

# Southern Counties Archery Society

## Changes in AGB fee structure and collection 2024-5 – Advice to Counties

Following consultation with Regional Council on AGB's July 2024 announcement of changes in AGB fee structure and AGB fee collection arrangements, SCAS Trustees have agreed the following clarifications for the membership year 2024-25.

### Collection of Regional fees for 2024-5

1. SCAS Regional fees and fee structure for 2024-5, including age bands, were set at the SCAS AGM in April and remain unchanged. The Regional fees and age bands for 2024-5 can be found at <https://scasarchery.org.uk/council-details/fees-grants-and-finance>
2. We kindly request Counties to collect SCAS fees in the usual way. As in previous years, SCAS offers two options for Counties:
  - Counties in SCAS may forward regional fees collected 'per head' from clubs, at the rates at the URL above;
  - Counties in SCAS may choose to pay a regional fee *en bloc* based on membership in the previous year, rounded down to the nearest 50 members. *en bloc* fees may also be paid in instalments by agreement with the SCAS treasurer if up-front payment in October is difficult.
3. SCAS recognises that some of our county organisations anticipate significant reduction in affiliation for the membership year 2024-5 as a result of the changes. Where counties experience appreciable reductions in affiliation or difficulties in collecting regional fees, SCAS requests that counties make reasonable efforts to collect regional fees for the members affiliating in 2024. In particular, *en bloc* fees may be based on actual affiliations for 2024-5 rather than the previous membership year if affiliations fall appreciably below the previous year's membership.

### Incomplete affiliation

4. SCAS notes that some member counties have been advised of clubs thinking of declining to re-affiliate to AGB or affiliating only part of their membership to AGB. As a regional body of AGB, **SCAS can only recognise clubs and counties for which all members are affiliated to AGB.**
5. For the avoidance of doubt:
  - All participants in SCAS events, whether individual, team, in person or 'postal', must be affiliated to AGB or to a body recognised by AGB as permitted to compete in AGB events. Competition for SCAS awards is restricted to fully affiliated SCAS members.
  - SCAS, through the Regional Judges' Committee, cannot provide judging support for events unless all participants are required to be AGB members.
  - SCAS understands that coaching by licensed AGB coaches is only covered by AGB liability insurance where the club is fully affiliated to AGB.
  - SCAS grants and loans for individuals and groups (including clubs and counties) follow the existing SCAS grants policy, available on our website. This policy generally requires recipients to be affiliated to AGB.

**NOTE:** The clarifications at paragraphs 4 and 5 above are general advice on existing SCAS policy and practice, which has not changed.