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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 David Wallace passed away on 8th September. He retired as a Judge in 2015 after over 20 years in the role, he was particularly well known for his extensive knowledge of Field archery in which he was a National Judge. On his retirement he was awarded the title of SCAS Judge Emeritus in recognition of all his hard work over the years. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time.

Gary Bellamy from Hertfordshire has sadly resigned from judging with immediate effect. Gary had been a Judge for 6 years and was a Regional Judge. He will be greatly missed by his fellow Judges and the archers and I thank him for all his hard work over the years.

Now to the good news. We have had some assessments recently and I am very pleased to announce that David Strong from Hampshire is now a Regional Judge and Graham Pink from Oxfordshire is now a County Judge. Many congratulations.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the Judges who helped with the assessments this year, it is much appreciated.

2) Archery GB Rule Changes – Effective 1st October

The following rule changes have been announced in the latest edition of Archery UK

Rule 300 (j) – Tolerance on Target Faces

This has been amended so the tolerance for zones Outer Red (7) to Outer White (1) is now + or – 2mm rather than + or – 3mm.

This brings the rule in line with the World Archery tolerances

Rule 302 (d) (iv) – Range Safety

Previously it read *“The whole of the safety area must be visible so that the Field Captain has total control of the shooting and safety area. Additional lighting, (e.g. floodlights,) can be used if necessary, to ensure full visibility for the shooting area AND the safety area.”*

It now reads *“The Field Captain must have total control of the shooting and safety areas. Additional lighting, (e.g. floodlights,) can be used if necessary, to ensure full visibility for the shooting area AND the safety area.”*

The original purpose of this part was to ensure that archers and clubs did not compromise safety when shooting outdoors in the winter using inadequate lighting. Therefore this small reword caters for environments where there may be obstacles in the overshoot area (i.e. trees / bushes / other immovable objects). The Field captain or Judge may not be able to see through the obstacle, however, as they are within the safety area the Field captain or Judge is aware of how the safety area is accessed, and therefore will still be able to safely control the area.

Rule 306 (j) – Outdoor passthroughs

Previously passthroughs outdoors cannot be scored and were automatically a Miss. The rule has now been adjusted to read

“(i) If an arrow is observed to pass through a target, the archer concerned shall immediately draw the attention of the Judge to the fact by retiring two paces from the shooting line and holding their bow above their head.

(ii) Upon the Judge satisfying themselves that the claim is justified, if necessary, by holding the shoot at the end of the detail and examining the boss, the archer shall be permitted to shoot another arrow separately, and to complete any arrows they may still have left, as soon as the other archers on the boss have finished shooting.

(iii) The Judge shall take part in the scoring of the end to ensure the correct arrow values are recorded, and that any changes made to the boss have been effective”

This brings it in line with the procedure for Indoors.

Please make sure you update your rule books accordingly.

At the time of sending this the new Rule Book does not seem to be available on line, but when it is it can be found here - <https://www.archerygb.org/about-us-structure-safeguard/about-us/the-rules-of-shooting/>

3) Proposed Archery GB Rule Changes

In Archery UK it details some proposed changes to the name of some AGB rounds. Instead of being “Short Junior” or “Junior” etc they will be identified with roman numerals, in the same way as the Bristol rounds are. For example any round with the number V (e.g. National V) will start at 30 yards.

Full details can be found in Archery UK. Archery GB are inviting further comments which can be sent to rules@archerygb.org. If adopted the changes would come into effect from 1st April 2022.

4) National Tournament Invitation

The National Tournament Invitation form is now available on line here -

<https://forms.gle/U1mCADXbbbB2rhEEA>

Responses need to be in by 20th November.

All Judges are eligible to put their name forward, so if you are interested then please complete the form.

5) Archery GB Judge Conference

The Archery GB Judge Conference will be held at Lilleshall on 5th and 6th March 2022.

More details will be sent out soon.

6) Seminars

The Candidate Seminar will be held on 23rd October and the Regional Preparation Seminar will be held on 24th October. Both of these events will be at Lilleshall

Candidates please enter via the link below

<https://agb.sport80.com/register/event?eid=38418>

County judges enter via the link below

<https://agb.sport80.com/register/event?eid=38419>

Anyone attending also needs to register for Learning Curve so Katy Cummings can add them to the judges section. Once they have registered can they please send an e-mail to judges@archerygb.org so Katy C knows who she needs to invite.

To register with learning curve

Go to <https://archerygb.hivelearning.com/learningcurve/>

1. Fill in your details to create a profile.
2. You'll need the passkey: L3arning_Curve!
3. AGB then send you a verification email - click on the link and you'll have access to Learning Curve!

7) Important Dates for your Diary

Just a reminder of some important dates

23rd October 2021 – Candidate Seminar and County Written Assessment at Lilleshall

24th October 2021 – Regional Preparation Seminar and Regional Written Assessment at Lilleshall

8th January 2022 – SCAS Judge Conference (hopefully) at Stevenage Leisure Centre

5th and 6th March 2022 – Archery GB Judge Conference at Lilleshall.

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

Kind regards

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