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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 have some more new Candidates joining us!!

Welcome to Masoud Rahimpour from Sussex, Lottie Pink from Berkshire and Woody Martin also from Berkshire. I am sure you will make them all feel very welcome and bear them in mind if you have room at an event.

Sadly though we have had a retirement. After a mere 50 years Mark Davis from Kent has retired. He will be greatly missed by everyone and leaves a lasting legacy in all the Judges he has helped, trained and assessed. Mark was awarded the title of SCAS Judge Emeritus at the SCAS Conference in January 2025 in recognition of everything he has done.

2) Bouncers and Equipment Failures at Head to Heads

There has been some confusion about Bouncers and equipment failures during Head to Heads. As you know these are not allowed during Head to Head matches, but the term “not allowed” has caused someone to say that they are scored as a Miss in a Head to Head match.

When we say “not allowed” we mean that we do not stop for them or allow any extra time for them.

For bouncers the archer(s) need to carry on shooting, the value of the bounced arrow is then determined when the Judge and archers get to the target. This is done either by scoring the unmarked hole or finding evidence of where the arrow bounced from – the

same as you would if a bouncer was discovered on reaching the target. If the archer stops shooting they will not get any extra time to shoot their remaining arrows.

For equipment failures the archer can leave the line to get their spare equipment or to make a repair. They should let a Judge know so the Judge can then let the DOS know to let the time run out fully. They can then return to the line and shoot their remaining arrows within the allotted time. They do not get any extra time to repair their equipment or extra time to shoot any unshot arrows.

I have updated the handy guides accordingly. I hope this helps clear up any confusion, if you have any questions then just ask your COJ at the H2H event.

3) New J10 and Guide to Moving through the Grades

Hopefully you all received the updated J10, we are now on version 7, and have had a chance to look through. If you do have any questions then please just ask.

To help those of you thinking of upgrading I have updated the SCAS "Guide to Moving Through the Grades" to help you know what to expect. Please find a new version attached.

4) National Tournaments

The invitation for National Tournaments is now out. The link to the form to complete is

<https://forms.office.com/e/QyKSnQgKCV>

It closes on Sunday 16 November.

National Tournaments are a great opportunity to experience large, world class events, as well as working with Judges you may not normally work with.

5) World Archery Judge Newsletter

The latest WA Judge Newsletter, Issue 116, is now available and can be found here -

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

It is well worth a read and some of you may recognise the photo in the new case studies!

6) World Archery Interpretations

World Archery have issued a couple of new interpretations

Book 3 Article 11.4.6.1 and Book 4 Article 22.3.6.1 – whether powder vibration devices are allowed on Barebows

Book 3 Article 11.3.2 – using noise/frequency reduction devices

Book 3 Article 11.4.4 and Book 4 Article 22.3.4 and 22.4.4 – can part of the hand or finger be used as a draw check indicator for Traditional bows and Barebow (in Target, Field and 3D)

7) Longbow Arrow Nocks

There was a question recently about longbow archers using a "top-hat" adaptor on their arrow nocks (the same applies for pin nocks)

Archery GB Rule 206 (d) says "*Arrows shall have wooden steles (shafts), shall be fitted with feather fletchings, and may have either horn-reinforced, self or applied nocks.*"

So, as it is not mentioned as being allowed in AGB they are not allowed.

In World Archery their Longbow rules (which are different than AGB Longbow rules and only apply for WA 3D Events) – 22.5.6.1 says *“An arrow consists of a wooden shaft with a tip (point), a nock (which must be attached directly to the wooden shaft(s), or a self-nock cut directly into the shaft(s), fletching and, if desired, cresting.”*

So, they are not allowed in WA.

8) Important Dates for your Diary

3rd January 2026 – 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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