



## 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

I will start with the good news. We have two new Candidates, Jesse Wong from Cambridgeshire and Stuart Eyley from Hertfordshire. Please bear them in mind for any tournaments you are at.

Sadly we lost one of our family, Pam Tonkin passed away on 6 March. Whilst Pam was technically a GWAS Judge she was a regular at SCAS events and when she retired last year she was awarded the title of Honorary SCAS Judge Emeritus in recognition of the high esteem she was held in by SCAS. Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this time.

2) New World Archery Rules

World Archery have published updated Rule Books, these are available at -

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

There are also changes documents in the same place to show what has changed in the new versions.

Mainly the changes are quite small –

- clarification on which faces can be used for events
- refining the definition of Indoor and Outdoor
- further information on ranking archers after a H2H
- clarification that if an archer is shooting in more than one division they must complete the entire qualification round for each division

Please make sure you have downloaded the most up to date version.

### 3) New AGB Rule Books

The new AGB Rule Book came into effect on 2<sup>nd</sup> April and the new version can be found in the Member's Portal on the AGB website.

The changes are

- Removal of blank pages.
- 201 (b). Amended wording. Accessories are permitted such as limb savers, bracer, dress shield, bowsling, belt or ground quiver, and tassel. Foot markers are also permitted but must not protrude above the ground more than **two** centimetres.
- 206. Added words. Carriage bows are also permitted.
- 206A removed – see new rule 213.
- 206B removed – see new rule 214.
- 213. New rule number for American Flat Bow – rule wording copied from existing Rule 206A.
- 214. New rule number for Asiatic Bow – rule wording copied from existing Rule 206B.
- 215. New rule number for existing Rule 213. Minor changes to wording to reflect new rule numbers 213 and 214.
- 215 (b). Change to the word "crossbowmen" to "arbalists".
- 304 (l). New wording to reflect modern practices. Provided it does not disturb other archers, whilst an archer is on the shooting line, they may receive non-electronic coaching information.
- 306 (k). Amended wording. An arrow passing through the target face but remaining in the boss shall be pushed back through the boss at the assumed angle of original penetration until the nock end is visible in the target face, when the score shall be determined.
- 306 (s) (ii). With a change in the World Archery rules concerning tie-breaks, X's are counted first then 10s. The table has been updated to reflect this.
- 307 (c) (i) Removal of the words "for gentlemen". Tops or shirts must cover the front and back of the body (including the midriff when at full draw), they must not be strapless and must include sleeves of any length with the exception of clothing for Run Archery.
- Table 3-2A. Clarification on which rounds are available for double records.
- Table 3-3A. Inclusion of a new table to promote the use of Burntwood rounds (this is a duplicate of Part 11 information).
- 308 Table 3-2 : Long Metric Gentlemen changed to Long Metric 90, Long Metric Ladies changes to Long Metric 70.
- 308 Table 3-4. Updated wording: Men to Open and Women to Female.
- 308 Table 3-4. Change of Junior archers to U21 archers shoot the Burntwood rounds at a distance of 15m.
- 308 (c) (iv). Amended wording as Rule 308(b) (iii) does not exist. UK Records may be claimed subject to the conditions shown in Rules 308(b)(i) & (ii).
- 308 (c) (v). Updated wording: Distance records may be claimed when shot during the following complete rounds subject to conditions given in Rule 308(b): All WA1440 rounds and Metrics I, II, III, IV and V.
- 308 (d) (i) & (ii) – removed.
- 402 (b) (ii). Amended wording. When 40cm size faces are in two rows one above the other, the pinhole heights shall be a minimum of 100cm and a maximum of 162cm.

- 402 (iii) b. Amended wording to reflect changes in Rules 402 (b) (ii). To the pinholes of the top centre of the upper faces – 162cm.
- 404. (d). Removal of existing rule and replaced with a table showing how tie breaks are decided for indoor archery.
- 405. Table 4-1. Inclusion of the Burntwood rounds to promote usage. Addition of column for 18cm / 60 cm and removal of the 18 m/ 40cm special column.
- 501. WA 3D rules update regarding the course layout chapter in the WA rules as they are now the same rules as field archery.
- 502 (b) vii. Amended working to reflect new Rule 214. Asiatic Bow – Equipment defined in Rule 214.
- 602 (e.). Updated wording: There may be Female, Open, Junior Female and Junior Open competitions in each class and weight division.
- 705 and 707 : updated Men to Open and Women to Female.
- 708 (a) & (b). Removed.
- Part 10 Other forms of Archery: B. Archery Golf.
- Part 11. Edit of incorrect rule numbers (1107 – 1109).
- Part 11 E. Rounds. The inclusion of Burntwood M900, Long and Short Metric rounds in the Table of recognised rounds to promote further participation and inclusion.

I just want to highlight the main changes which will affect us -

Rule 304(l) refers to coaching on the line, previously under AGB archers on the line could not receive any information unless it was from a Judge. This has now been updated to match World Archery, archers on the line can receive non-electronic coaching information as long as it does not disturb other archers. Hopefully this change will save confusion to the archers

Rule 306(k) refers to passthroughs that are still in the boss, just not visible in the face. Previously the rules said the arrow needed to be removed by the Target Captain or Lieutenant and then re-inserted in the same place and at the same angle until the pile is visible on the face. This has now been updated so the arrow is NOT removed, but just pushed back at the same angle until it is visible on the face and so can be scored.

Rule 307(c)(i) refers to the types of tops that can be worn at RS and above events, the rule has been amended so it is no longer gender specific and says “Tops or shirts must cover the front and back of the body (including the midriff when at full draw), they must not be strapless and must include sleeves of any length with the exception of clothing for Run Archery.”

Rule 402(b)(ii) and (iii) refer to face heights Indoors. Previously in AGB the top face was at 160cm and the lower at 100cm, this has now been changed to a minimum of 100cm and a maximum of 162cm. This means that if you have a soft spot on a boss you can move the faces to avoid it, as you can with World Archery.

I have hopefully updated the training material on the SCAS website, but if you see anything I have missed please let me know.

Please make sure you have downloaded the new version of the Rule book.

4) Timing under Method 2

Just as a reminder, when you shoot Method 2 – timed ends at AGB events – you do not have to use traffic lights or signal the amber time by raising a flag or similar, the event can be run just on audible signals. Obviously if there are visual signals that is great, but it is not a necessity.

5) World Archery Judge Newsletter

The latest WA Judge Newsletter (117) is now available here -

<https://extranet.worldarchery.sport/documents/index.php?dir=76>

Whilst some of it is not relevant to us it is always interesting to have a read.

6) Judges for SCAS Junior Championships

Thank you for everyone who volunteered to officiate at the SCAS Junior Championships. The Judges for the event are

Deb Horn as COJ, John Gorman, Tracey Jackson, Marc Carroll and Dawn Tolson

The reserves are Paul Tolson, Paul Jackson and Michael Bush

7) Important Dates for your Diary

9<sup>th</sup> 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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