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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

Some sad news to start with. Ted Burnham from Berkshire has decided to retire from Judging after 16 years of hard work. Also Simon Cooper from Sussex is resigning after a year. I am sure they will be missed by all of us who worked with them and by the archers.

Now to the good news. Many congratulations to Andrew Trimble who has passed his Regional assessment, his new grade starts straight away.

We also have a new Candidate, Martin Whiting from Hampshire. I am sure you will all make him feel welcome.

2) World Archery Rule Changes

World Archery have published the following new Rules, **effective 1st October**

Book 1 Article 1.26.2 – Definition of the World Archery Official Flag

Book 2 Article 4.5.2.3 – Clarification on shooting the WA Combined Round

Book 3 Article 11.1.8 and 11.1.8.1 – Definition of a finger tab

Book 3 Article 14.2.7 – scoring of bouncer and pass throughs

Book 4 Article 22.1.8 and 22.1.8. 1 – Definition of a finger tab

3) World Archery Interpretations

World Archery have published the following rule Interpretations

Book 3 Article 11.2.4 – Clarification on putting a release aid on the string before the arrow

4) Archery GB Rule Changes

Following on from the Archery GB Rule Changes effective from 1st October, that I have already sent you, I just wanted to highlight a couple of things.

Sighters before each round – archers are now allowed to shoot sighters before each AGB round, this applies for Outdoor and Indoor Target and Clout. So, for example, if they are shooting a double Portsmouth they are allowed to have sighters before the second round. However they do not have to shoot them if they don't want to.

The archers can also claim records for the second or third round shot in a day.

What they still cannot do is claim a record for a shorter round shot within a longer round. So for example archers cannot shoot a Metric I and claim a record for a Long Metric I or Short Metric I.

The rules for World Archery Practice remain unchanged.

Minimum Standard of Judges – the minimum standard of qualification for the Judge in Charge has been changed (Appendix B). From now on Regional Judges can be in charge of World Record Status and WA Award Status Tournaments which do not include a Head to Head.

It is up to each Judge to decide if they are capable and happy to be in charge of a WRS or WA Award Tournament. If you are not sure you want to be Chair of Judges, just say no, there is no harm in it. Particularly if you are newly qualified, try and spend some time working closely with more experienced Regional and National Judges to gain experience and confidence.

Also listed in Appendix B is the minimum number of Judges required at Record Status and above tournaments. If you are Chair of Judges make sure that you have the correct number of Judges and if you need more explain this to the Tournament Organiser.

5) String Silencers attached to the string

Just as a reminder String Silencers attached to the string (for example the bits of fur or wool you sometimes see) are not allowed in the following categories in Target

Recurve – AGB and WA – Rules 202 (b) and 11.1.2.1

Barebow – AGB – Rule 204

Recurve Traditional – AGB – Rule 205

Longbow – AGB – 206 (b)

They are allowed on American Flatbows and Compounds

6) Ground Dispensation

Whilst not strictly a Judging matter I just want to make sure you are all aware of the following announcement from Archery GB regarding Archery Ranges, and also to remind you, as Judges, should no longer be doing venue inspections or giving dispensations

“New procedure for Archery Range Registration and Assessment

A new national system for archery range registration and assessment will be introduced in April, 2017 and all clubs will be affected.

Until now, clubs have registered their facilities centrally with Archery GB and have utilised judges to assess their ground if they required any dispensation. However, the Judges Committee has announced that judges will no longer be able to carry out this service. Which has prompted a review of how archery ranges are registered and assessed around the country.

Archery GB need better facility data to:

- Help clubs and counties plan their activities*
- Service our insurance provider better*
- Assess the needs and demands for the sport*
- Access external funding for facility work*
- Help the public find the right club and shooting range for them*
- Improve our internal processes and procedures*
- Answer queries related to planning issues*

So from the 1 April, 2017 every Archery GB club will be required to register their shooting ranges (outdoor and indoor) detailing;

- Location*
- Shooting capacity*
- Access arrangements*
- Rules of Shooting compliance*

In addition clubs will be asked to complete a short survey on their facilities to enable AGB to build a picture of the number of clubs that meet the minimum standard of the facility strategy, along with building an accurate database of archery facilities in Great Britain.

This will be a relatively short process where clubs will self-certify in the first instance, it will be mandatory to register all shooting ranges and Archery GB will log and process all registrations centrally. Registration will be required every three years and clubs will only be able to do this online.

Any club with a query or which requires a dispensation will be able to request a site visit from Archery GB and an assessor will be arranged to inspect the ground. Any club that requires an assessor will be required to pay a flat rate fee, plus travel expenses to cover the cost of the visit. The process begins on 1 April but clubs will have six months to register their ranges. Any club that does not will be sent one reminder. Failure to register after that will mean that the ground is not registered with the insurer and shooting by Archery GB members will be compromised.

If you have any further questions please call 01952 677 888 or visit www.archerygb.org/facilities

7) National Tournaments Invitation

The National Tournaments Invitation is now available online here -

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/V579FXJ>

It is open to all grades of Judges and the new rules around levels of Judge in charge will be adhered to when the National Committee select the teams for the events. There are a couple of unknown dates, or locations. Once these are made known the National Committee will let judges who have applied for them know.

The Invitation needs to be completed by **4th November**.

8) National Judges Conference

The invite for National Judge Conference is attached. It is a little different this year in that it is only one day. As you will see from the form the National Committee are no longer booking rooms at Lilleshall for judges who want to attend the conference. This gives people greater scope in terms of costs. There are several Premier Inns, Hotels and Holidays inns near Lilleshall should people wish to book other accommodation.

If you have any issues with conference bookings please direct the queries to Richard Pilkington (richard@raydonhallac.co.uk) as he is now in charge of all matters relating to conference. His details are in the form.

9) County Judge Re-accreditation

The County re-accreditation paper is now available online and all County Judges have been informed.

They have until 8am on the 18th November to complete the exam, so if you are the mentor of a County Judge then please make sure they do the paper within the time limits. As in previous re-accreditations they can refer to the rule book and ask other Judges, as long as the answers are their own, so please assist them if you feel able.

The paper is entirely on-line and only County Judges can complete it online, however if you are interested I have attached the paper (just to let you know that the order that they appear online is random so won't be the same order as the paper).

10) National Committee

There have been some changes to the National Committee. It is now made up of Hannah Brown – Chairman, Tony Goad – Registrar, Liz Garrigan, Robert Potts and new members Sue Richards and Richard Pilkington.

11) Important Dates for your Diary

Just a reminder of some important dates

OUT NOW – Application for National Tournaments will be available – respond by 4th November

OUT NOW – County Re-accreditation exam (for all County Judges regardless of when you qualified) – respond by 8am on 18th November

30th October 2016 – Deadline for application for National Assessment in 2017

15th December 2016 – Annual Returns and information for the SCAS Conference back to the JLO

7th January 2017 – SCAS Regional Judge Conference at Stevenage

4th March 2017 – Regional Preparation Seminar at Lilleshall

5th March 2017 – National Judge Conference at Lilleshall – FORM OUT NOW

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

Kind regards

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