

The Annual Discussion Meeting of the Regional Shooting Committee was held in the Lewis Silkin Suite at the Stevenage Leisure Centre, Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 1LZ at 10am on Saturday 7th January 2017,

The Chairman, Graham Potts, welcomed all those who attended to the meeting and we went quickly round the room with each Judge introducing themselves and their County.

17D/01 Presentation by Katy Lipscomb (JLO)

This presentation included a review of Judge Changes in 2016, Rule and Procedure changes in 2017 and what is coming up in for 2017. A copy of the presentation is included (SCAS JUDGES CONFERENCE 2017.pdf)

The Committee have no specific plans for 2017, so if there is any training or guides you need, whether that is in the form of the document or training day, then please let the Committee know.

17D/02. Scoring Issues – Graham Potts

Graham ran through how to deal with various mistakes that archers can make which will affect their score. This included in particular scoring on 3 spot faces when people shoot out of time or there are more than one arrow in a face; it also covered scoring on the 5 spot Worcester face, Vegas and a single face.

It was stressed that if someone makes a mistake then write down all the arrow values, either on the back of the scoresheet or in your notebook, and talk the archer through what you are doing and why and how you reached the final result. This means the archer understands what you are doing and will educate them for next time. Also, don't be afraid to ask another Judge for their advice if you are not sure, we have the time so it can always be discussed whilst the archers continue shooting.

A copy of the presentation is included (Scoring Presentation.pdf), as well as a copy of the Handy Guide on 3 spot scoring.

17D/03. Look back to Rio 2016 Olympics – Graham Potts

Graham was the Chair of Judges at the Rio 2016 Olympics and he ran through some of the issues he dealt with at the Olympics including some of the similarities and differences between being Chair of Judges at a major event and a normal event.

17D/04. Question on practice on the Competition Field before the Competition has started – Gary Bellamy

Gary's questions related to an archer practicing on the Field before a competition, for example if the competition is in the afternoon and they go to the Field in the morning. Is this allowed? Graham Potts explained that the change in the Rules for sighters was designed to allow people

to shoot more and still be able to claim records and classifications etc. There is nothing to stop some shooting at a venue in the morning and then competing in the afternoon.

It was also clarified that archers can claim records and classifications etc on the second (or third or fourth etc) round of the day.

Under Rule 304 (k) only the first round shot can be used results at Record Status Events. At Non Record Status Events the results can be based on whatever the Tournament Organiser wants. If an Organiser does include the scores for subsequent rounds in the results at a Record Status Tournament then talk to the Organiser, and if needed make a note in the Record Status Booklet. With regards to the Record Status Booklet, if you have an issue after you have handed the Booklet back or anything you don't want to put in the Booklet because it is confidential then make sure you email the relevant AGB Committee or contact Karen at the AGB Office.

17D/05. Look back to World Field Championships in Ireland 2016 – Hannah Brown

Unfortunately Hannah was not able to be at the meeting due to unforeseen work commitments.

17D/06. Question on Shooting Glasses – Paul Clark

Paul has noticed a rise in the number of people wearing shooting glasses, including the hi-tech ones such as PILA and normal glasses with tape on them. He wanted clarification on what is and isn't allowed within the Rules.

The Rules for AGB are –

Target - 201(a) Visual Aids.

- (i) Field glasses, telescopes and other visual aids may be used for spotting arrows.
- (ii) Prescription spectacles or shooting spectacles, provided they are fitted with the same lenses normally worn by the archer, and sun glasses may be used. The glass of the nonsighting eye may be fully covered or taped, or an eye patch may be used.
- (iii) No visual aid may be fitted with microhole lenses, or similar devices, nor marked in any way which can assist in aiming.

Field - 502 (K) (ii) Field glasses and other visual aids with scales on the lenses or which incorporate any other means for evaluating distances.

The Rules for World Archery are –

Target - Recurve

11.1.9. Field glasses, telescopes and other visual aids may be used for spotting arrows:

11.1.9.3. Prescription spectacles, shooting spectacles and sunglasses may be used. None of these may be fitted with micro-hole lenses, or similar devices, nor may they be marked in any way that can assist in aiming.

11.1.9.4. Should the athlete need to cover the spectacle glass of the non-sighting eye, then it shall be fully covered or taped, or an eye patch may be used.

Compound

11.2.5. The following restrictions shall apply:

Article 11.1.9. as limited by Article 11.1.9.3. ;

Field - Recurve, Barebow, Instinctive, Longbow

22.1.9. Field glasses, telescopes and other visual aids may be used for spotting arrows:

22.1.9.2. Prescription spectacles, shooting spectacles and sunglasses may be used. None of these may be fitted with micro hole lenses, or similar devices, nor may they be marked in any way that can assist in aiming.

22.1.9.3. Should the athlete need to cover the spectacle glass of the non-sighting eye, then it shall be fully covered or taped, or an eye patch may be used.

Compound

22.2.5. The following restrictions shall apply:

Article 22.1.9. as limited by Article 22.1.9.2.

We need to make sure that we are checking shooting glasses during equipment inspection, either by asking people to bring their shooting glasses with them when you invite them for inspection or asking each individual if they have glasses when inspecting the equipment.

For recurves/barebow/longbow/instinctive we should be looking for anything which could be used for aiming in any way or string alignment – such as only having half the lens taped, or micro hole lenses. If they need to cover one eye it should be completely covered

For compounds we should be looking for the same, except in World Archery where the eye does not need to be completely covered.

The other thing that is becoming more common is archers having a small piece of paper or plastic clipped to their hat outdoors to act as a sunshield – this is okay.

Due to time constraints the remaining discussion points were moved to the end of the AGM.