

The background features a large, light green watermark of the World Archery logo. It consists of a diamond shape with a bow at the top, an arrow pointing right across the middle, and the letters 'W.A.' at the bottom. The text is centered over this watermark.

# **Update on World Archery Rule Changes Effective 15.01.2022**

**08.01.2022**

- This presentation is based on the information we have at this moment in time. At this time I have not seen the new Rule Books, so it may be there are some changes when these are published.
- If there are any changes we will try and communicate them as quickly as possible
- Please make sure you read the new rules thoroughly when they come out, they will be available on the WA Website under Sport.
- Fingers crossed WA will also produce the PDFs which highlight the changes

# *Equipment Failure – TARGET ONLY*

- **This is for Target Only**
- If you have an equipment failure in Target then you will not be allowed any additional to shoot any arrows you have missed.
- You will be able to repair the equipment or use your spare bow, but any arrows that you have not shot will be scored as a Miss.
- At present we are not sure what is happening with Medical Emergencies, but believe it will.
- At present we are assuming this change will also apply to Clout, but this is to be confirmed when the Rule Books are published

# *Barebow Equipment*

- Vibration Dampeners are now permitted
- Weights and Vibration Dampeners can now be fitted above a below the grip, previously weights were only allowed below the grip
  - Everything must still go through a 12.2cm ring and if anything is attached by a flexible adaptor then this cannot be moved to get it through the ring – so you cannot bend the adaptor
  - You cannot have angular brackets or connectors – so you cannot have a set up that would normally point out, but use an angular bracket so it points down (so it will fit through the ring).
- These changes apply to World Archery and Archery GB and to all disciplines.

# *Change of Title for Age Categories*

- World Archery have changed the name of the Age Categories, hopefully this will make things clearer going forward
  - Cadets will now be known as **U18**
  - Juniors will now be known as **U21**
  - Masters will now be known as **50+**
- This is only a name change and does not affect who shoots in which Category



# *Traditional Bow – Field and 3D*

- The Instinctive Bow has been replaced by the Traditional Bow
  - This is a non shoot through riser of laminated construction and includes wooden laminates or made of one piece of wood
  - It should be bare except for an arrow rest and nothing that could assist with 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
  - String walking is not allowed
  - There can be nothing on the tab to help with anchoring. 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.

# *Double Team Round– PARA ONLY*

- The Three Person Team has been removed from Para Archery, and has been replaced with the Double Team (the Mixed Team remains).
- The Double Team is two people from the same country and in the same category who are the same gender (so the same as Mixed Team, but in Mixed Team it is two people of different genders).
- The Timings and rules are exactly the same as for the Mixed Team Round

# *Other Para Changes*



- Lane Lines for Para only events
  - These have changed to be a minimum of 2.5m or 3.75m
  - For the Mixed Team and Doubles Team it will be a minimum of 3.75m
- Measuring of back support on wheelchairs
  - Clarification of measuring where the back support on wheelchairs curves round the body of the archer
  - The sides of the back support may not be further forward than half the width of the archer's body (trunk), it is measured from the furthest point of the backrest.
  - The WA Para Committee are supposed to be producing some additional guidance and images on who to measure things like this.



# *Compound Shoot Offs*

- This is for any Shoot Off at the end of a Qualification/Ranking Round when there is a tie for position 8 or 104 for individuals.
  - Previously the tie was shot on a neutral boss and the same target face configuration that was used in the Round was put up – so if they were shooting A, B, C, D then 4 faces were put up and the archer would shoot at the position they were using previously – so if they were Archer 30C they would shoot at the C target.
  - Going forward there will be one face in the middle of a neutral boss (80cm face) which the archer will shoot at. There will be one archer per target.

# *Field and 3D Head to Heads*

- This change is for Individual Matchplay in Field and 3D
- 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.

# *Team Uniforms – INFORMATION ONLY*

- World Archery have clarified what colour undershirts, compression shirts and sleeves archers can wear under their Team tops during televised Finals.
  - They can be worn as long as they match the predominate colour of the Team top or are white (they can include designs, names and marks but the predominate colour should be white.
  - This may affect things such as the Youth Festival and Tour Finals, but check with the Event Director for these events.

# Timing Changes – INFORMATION ONLY

- This is for information only
  - World Archery did pass a Rule Change saying that for all individual events (except Para events and alternate shooting in Finals) the time for an arrow would change from 40 seconds to 30 seconds.
  - They have now changed this and it will now **ONLY** apply at World Ranking Events (such as World Championships and Continental Championships).
  - **IT WILL NOT APPLY AT ANY “NORMAL” EVENTS IN THE UK**
  - Andrew Trimble and Steve Vallis have produced instructions on how to alter the Chronitir System and Richard Pilkington has done the same for the Danage system. They will be circulated after the meeting - Thank you Andrew, Steve and Richard.

# *Equipment Inspection – INFORMATION ONLY*

- **This is for Information Only**
  - World Archery, in order to reduce the length of the events, has removed mandatory Equipment Inspection at **WORLD CUP** events **ONLY**.
  - This will not affect any other events and mandatory Equipment Inspection of all bows will continue at all Record Status and World Record Status events in the UK.