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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 a new Candidate, Guy Perring from Oxfordshire. I am sure you will all make him feel welcome, particularly as he is our only Judge in Oxfordshire (but fingers crossed the first of many).

2) New Documents

Some of you may have already seen the new "Introduction to Judging Guidebook" document on the Judges section of the AGB website (<http://www.archerygb.org/support/operations/judges/index.php>). This has been produced by the AGB Office and the National Judges Committee and is well worth a read, regardless of your grade.

I have updated the SCAS Judges Training Presentation and put a copy of it on Dropbox for you to download if you wish - [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5lwcas4hqyy8qkt/AAD9T -IKsR18rOlf24aI0SPa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5lwcas4hqyy8qkt/AAD9T-IKsR18rOlf24aI0SPa?dl=0)

Following requests I have also put the Timing Sheets SCAS has created on Dropbox – <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/up42685p7dczptb/AABWTGw8QJ2dGZonkogXWDLMa?dl=0>

Following on from the changes to assessments and the introduction of the Seminars for Candidate and County Judges we have updated the "Guide to Moving through the Grades" document. Hopefully those of you who are looking to go for assessment in the future will find it useful.

Please feel free to pass these links on to any other Judges you know who might like them.

3) Changes to the SCAS Annual Returns Form

Due to the changes in how the Judging Scheme works we have amended the SCAS Annual Returns Form which will need to be completed at the end of the year.

I know some of you fill it in as you go through the year, so I have attached the new version and the new instructions. Hopefully you will all find the new form very straight forward. And don't worry I will be sending it out again towards the end of the year when I send out the information for the SCAS Judges Conference.

4) World Archery Interpretations

World Archery have published the following interpretations.

Book 1 Article 2.3.1.1 – Transgender Athletes

Book 3 Article 11.1.8, Book 4 Article 22.1.8, 22.3.8, 22.4.7 and 22.5.7 – Tab thumb rest

Book 3 Article 11.3.3 – Confirmation of the events where equipment with camouflage is not allowed – as the AGB Rules Committee has already confirmed the restriction does not apply to normal World Archery Tournaments in the UK.

Book 3 Article 11.3.3, 20.1.1, Book 4 Article 33.1 – Definition of camouflage and what is covered by the camouflage restriction. Whilst this rule does not apply to normal World Archery competitions in the UK this interpretation might be useful for archers who may shoot at affected tournaments.

5) World Archery Newsletter

The latest World Archery Judges newsletter is available and can be found here -

<http://extranet.worldarchery.org/documents/index.php?dir=76>. It is well worth a read!

6) Dealing with mistakes and issues

Whilst none of us want to make a mistake, unfortunately they can happen, so we need to look at how we deal them.

Firstly never be afraid to ask a question if you are not sure what to do. Whether it is because you have never come across those circumstances before or you just want reassurance that what you are planning to do is correct, please ask someone, or if there is no one available look in the Rule Book. We are very lucky in archery and most of the time we have the option to take a few minutes before dealing with a situation to double check. I think we would all agree we would rather be asked a hundred questions a day than an archer be disadvantaged. Any questions can also be used as an opportunity to train, whether that is by just giving them the answer, going with them to deal with the issue together or sitting down with them and going through their question in depth.

It also important to remember to take notes when dealing with an incident, whether it is whilst it is happening or after the tournament. This is particularly important if it could affect someone's score – for example if an archer has shot too many arrows. If an issue arises that might be contentious – for example cheating or removing someone's score then make sure you speak to the Chair of Judges before dealing with it, and if you are the Chair of Judges,

when you deal with the archer take another Judge or the Organiser with you. And don't forget to report anything unusual on the Record Status Form (if the tournament has one).

If a mistake is made then it is important to acknowledge it and apologise. For example if the timing system breaks or you blow the whistle at the wrong time, apologise to the archers and if there is a technical fault explain what is happening. If any archer was disadvantaged due to the mistake, then do what you can to correct it. For example if you blew the whistle too early and an archer did not shoot all their arrows, then allow them to shoot them as soon as possible. If you make a mistake on someone's score, for example you apply the 3 spot rule incorrectly, then go back, apologise, explain what happened and correct the score – hence the necessity to make notes. Depending on the mistake it is often best to discuss it with the Chair of Judges first, as if it is something serious or if the archer might be difficult it might be best for the Chair to be there when it is resolved.

If a Judge does unfortunately make a mistake, then it is up to the Chair of Judges and them alone, to speak to the Judge and explain where they went wrong. Other Judges at the event should not "discipline" the Judge or gossip about the mistake – the Judge who made the mistake will be feeling bad enough that they got something wrong without other people making them feel worse.

If appropriate it should be noted on the J5, particularly if the mistake was down to a training issue which the Judge can then work on. But make sure any comments are constructive. Also any comments on the J5, whether there due to an incident or not MUST be discussed with the Judge at the end of the day. This way the Judge can ask questions to learn from the comments and the senior Judge can make sure their comments have been understood and hopefully offer some advice and encouragement to help the candidate learn and progress.

#### 7) Archery GB Rule Changes – Effective 01/04/16

The rule changes announced in the Winter Archery UK are due to come into effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and notification will be given on the Archery GB Website. There may be some changes to the original wording which was in Archery UK, so please check the wording carefully when the rules are published. I will send out the changes as soon as I can after they are published.

To remind you the rules changes covered –

Amending Rule 304 (f) so lights and countdown clocks can be used when shooting AGB Rounds to Method 2.

Adding Table 3-2A to add new rounds for Junior Archers. These rounds are similar to the WA 70m, 60m and 50m rounds but are designed for Juniors of varying ages.

Amendment to Rule 504 for Field Archery to clarify that when an unmarked and a marked round are being shot on the same course then the unmarked round should be shot first.

Amendments to Part 11 – Rules of Shooting the concern Archers with Impairment. This amendment will either be implemented on 1st April, or possibly after the Archery GB Annual General Meeting in April. Please check the website for information.

8) SCAS Judges Conference 2017

The SCAS Judges Conference has been booked for 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Stevenage Leisure Centre. So please put the date in your diary!

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

Kind regards

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