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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 must start the New Year with some sad news. Bill Kinsella, a SCAS Judge Emeritus, passed away on 3rd December. Bill had been a Judge for nearly 10 years when he retired in 2020, Bill was awarded the title of SCAS Judge Emeritus in recognition of his contributions over the years.

Mario Stankovic who was from EMAS also passed away at the end of November. Mario was an invaluable member of the Judging family.

Our thoughts are with their family and friends at this sad time.

We have also had two resignations from Judging. Mark Robinson and Chris Morrell from Hampshire. We thank them for all their hard work and wish them well for the future.

We do have some good news, we have a new Youth Candidate, Daria Nikolova from Essex. If you have an event which has room for a Candidate please bear Daria or any of Candidates in mind.

2) County Reaccreditation

The County Reaccreditation exam should be out within a couple of weeks. If you have any worries about the exam or think you need dispensation as you don't meet the requirements in the J10 then please just get in contact.

Don't forget that all County Judges need to do the exam, even if you have done part of the process to upgrade to Regional you still need to do it! You are not a Regional until you have passed both your practical and written upgrade exams.

3) AGB Judge Conference

The AGB Judge Conference will be at Lilleshall on 15 – 16 March 2025. You can sign up via Sport:80.

It should be a very informative and interesting weekend and it is a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones.

SCAS Judges can claim a grant of £75 after they have attended, regardless of grade.

4) SCAS Judge Conference

Hopefully you have all received the information following the SCAS Judge Conference which was on 4 January. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it an enjoyable day.

The information can also be found on the SCAS website along with all the other communications and training information.

At the Conference we discussed funding for Judges from their County Associations. SCAS is sending a letter to all County Associations asking them to consider funding Judges on some level. So maybe contact your County Committees to ask them as well. If you would like a copy of the letter that was sent, just let me know.

The SCAS Council kindly agreed to the Judge Committee Budget proposal for 2025. As one member of the Executive Committee said "Archery cannot happen without Judges"!

5) Archery GB Rule Changes

Archery GB released a new Rule Book and Shooting Administrative Procedures (SAPs) on January 7.

The Rule Book can be found here - <https://archerygb.org/files/rules-of-shooting-070125093540.pdf>

The SAPs can be found here - <https://archerygb.org/files/shooting-administrative-procedures-070125093601.pdf>

All changes are highlighted in blue in the documents

Rule Changes

Rule 205 – Recurve Traditional – amended to reference WA Rule Book 4 Article 22.4 which is the Traditional Division definition in World Archery

Rule 206A – American Flatbow – amended to reference WA Rule Book 4 Article 22.5 which is the Longbow Division definition in World Archery (please note WA Longbow is very different to AGB Longbow)

Table 3-1 and 3-2 – Minor amendments to allow 50+ archers to claim UK records

404 (d) – New Rule in Indoor Archery to clarify that at AGB events only arrows which score a 10 are classed as "Golds"

409A (e) (i) – Vegas 300 Round – when a triple triangular face is used then the scoring zones are 10 – 6, when a full size face is used the scoring zones are 10 – 1

Field Archery - Minor update and clarifications following changes in 2024. See 500 (a), (b), (c), 507

Rule 1100 – Disabled and Visually Impaired Archers – Section E – clarification on Double Rounds where Records can be claimed

Appendix B – Minimum Standard of Judges at Events – new rule added under section 3 to clarify that on a Field Course of 24 targets there should be a Chair of Judges and 3 Judges. The Chair of Judges at a Record Status Field Event must be able to traverse the field course. Please note that AGB have said they are going to re-issue this Appendix to make this change a little clearer

Appendix B – Judge Expectations – this has been amended to say the suggested amount for mileage is 40p per mile, which is the amount AGB pay. This is only a suggestion and actual expense arrangements should be agreed between the Organiser and the Judge.

SAP Changes

SAP 3 - Accreditation of Tournaments. 1.(H) & (I) – Updated procedures on documentation and results filing procedure for after events

SAP 4 – An update to the Annual Tournaments organised by Archery GB, and minor updates to 2. General Rules

SAP 6 – Minor updates to Six Gold Badges, Rose Awards, and WA Target/Silver Target Awards for Cadets and Masters

SAP 7 – Field Archery: Clarification of the claim procedures for field classifications

SAP 10 – Inclusion of the Dogs at Competition & Events policy, removing this as a standalone policy – please take a moment to read this policy.

6) World Archery Interpretations

World Archery have issued two new interpretations

Book 3 Article 11.1.4, 11.2.4, 11.4.1 and Book 4 Article 22.1.1, 22.2.4, 22.3.1 – Can a thumb be used for drawing and releasing a string

Book 3 Article 11.4.6.1 and Book 4 Article 22.3.6.1 – Is a specific dampener created by RamRods Archery permitted in Barebow

7) SCAS Tournament Application

Please find attached the Invitation for SCAS Tournaments in 2025 (the Junior Shoot is still being finalised so that will be covered by a separate invitation later).

For the SCAM you do not need to do all the 4 days, if you can only do one or two days, let me know.

Please note that the SCAS Intercounties is going to be a World Archery Team Round with Head to Heads, so if you knowledge of the Team Round that would be useful.

If you are interested in Judging at any of these events please email by **15 February**.

8) Important Dates for your Diary

15-16 March 2025 – AGB Judge Conference – Lilleshall

3rd January 2026 – SCAS Judge Conference – Stevenage Leisure Centre

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

Link to AGB Rule Interpretations - <https://archerygb.org/files/rule-interpretations-280324173103.pdf>

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

Kind regards

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