with the values of 9, 8, 7, M, M
 Because the archer has shot more than 3 arrows, you score the lowest 3. This gives the final value of 7, M, M

iv) Top face – 9 Middle face – 10 and 8 Bottom face – 7
 The last arrow was shot out of time
 In this case you would score ~~M~~8, 7, M
 The archer has shot two arrows in the middle face, so the 8 is scored (as it is lowest) and the 10 becomes a Miss.
 This leaves you with the values of 9, 8, 7, M. Because the archer has shot more than 3 arrows, you score the lowest 3. This gives you the three values of 8, 7, M
 Because the last arrow was shot out of time, you cross this out and replace it with a Miss.

If you ever come across a situation like this, it is a good idea to write down all the scores, and then talk the archer through how you arrived at their final score, this way they can see how you worked it out and be re-assured that your decision is correct. It will also help educate the archer in case it ever happens again.

- d. Second Rounds – all archers can now have sighters on their second or third rounds and all the rounds are eligible for records.

4) Changes to Archery GB Field Rules.

The following statement has been issued by John Hartfield and has been sent to all Field Organisers. These are quite big changes and Organisers might need some help to make sure they implement them correctly, please do what you can to assist.

This is a really good change so please encourage Organisers to implement the changes and tell everyone you can as it is a great way for junior and novice archers to get involved with Field Archery.

Further details are in the attached document.

“Dear Field Tournament Organiser,

Archery GB is about to publish changes to the rules in the Archery UK magazine (April 2019). This follows a study and feedback from the Field Archery community this last year, related to the introduction of additional optional shooting positions for juniors and novices.

These changes introduce the use of yellow, green and pink coloured shooting positions and make changes to the white shooting position distance. Records will not be kept for the new shooting positions and while the white shooting positions have been changed to introduce a shorter position for one face size, new records will be established but only accepted for scores that better the existing scores achieved.

The new shooting positions are to be marked using a thin ground marker to minimise the visibility from the red and blue pegs, the additional positions are also optional as it is recognised that some field courses do not accommodate the placement of these shooting positions, for example across water or dead ground etc and therefore the use of these is at the Tournament Organisers discretion.

We want to encourage greater participation in Field archery by juniors and novices and it is felt that these additional shooting positions will go in part to removing some of the fears that prevent participation.

Archery GB wishes to encourage the use of these new shooting positions as soon as possible and suggest that the changes are adopted immediately. We would appreciate if you would consider implementation at your next Field Tournament.”

5) Important Dates for your Diary

Just a reminder of some important dates

12th January 2019 – SCAS Judge Conference at Stevenage

3rd March 2019 – National Judge Conference at Newcastle

23rd March 2019 – Regional Preparation Seminar at Hadleigh, Suffolk

12th October 2019 – Candidate and Candidate Youth Judge Seminars at Lilleshall (proposed date only)

13th October 2019 – Regional Judge Preparation Seminar at Lilleshall (proposed date only)

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

Kind regards

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