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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

Many congratulations to Alex Purser from Essex who has passed his National Assessment, along with David Leach from WMAS. Well done to both of them!

We also have a new Candidate – Meera Shah from Middlesex. I am sure you will all make Meera very welcome.

If you have a tournament that could possibly accommodate another Judge then please bear one of our candidates. The contact details for all Judges can be found on the SCAS website.

2) Archery GB Rule Book

The new Archery GB Rule Book is now available on the AGB website here -

<https://www.archerygb.org/about-us-structure-safeguard/about-us/the-rules-of-shooting/>

Please make sure you update your records accordingly.

3) Archery GB Judge Conference

The Archery GB Judge Conference will be held (hopefully) at Lilleshall on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Archery GB are going to review whether the Conference is held virtually or in person in January. More details will follow then.

#### 4) Indoor

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 **M8, 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.

#### 5) WA Bylaws – **Effective 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

World Archery have announced some new Bylaws which come into effect on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The full details can be found here -

<https://extranet.worldarchery.sport/documents/index.php?dir=839>

The Bylaws include some which will affect us -

Change of title for Cadets, Juniors and Masters – this change is only a change of name and does not affect who shoots in which category.

Cadets will be known as **U18**

Juniors will be known as **U21**

Masters will be known as **50+**

Equipment Failures – World Archery are removing Equipment Failures from all of their rounds. So there will be no extra time given to shoot any make up arrows. This applies to Target only. We are waiting for confirmation about whether Medical Emergencies are still possible.

Compound Shoots Offs – This only applies for the shoot offs after the Ranking Round to determine positions 8<sup>th</sup> or 104<sup>th</sup> for Individuals. Previously for compounds the archers would shoot at face A, B, C or D as they did during the ranking round. The new rule is that there will be one face (80cm 6 ring) in the middle of the boss for the archer to shoot at. These shoots offs will still be shot on neutral bosses with one archer per target.

Team Uniforms at finals – this clarifies what colour undershirts, compression shirts and sleeves should be during televised Finals. It now reads “During finals with TV coverage, undershirts, compression shirts or sleeves may be used on condition that they match the predominant colour of the team shirt or are white (might include design, names or markings but the predominant colour should be white).”

Change in Team Rounds for Para Archery ONLY – a new Team round has been introduced for Para Archery. The Doubles Team consists of two archers of the same gender shooting in

the same class and replaces the three person Team. All details are the same as the Mixed Team Round.

Other changes to Para Archery – there are some changes on Classification. There is also a clarification on where to measure the sides of the back support of wheelchairs, it is now from the furthest point of the backrest (Rule 21.6.3). The size of the Lane Lines has also been changed. For individual events it should be a minimum of 2.5m or 3.75m, and for Doubles and Mixed Team it will be a minimum of 3.75m.

Barebow – vibration dampeners are now permitted. They can be as installed by the manufacturer or be attached by the archer to the riser or weights. However everything must still pass through the 12.2cm ring, but you cannot flex anything to get it through the ring. Manufacturer's stabilizer inserts are allowed, but angular brackets or connectors are not permitted. Weights and dampeners can now be fitted above and below the grip (previously they could only be below) but must not aid in aiming or ranging in any way.

Change to Individual Matchplay in Field and 3D – The new rules is that - The winner of Pool A will shoot against the winner of Pool D and the winner of Pool C will shoot against the winner of Pool B for entry into the semi finals.

The Instinctive Bow is replaced by the Traditional Bow in Field and 3D – The Instinctive Bow is being replaced by a new Category called "Traditional Bow".

*22.4.1 A bow of any type, which complies with the common meaning of the word bow as used in target archery, consisting of a handle/riser (no shoot-through type), a grip and two flexible limbs each ending in a tip with a string nock where a single string is attached directly between the two string nocks. In operation, the bow is held in one hand by its handle (grip) while the fingers of the other hand draw and release the string. The riser is of laminated construction and includes wooden laminates or made of one piece of wood. The bow may be a take-down type and may incorporate factory installed metal fittings in the riser for limb attachment, stabilizer bushings, etc. Bows may have adjustable limbs for poundage and tiller adjustment.*

