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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

Sadly Roger McMullen passed away on 17th December, Roger had struggled with his health for some time. Roger retired from Judging at the end of 2014 after a very long career, including over 20 years as a Regional Judge, and was awarded the title of SCAS Judge Emeritus. In 2018 he was awarded a Bronze Plaque from Archery GB in recognition of his work in particular with the Island Games and VI archery. Even though retired from judging Roger was still in active in archery and attended tournaments in Sussex up until the start of the pandemic. He will be greatly missed and our thoughts are with his wife Zillah, his family and friends at this sad time.

Neil Dimmock has retired from Judging from the start of the year. Neil has been a Judge for 46 years raising through the ranks until he became an International Judge in 1993, a position he held until the age limit made him retire as an International Judge in 2008 and he was awarded the title of WA Judge Emeritus, he continued as a Continental Judge till 2011. Neil has made an enormous contribution to archery and to judging during his long and distinguished career. There are too many things to mention them all but some highlights are being Chairman of the SCAS Judges Committee, DOS at the Paralympics in Beijing, working closely to progress para-archery and training judges in the UK and all round the world. His amazing knowledge and memory will be missed by us all.

Nick and Jackie Lee, both Candidate Judges from Berkshire have also decided to retire from judging with immediate effect due to changes in their personal circumstances. We thank them for their work and wish them well for the future.

2) New Archery GB Rules – Immediate effect

Appendix B of the Rules of Shooting which refers to Judging has been updated. In particular I would like to draw your attention to the changes to Part 3 which now reads

“Allocations below must be discussed with the judge in charge and agreement from both parties.

(a) World Record status/WA events or a UK record status event with a head to head target tournament: one chair of judges, one director of shooting and one judge for every 10 targets.

(b) UK Record tournament or below, one judge for every ten targets. No Chair of Judges or Director of Shooting to be separately appointed, unless there are over 30 targets, although one Judge should take charge on the day

(c) Indoor competitions – if the competition has three or more sessions, additional judges must be appointed. This number must be discussed with the judge in charge and an agreement to be made between the judge in charge and the tournament organiser. This conversation must take into consideration the wellbeing of the judges and the additional costs incurred to the tournament organiser.

(d) UK record status clout tournaments: one judge for each 3 targets.

(e) All record status field shoots: one judge for each 8 targets.

(f) All record status flight tournaments – one judge.

Candidate judges

Candidate judges are considered as part of the Judge team and should receive the same benefits as any other judge.

Candidate numbers within the judge team, consult on these appointments with the judge in charge

- Non record status one for every two qualified judges
- Record status one for every three qualified judges

Judge expectations

Any judge can request to attend a competition, for experience and learning as an extra. In this situation, the Judge should not expect expenses or food unless this is offered by the tournament organiser.

Prior to agreement to attend a shoot all judges must be told of catering arrangements for the day and what travel expenses will be paid. Archery GB currently pay 33p per mile and this is the suggested amount, but it is at the tournament organisers discretion.”

There are new guidelines on the number of Judges required per tournament depending on size and type but the final numbers must be discussed between the Organiser and the Judge in Charge and an agreement reached

Candidate Judges are formally regarded as members of the Judging Team and as such should receive the same treatment as the rest of the team, such as catering and expenses.

This shows that Archery GB recognises the vital role candidates perform, whilst they are there to learn they should not be left out of pocket for this and they work just as hard as other members of the team. A maximum number of candidates per event has also been set.

The exception to this is when a Judge requests to attend a tournament to learn for experience as an extra. This applies to all levels, not just candidates, for example a Regional Judge may request to attend a H2H for experience. When they are there as an extra they should not expect catering or expenses unless it is offered by the Tournament Organiser.

The change also highlights that the expenses and catering arrangements should be laid out before the Judge agrees to attend. If you are not sure what the arrangements will be then please do not hesitate to ask either the Tournament Organiser or Judge in Charge. It is much easier to ask in an email or a phone call prior to the event then asking on the day.

3) New World Archery Rules – Immediate effect

World Archery have released some new bylaws which came into effect from 1st January 2021. The new rule books and the differences can be found here - [Rulebook | World Archery](#)

Just to highlight some of the more important changes

Book 2

- Changes to Field Head to Head procedures

Book 3

- Change of wording from mouth release to mouth tab for Para archers
- Shoot off changes – the rule has changed back for shoot offs. The arrow that scores the highest wins, if the score is the same it is the arrow nearest the middle wins. If the distance is the same then there is a second shoot off.

The requirement that if recurves/barebows both score a 10 or compounds both shot an X another arrow is shot has been removed.

Book 4

- Clarification of shooting positions
- Clarification on the mixed team round
- Changes to shoot off procedures for ties in Eliminations

4) World Archery Interpretations

World Archery have issued some interpretations

Book 3 Article 11.4.6.1; 11.4.6.2; 11.4.10.1 and Book 4 Article 22.3.6.1; 22.3.6.2; 22.3.10.1 – Definition of shock absorbers and limb dampeners

Book 4 Article 22.4.1 – Interpretation on a bow with adjustable tiller bolts for the Instinctive Division

5) WA Judge Newsletter

The latest World Archery Judge Newsletter (Number 103) is now available and can be found here - <https://extranet.worldarchery.org/documents/index.php?dir=76>

It is well worth a read.

6) County Judge Reaccreditation

Just a reminder - The County Judge Reaccreditation is now available and can be found here – <https://www.classmarker.com/online-test/start/?quiz=kbq5fa3e1d9dac94>

It must be completed by 8 February 2021

They are aiming to send out all results by 8 March 2021

All Country Judges are required to take the test, if you do not do so then you will be downgraded.

If you are concerned about the reaccreditation requirements then please let me know. In some circumstances the Working Group will give dispensation.

7) Archery GB National Judge Conference

The 2021 Archery GB National Judge Conference will be held online, and they are hoping to run additional training webinars as well.

In order to see which training topics to cover at the Conference and in the webinars the Working Group would appreciate it if you could complete a short quiz, similar to the one normally done at the start of each Conference. It is completely anonymous and can be found here - <https://forms.gle/8rcTBQhXKuZJJW687>

There is also a link to a form so you can state your preferred date and time for the Conference. The Conference will last approximately 2 hours.

Attendance to the Conference can be counted on your J07 for 2021 as can any webinars as long as you attended them “live” rather than watching a recorded version.

If you have any ideas that you would like covered at the National Conference or in future webinars then please let me know.

8) Important Dates for your Diary

Just a reminder of some important dates

9th January 2021 – SCAS Judge Conference

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

Kind regards

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