



## SOUTHERN COUNTIES ARCHERY SOCIETY



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Dear Colleagues,

World Archery have now released the new Rule Books which came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

The new rule books and the differences (which are very helpfully highlighted in separate documents) can be found here - <https://worldarchery.sport/rulebook>

Just to highlight some of the more important changes or ones that may affect us.

**Book 3**

- Amendment regarding timing. It confirms that non World Ranking Events can continue to be run at 40 seconds per arrow, however Organisers can use 30 seconds per arrow as long as they indicate it on the Invitation/Prospectus/Entry Form. This does not apply to alternate shooting
- Whilst WA have updated their dress regulations, please note that the AGB dress regulations apply to events here
- Para Archery – the term “assistive devices” has been replaced everywhere by the term “adaptive equipment”
- Clarification that the 1.25m for wheelchairs include all equipment and the archer
- When the ground is uneven wheelchair archers can use up to 2 anti-rolling devices (like blocks or chocks) behind or in front of the rear wheel. The Judge is the one to decide if the ground is sufficiently sloping to allow this. These devices are not allowed when the ground is flat. They are different to chair mounted wheel brakes which do not touch the shooting position surface, they are allowed
- Any release aid system used (as mentioned on the Classification card) must not sit below the bottom of the rib cage and the rigid part cannot wrap around more than ½ the trunk. Lacing and strapping to secure it round the rest of the trunk is allowed. It cannot offer any form of lateral support or added support to the trunk
- Assistants (as mentioned on the Classification Card) must stay silent and cannot coach the archer at all. They cannot use binoculars or scopes and are forbidden from spotting the

arrows. The archer can give the assistant directions only for loading the arrows, adjusting the sight or adjusting other pieces of equipment

- VI spotters have to be seated behind the archer, 1m behind the shooting line

#### Book 4

- Longbows – they cannot be less than 150cm in length. This is measured on a strung bow between the string nocks along the outside (back) of the limbs (please note the WA Longbow is very different to the AGB Longbow)

#### Book 6

- Changes to the Run Archery Rules

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

Kind regards

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