



SOUTHERN COUNTIES ARCHERY SOCIETY



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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

We have a new Candidate Judge, Michael Bush from Essex. I hope you will all make Michael and all our Candidates feel welcome.

2) New World Archery Rules

The new World Archery Rule Books are now available -

<https://www.worldarchery.sport/rulebook>

We have tried to summarise all the important changes which will affect us which can be found in the attached document.

If you want to explore the changes in more depth then the changes documents can be found here - <https://extranet.worldarchery.sport/documents/?dir=1330>

3) AGB Judge Conference

The AGB Judge Conference will be held on-line on Saturday 7 March. You can sign up to the Conference through Sport:80.

4) New J05 Booklet

Everyone in SCAS who wants or needs a new J05 Booklet should now have one. If you do not then please contact me as soon as possible.

In light of this, for SCAS Judges it is now compulsory to use the new Booklet and not the old A4 paper form. Any J05s on the old forms going forward will not be taken into account when applying for upgrade.

5) Hearing Impairment Presentation

Please find attached the Hearing Impairment Presentation that Deb Horn gave at the SCAS Conference. It includes useful links. Don't forget that copies of the BSL booklets can be found on the SCAS Website under the Judges section

6) World Archery Interpretations

World Archery have issued a new interpretation

Use of image Stabilised Binoculars in Target, Field and 3D – these are permitted as they are a type of binocular, and whilst they are electric/electronic they are not attached to the archer's equipment.

7) Equipment Inspection at Non Record Status Events

Whilst we do not tend to do a formal equipment inspection at non-record status events, please make sure you look at equipment as you walk along the line. If you see something suspicious or you want to check (such as the size of a barebow) then speak to the archer and check it.

However, please make sure that you check the compound bow weights, this is because as well as being a rule this is also a safety/insurance rule.

8) Carriage Bows in AGB

Archery GB are due to add a new rule regarding Carriage Bows in the next rules update. Carriage Bows will be able to compete as AGB Longbows as long as they comply with all the other rules relating to Longbows, despite that they are in two parts and contain metal to strengthen the join.

9) Important Dates for your Diary

7th March 2026 – AGB Judge Conference – online

9th January 2027 – SCAS Judge Conference – Stevenage Leisure Centre

Link to AGB Tournament Report form - <https://forms.office.com/e/jXi5mA8k8f>

PLEASE USE THIS FORM FOR ALL TOURNAMENT REPORTS RATHER THAN THE OLD FORM

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

Kind regards

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