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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

The year has got off to a great start with 5 new Candidates so far. We have two new Youth Candidate Judges, Zoe Jones and Mastveer Ghatahora both from Hampshire, and 3 new Candidates, Sally Palmer from Norfolk, Paul Jackson from Hertfordshire and Paul Birch from Buckinghamshire. I am sure you will all make them very welcome and bear them in mind if you have any tournaments that have room for a Candidate.

I am also very pleased to let you know that SCAS Council gave us the full Budget for this year. SCAS Council recognises the hard work Judges do and supports it.

Unfortunately, it is not all good news, Declan Ashworth from Hampshire has moved to the Bristol area, so is now a GWAS Judge. He will be a great asset to them.

If anyone is looking to be assessed in 2018 then please get your paperwork in as soon as possible so we can start planning as soon as possible. If you would like any more information on what might be involved in an assessment and how to apply, then just let me know.

2) National Judge Conference

The National Judge Conference was held at Wyboston in Bedfordshire on the 4th March. It was great to see so many of you there for what was a highly enjoyable Conference where we all (hopefully) learnt a lot.

The National Committee will be issuing notes from the Conference along with copies of the presentation shortly. However I just want to highlight one thing from the Conference.

I am sure a lot of you are aware that Archery GB is going through a lot of changes at the moment in relation to the Committee Structures. Operations Committee and the Committees that reported into Ops are now no more. They have been replaced by a Strategic Advisory Committee, on which all the former Committee Chairs have a place, so Hannah Brown is now acting as our representative on this. The work the Committees undertook will be carried out by Working Groups. So for the Judges, the current Committee Members will form Working Groups for each of the various tasks they need to do, such as Conferences, Seminars, re-accreditations. They will be able to call upon other people as and when needed to complete these tasks. Susan Richards will be taking on an administrative role within the Working Groups to deal with emails and to liaise across all the Working Groups. Judges will now be looked after by a specific department within Archery GB.

Whilst there are still a lot of things to be finalized and there may be some bumps on the road, I think this change will be very positive for Judging. Because a department of Archery GB will be looking after us, Judges will be considered more when decisions are taken which will end up with greater team work across all of Archery GB. Archery GB will also be looking at how to help with the training and development of Judges which will benefit us all.

Whilst the National Judge Committee now no longer exists and Hannah is no longer our Chairman, those people will still be continuing their hard work and fighting our corner.

I want to take a moment to thank the Committee for everything they have done for us. Judging has changed a great deal in the last 10 years, and all the changes have been for the better. Their and their predecessors hard work and dedication has brought about these changes, and I cannot thank them enough. I am sure, with all of our support, they will continue to move Judging forward.

3) Proposed Archery GB Rule Changes

As many of you have probably noticed, Archery GB will not be changing the Rules on dress regulations at present.

4) In String Silencers in Target Archery

There have been several queries on whether In String Silencers are allowed on Recurve, Barebows or Longbows. Just for clarity In String Silencers are items which are attached to the string, for example small weights or bundles of fluff/hair in the sting, we are not taking about items that are attached to the limbs. These items are NOT allowed on Recurves, Barebows or Longbows in TARGET archery.

The Rules are

Recurve – 202 (b) – this details that a string can have centre serving (not ending in the line of sight), nocking point with one or two nock locators and one additional attachment to act as a lip OR nose mark (not both). Nothing else is permitted

Barebow – 204 (b) – the same as Recurve, but they cannot have a lip or nose mark

Longbow – 206 (b) – this details it can have kisser to facilitate a consistent draw position.

Please note that the American Flat Bow can have these string silencers, as detailed in Rule 206A (b), provided that they are at least 30cm from the nocking point.

If someone has these then they must remove them, or they can shoot, but their scores will not count for awards, records etc.

5) All Carbon Arrows

I have been asked by the Strategic Advisory Member for Target Archery to remind everyone that Record Status and World Record Status events must allow people to shoot with All Carbon Arrows.

Occasionally on an Entry Form they will state that All Carbon Arrows are banned. Because these arrows are legal under Archery GB and World Archery Rules archers must be allowed to shoot with them at Record Status and World Record Status events.

If you see a RS or WRS event banning them, please let the Organiser know that their status may be affected, and if they will not change their position contact myself, the Strategic Advisory Member for Target or for Judging so we can deal with it.

6) SCAS Judge Data Policy

Many thanks to all of you who have responded to me on this, and for those of you who have not done so yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions on it, please just ask.

7) Too Many Sighter Arrows at Archery GB Rounds

At the National Conference the warm up exercise highlighted that there was some confusion on what happens if an archer shoots too many sighter arrows at an Archery GB event.

Just to be sure, if someone shoots too many sighter arrows, there is no penalty. Just warn them to be more careful next time. There is no impact to their arrows in the first scoring end.

8) World Archery Interpretation

World Archery have published the following rule Interpretation

Book 3 Article 13.9, 15.4.3, 21.5.3, 21.11.3 and 21.11.4 - Interpretation on a Para Archery on various issues

9) Important Dates for your Diary

Just a reminder of some important dates

17th March 2018 – Field Training hosted by Essex and Paul Clark

12th January 2019 – SCAS Judge Conference at Stevenage

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

Kind regards

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