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Dear Colleagues,

World Archery have now released the new Rule Books which came into effect on 15th January 2024.

The new rule books and the differences (which are very helpfully highlighted in separate documents) can be found here - <https://worldarchery.sport/rulebook>

A lot of it was covered at the SCAS Judge Conference, but please take the time to read through the changes carefully.

Just to highlight some of the more important changes or ones that may affect us.

Book 1

- Various changes to how WA work and Congress

Book 2

- Addition of the Under 15 class and the definition of Under 15 and their relevant rounds
- Further integration of the Para Double Round
- Removal of the pool system in Field Archery and changes to how the Head 2 Heads work
- Changes to the Field Team and Mixed Team rounds
- Removal of the pool system in 3D Archery and changes on how the Head 2 Heads work
- Changes to the 3D Team and Mixed Team rounds
- Removal of the mention of the WA Indoor Championship from the Rules

Book 3

- Change to clarify that in the Target Team events that any Para athletes can stay on the line, rather than only archers in wheelchairs

- Clarification on the target set-ups for shoot-offs following Qualification which decide entry to the eliminations
- Addition of the Under 21 class in Para-Archery and VI Archery
- Addition of the 18m round for Para-Archers
- Change in the size of lanes for Para events
- An important change to where the tactical sight can touch a VI archer- *“The size of the tactile sight may not exceed 2 cms in any direction and shall only be in contact with the back of the athlete's hand, between the wrist and the base of the fingers. It can sit between the knuckles but not between the fingers.”*
- Clarification of the VI Elimination and Final Rounds

Book 4

- Changes to allow archers to have their mobile phone with them on the course for monitoring a medical condition at any event as long as they have dispensation from the WA Medical Committee (if World Ranking event, Continental or World Championships). At other events the archer must tell the Chair of Judges and demonstrate how the App and the device work.
- At events other than World Ranking events, Continental or World Championships athletes can use electronic communication devices for the promotion of the sport on social media.
- Clarification on what is allowed with regards to binoculars and shooting glasses
- Change to the number of arrow shot in 3D and change to subsequent timings
- Clarification on where Coaches can be on a course in Field and 3D
- Addition of forfeit matches and how they are defined in Field and 3D
- Changes to how ties are handled
- Addition that if an archer uses a mobile communication device to calculate distance or angle or to communicate distances or angles will be disqualified and that Judges can examine the mobile communication device.

Book 5

- Multiple changes to Run-Archery rules

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

Kind regards

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