*The bow as described above shall be bare, except for an arrow rest as described in 22.4.3. and free from protrusions, sights or sighting marks, blemishes or other reference marks within the bow window area which could be used for aiming. Weights inside the bow riser are permitted if installed during the manufacturing process and not post construction. Any such weights shall be completely invisible on the exterior of the riser and be covered by laminates applied during the initial construction with no visible holes, plugged holes, covers or caps with the exception of the original manufacturer's inlay or insert logo.*

*22.4.5 String walking is not permitted.*

*22.4.7.1. An anchor plate or similar device attached to the finger protection (tab) for the purpose of anchoring is not permitted. When shooting, the index finger or middle finger must be within 3 mm of the nock or touch the nock (split finger or 3 fingers under). When shooting split finger, a finger separator between the fingers to prevent pinching may be used. A single anchor or face walking is permitted. String walking is not permitted.*

6) WA Bylaws – **Effective 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

World Archery have announced a new Bylaw which come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022. The full details can be found here -

<https://extranet.worldarchery.sport/documents/index.php?dir=839>

Timing – some of you will have heard that World Archery are changing the timings for Target (not Para) to 30 seconds per arrow, instead of 40 seconds per arrow. They have now decided that this change will only apply to World Ranking Events, that is things like World Cups, World Championships, Continental Championships etc. So this change will not affect events in the UK.

7) WA Interpretations

World Archery have announced some new Interpretations. The full details can be found here - <https://worldarchery.sport/rulebook/interpretations>

Book 3 11.1.8 and 11.4.8 and Book 4 22.1.8, 22.3.8, 22.4.7 and 22.5.7 – Regarding the use of thumb rings in all divisions. It has been decided that thumb rings are only legal in the compound division as they can be used as release aids.

Book 3 11.4.4, 11.4.8 and 11.4.8.1 and Book 4 22.3.4, 22.3.8 and 22.3.8.1 – Modifications to tab plates so it can be used as a draw check indicator or a subconscious triggering device in barebow, sometimes referred to as a sear tab or breakaway tab. It has been decided these are not legal in barebow. There are some very helpful photos and step by step explanation in the full Interpretation

Book 3 11.3.1 – Clarification on whether electronic or electrical devices, such as the Mantis Training Tool can be used on the Competition Field during practice. It has been decided that all such devices are banned from the Competition Field, even during Official Practice, warm up arrows etc. They can be used on a separate practice field if one is available. It also clarifies that the housing or mounting of such devices can remain on the bow as long as the actual electronics and recording devices are removed.

Book 3 11.1.10, 11.3 and 11.4.10 – Whether the “Fivics draw elbow joint device” can be worn in Target competitions. This is a device that sits in the elbow joint to help focus on expansion. It is only legal in the compound, it cannot be used for recurve and barebow.

Book 3 11.2.1.4 and Book 4 22.2.1.4 – Clarification that peep sights with an adjustable peep hole are allowed in all divisions, including unmarked Field and 3D

8) Useful Tool!

I know some of you already use these or something similar, but for those who don't they are chalk pens. They are useful for marking arrows for bouncers, as you can put a mark near the fletches and it can be easily wiped off. Some Judges also use them to put a small mark on the back of bosses to indicate a lost arrow – again it can be easily wiped off when the arrow

is found. There are several available, such as this one - [MarXman Chalk Non-Permanent DIY Marking Pen Tool \(Standard Up To 45mm\) : Amazon.co.uk: DIY & Tools](#)

9) World Archery Judge Newsletter

The latest World Archery Judge Newsletter is available on line here -

[https://documents.worldarchery.sport/Judging/Judging\\_Newsletter/Newsletter106\\_November\\_21.pdf](https://documents.worldarchery.sport/Judging/Judging_Newsletter/Newsletter106_November_21.pdf).

It is well worth a read. I would particularly draw your attention to the information on Team Rounds. It clarifies that archers equipment resting in the 1m area (such a long rod) is not breaking a rule and no yellow card should be given. Also it confirms that Team Coaches should remain behind the team box during shooting.

10) Archery GB Tournaments – Judge Appointments

Please find attached the list of appointments for the 2022 Archery GB events.

11) Important Dates for your Diary

Just a reminder of some important dates

8<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – SCAS Judge Conference – to be held virtually

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Archery GB Judge Conference (decision pending on format)

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

Kind regards

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