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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) New World Archery Rules

As previously mentioned World Archery issued new Rule Books over the weekend. The new versions and the full differences documents are now available on the World Archery Website (<https://www.worldarchery.sport/rulebook>). Please make sure that you update your versions.

A lot of the changes are to simplify and clarify wording (for example “should” being replaced with “will” or “must”)

But I just want to highlight some of the larger changes. But please read through the differences documents to make sure you are aware of all the changes.

Book 2

7.1.1.3 – this now says that the 3m line must be 3cm wide, with the whole of the 3cm being within the 3m line.

For the Team round it now specifies that the 1m line must be 3cm wide and the whole of the 3cm will be inside the 1m area. It now also includes that the coach can stand with the team, their equipment and 1 scope. If the coach wants to use a second scope then they must stand being the equipment line

The Judge will stand between the two teams.

There is a new diagram towards the back of the Book to illustrate this.

As the change to say the 3m line must be 3cm is new then do not worry too much about enforcing it. Please also bear in mind that at some events they may not be able to achieve

this, for example if they have to mark the ground with rope, so please be relaxed. The most important thing is that the line is there.

8.1.1.6 (Field layout)

Clarification that the tolerance between 16 and 60m is + or - 1m

Book 3 - Target

12.2.1

Clarification that neither the target face nor the buttress must be touched before scoring is complete

12.6

Clarification on the ranking of archers at events

Book 4 - Field and 3D

22.8

Clarification on the ranking of archers at events

Book 5 – Para Archery

37.1.4.2

Previously the rules said that during a Mixed Team/Double event that 2 release aids WERE allowed to be on at the same time. The new rules now clarify that 2 release aids MUST NOT be hooked at the same time, so whilst archer 1 is shooting archer 2 cannot have their release aid on the string. The only exception is where someone has a mouth tab which is permanently attached to the string.

38.6

Clarification on the ranking of archers at events

2) New World Archery Interpretations

World Archery have also issued 4 new interpretations

Book 3 Article 9.3.6 and Book 4 Article 19.3.6 – clarification that the use of stabilisers as weights on Barebow are allowed as long as the configuration fits through the barebow ring and does not assist with aiming

Book 3 Article 9.3.6 and Book 4 Article 19.3.6 – clarification that the ACU system (picture in document) is allowed as long as the configuration fits through the barebow ring and does not assist with aiming

Book 4 Article 19.47 and 19.5.7 – asks whether a previous Interpretation on Barebow Tabs also applies to Traditional and 3D divisions in 3D. The previous Interpretation is also attached.

Book 5 Appendix 2 Article 3 – clarification that a stool with a built up seat is not allowed unless it states it on the Classification Card

3) In Person Upgrade Seminars

The In Person upgrade seminars will be held at Lilleshall on **Saturday October 10th**.

The seminar will be for

- Candidates to upgrade to County level
- County to upgrade to Regional Level
- Regionals to sit the National paper.

Anyone thinking of going for upgrade can attend, for people wanting to attend the County to Regional seminar then please make sure you check the J10 regarding time limits.

The day will consist of the seminar and then the written paper, depending on numbers you will hopefully know the result at the end of the day.

The Link to register for the event is <https://agb.sport80.com/wizard/event/44278/home>

For people wishing to go for National you also have to complete a J03, which can be found on the Judge Resource section in the Membership area, and send it to me.

There will hopefully be online seminars for Candidate to County and County to Regional later in the year, but the dates are not known yet.

People attending an in-person seminar can claim £125 from SCAS to help with the costs.

4) Important Dates for your Diary

10th October 2026 – In person upgrade seminars - Lilleshall

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 TARGET/FIELD/3D 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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