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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

Many congratulations to David Strong and Gary Bellamy who have passed their County Judge assessments, Tori Moore for passing her Youth Judge assessment and Steve Johnson who has passed his Regional Judge assessment. Their new grades start straight away.

Also many congratulations to Tori Moore and Richard Mill who recently married. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them a long and happy life together.

2) World Archery Rule Changes

World Archery have published the following new Rules.

Book 3 Article 14.4, 14.4.1, 14.4.3 and Book 4 Article 27.4, 27.4.1 and 27.4.3- How to deal with differences between a paper scorecard and an electronic scorecard.

There is also a new bylaw due on 14.2.7 with regards to bouncers and pass throughs. It will mean in the case of bouncer and pass throughs, where there are more than one unmarked is found, the archer will get the value of the lowest unmarked hole, UNLESS there is physical evidence may give the correct score.

So in the case of pass throughs you may be able to identify the correct hole because the fletches left tears in the face as the arrow passed through. Or in the case of a bouncer you may be able to identify the hole by doing a count back. Please note that the evidence must be physical – the archer(s) saying they saw the arrow bounce out of the middle does not count.

3) World Archery Judges Newsletter

The latest World Archery Judges Newsletter is now available and is well worth a read. It can be found here - <https://extranet.worldarchery.org/documents/index.php?dir=76>

4) Arrow Values

Just to remind you, that when you are called to give an arrow value at a tournament, then you MUST ALWAYS use your magnifying glass and you MUST ALWAYS look for both sides. Even if you can clearly see that the arrow is or is not touching the line you will still follow the proper process and give your decision; you might afterwards take the opportunity to educate the archers on what a line cutter is.

The National Committee is regularly receiving complaints that judges are not following the proper process, so please make sure you do as this sort of thing effects the reputation of us all.

5) Judges at National Tournaments

The National Judge Committee has had some feedback from the National Tournaments Committee and Hannah has issued the below statement –

“The overall feedback has been really positive and has shown that we are professional and know what we are doing, so to you al who have been there, thank you and well done. A couple of points the have been raised are that some are not necessarily paying full attention and treating it as more of a social event. Can we be reminded that we have a job to do. We should be in our positions, watching the archers while the shooting is in process so we can respond to the calls as needed. Whilst enjoying the shoot is important for us, we must remember we have a job to do, and that is to be there for the archers. Most of you do this all the time, if you think you may have been caught out, then just modify what you are doing so that the team you are part of is not let down.”

6) Timing at Field Events

Just a reminder about timing archers at Field events. The rules talk about "undue delay". When an archer is causing an undue delay, that is when they will be timed. It is not like target, where the time applies to all ends, if there is no delay in the shoot, and archers in the group have not expressed concern, then there is no undue delay and the timing rules do not come in to play. Also remember that in adverse conditions, wind, etc, then safety takes priority over the timing and it may be more appropriate to allow more time for the archers to shoot than to make them shoot in the strong gusts.

7) Junior National Series

The Junior National Series has been cancelled, so many thanks to all of you who volunteered but the you are no longer required.

8) Identical bosses at Tournaments

The National Judge Committee has received some comments that some Judges are insisting on identical bosses being used across the field and quoting a rule for this. There is no rule that says you cannot have mixed bosses.

Realistically most clubs will have mixed bosses, for example they may have to borrow some from other clubs for the event. Whilst ideally, it would be better to place all archers from one category on the same type of boss to prevent some gaining an advantage (for example if it is easier to pull their arrows out), this is not always possible. Please remember though,

this isn't a rule and if archers complain then there is no rule that says they must all shoot on the same type of boss.

9) Ground Dispensation

The National Committee have asked me to pass on the below -

The National Committee has been working with the Development Team on a new system that relates to Archery Facilities. It follows on from the issues we have had in granting consistent dispensations.

A full survey of all grounds will be conducted by the Development Team and part of the Insurance requirements will be to register the ground. If the ground complies with the Rules Of Shooting then the club complete the registration documentation and return it. If it does not comply then the ground will be inspected by one of a team of Ground Assessors.

This team will have the authority and the training to determine what the club should do in order to shoot on their ground. The training will be provided by AGB and the team, of about 12 to start with, will conduct the checks to register the grounds. This will ensure consistency across the country for all clubs.

AGB is looking to recruit the Assessors from the Society and have said that Judges are the best placed to do this as we have the experience. So, please find the attached application form for those of you who would like to be involved. This will be advertised within Archery UK for the rest of the members in due course, but we have been given the heads up early because of the skills we have.

This will clear up the issues of clubs who have dispensation but have failed to retain this important document in their club records.

10) Important Dates for your Diary

Just a reminder of some important dates

Soon – Application for National Tournaments will be available

8th – 9th October 2016 – Candidate Seminar at Lilleshall – The application form is now available of the AGB website

Autumn 2016 – County Re-accreditation exam (for all County Judges regardless of when you qualified)

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

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

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

Kind regards

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