# SCAS JUDGES CONFERENCE – 06.01.2024

#### **Judge Liaison Officer Report**

- Welcome to you all, thank you for coming along today, it is great to see you all again!
- Thanks for your efforts and hard work over the past year.
- A big thank you to Hannah and Richard as Chairman and Vice Chairman – we are a team!
- Purpose of this section is to
  - Review 2023 and the changes made in 2023
  - Look forward to 2024

- 2023 even though things are "normal" again, there was still a lot of challenges for clubs and competitions not least the weather!
- Of the 49 Annual Returns (out of 59) there was a total of 862 days Judging
- There are currently 59 Judges in SCAS (at 01/01/2024).
- This is made up of 20 Nationals (including International and Continental grades), 11 Regionals, 12 Countys and 16 Candidates and Youth Candidates
- Average of 17.59 days of Judging in 2023 (in 2022 it was 16.98 days)

#### Activity in the Region 2023

Type of Event		Designation of Round		Numbers of Judges					Events by Grade			
Target	658	Archery GB	308	Judges	2021	2022	2023	Change	2021	2022	2023	Change
Field/3D	69	World Archery	461	International	4	5	5	0	109	157	152	-5
Clout	42	Training	93	Continental	2	1	1	0	38	21	27	6
Flight	0			National	14	15	14	-1	125	271	284	13
Other	93			Regional	12	11	11	0	94	158	197	39
				County	12	10	12	2	71	97	169	72
Total	862	Total	862	Candidate	9	13	16	3	23	77	33	-44
Status of Event		Level of Event										
World Record Status	394	International	130	Totals	53	55	59	4	460	781	862	81
Record Status	220	National	177	Returns From	48	46	49					
Non-Record Status	155	Regional	69	Average Days Per Judge	9.58	16.98	17.59					
Training	93	County	173									
		Club	313									
Total	862	Total	862									

- Changes in Judge Levels

   David Hall passed his Regional Assessment
   Adam Trott, Aislinn O'Connell, Siobhan Tyson, Meera Shah and Erin Barkway passed their County Assessments
  - If you would like to be assessed in 2024 then please let me know as soon as you can so we can start looking into possibilities.

- New Candidates
  - Ben Hastings from Surrey
  - Max Roantree from Norfolk
  - Troy Hutchings (Youth Candidate) from Kent
  - John Owen from Essex
  - Terence Williams from Buckinghamshire
  - Dawn Tolson from Essex
  - Paul Tolson from Essex
  - Phyllis Griffiths from Buckinghamshire

- Retirements
  - Mick Pearce from Essex has retired after 20 years of judging. He was a National Judge and will be particularly missed by all in Essex
  - Kieran Carr from Norfolk has retired after 15 years, he was a Regional Judge and worked with the National squads (he can still be spotted around Lilleshall).
  - Arthur Scales from Hampshire has retired after 26 years, he was a County Judge
  - Andrea Kehoe from Hampshire has retired after 10 years, she was a County Judge
  - I would like to thank them all for all their hard work during their careers.

- Other news
  - Internationally our Judges have been very busy at events round the world
    - Hannah Brown World Youth Championships in Ireland and Run Archery in Czechia
    - Katy Lipscomb Deputy at the World Cup in Paris
    - Graham Potts COJ at the Indoor World Series in Las Vegas, COJ at the World Cup in Antalya and DOS at the European Games in Krakow
    - Robert Potts DOS at the World Cup in Paris
    - Lee Miller World Para Championships in Pilsen, CZE and European Field Championships in Italy
    - Gareth Beeby DOS at the European Para Championships in Rotterdam
  - SCAS Judges were also present as Judges and volunteers at the WAE Grand Prix at Lilleshall.

#### • Other news

- At the World Archery Congress in Berlin Hannah Brown was awarded a WA Silver Plaquette for her work on the WA Field and 3D Committee, including 8 years as Chair. Also her work as a Judge, including being the first female Chair of Judges at an Olympics in Tokyo and as a Technical Delegate, helping arrange many WA events.
- WA also awarded a diploma to Derrick Lovell MBE. Derrick has served on the WA Constitution and Rules Committee and the WA Field and 3D Committee. Derrick was also a long serving International Judge, including being Chair of Judges at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. He has already been awarded a WA Bronze and Silver Plaquette. The contribution Derrick has made to judging and archery is immeasurable
- At the recent Archery GB 2023 Recognition Awards Gareth Beeby won the "Judge of the Year"
- At the recent Archery GB 2023 Recognition Awards Deb Horn won the "Coach of the Year"

- World Archery Rule Changes (Effective 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023)
  - Amendment regarding timing. It confirms that non World Ranking Events can continue to be run at 40 seconds per arrow, however Organisers can use 30 seconds per arrow as long as they indicate it on the Invitation/Prospectus/Entry Form. This does not apply to alternate shooting
  - WA updated their dress regulations, please note that the AGB dress regulations apply to events here
  - Para Archery the term "assistive devices" has been replaced everywhere by the term "adaptive equipment"
  - Clarification that the 1.25m for wheelchairs include all equipment and the archer – this only applies at Para specific events
  - When the ground is uneven wheelchair archers can use up to 2 antirolling devices (like blocks or chocks) behind or in front of the rear wheel. The Judge is the one to decide if the ground is sufficiently sloping to allow this. These devices are not allowed when the ground is flat. They are different to chair mounted wheel brakes which do not touch the shooting position surface, they are allowed

- World Archery Rule Changes (Effective 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023)
  - Any release aid system used (as mentioned on the Classification card) must not sit below the bottom of the rib cage and the rigid part cannot wrap around more than ½ the trunk. Lacing and strapping to secure it round the rest of the trunk is allowed. It cannot offer any form of lateral support or added support to the trunk
  - Assistants (as mentioned on the Classification Card) must stay silent and cannot coach the archer at all. They cannot use binoculars or scopes and are forbidden from spotting the arrows. The archer can give the assistant directions only for loading the arrows, adjusting the sight or adjusting other pieces of equipment
  - VI spotters have to be seated behind the archer, 1m behind the shooting line
  - Longbows they cannot be less than 150cm in length. This is measured on a strung bow between the string nocks along the outside (back) of the limbs (please note the WA Longbow is very different to the AGB Longbow)
  - Changes to the Run Archery Rules

- World Archery Interpretations
  - Book 2 Article 3.20.1.2 Interpretation on whether someone in alternating finals is allowed a telescope on the venue even if they don't have a Coach
  - Book 3 Article 11.1.4 and Book 4 Article 22.1.4 Interpretation on visual draw check indicators
  - Book 3 Article 11.2.1.3 and Book 4 Article 22.2.1.3 Clarification on a part of the bow consistently touching the archer
  - Book 3 Article 11.3.1 and 11.3.2— a clarification that archers cannot have phones or tablets attached to their spotting scopes.
  - Book 3 Article 11.3.3. definition of camouflage
  - Book 3 Article 12.1, 15.1.7 and 15.1.7.1 a clarification on what to do if archers mutually agree not to shoot the required number of arrows.

#### World Archery Interpretations

- Book 3 Article 13.8 and Book 4 Article 24.1 Interpretation on forfeit matches
- Book 3 Article 20.1.1 and Book 4 Article 31.1 Interpretation on whether leggings are allowed. PLEASE NOTE in the UK we follow the AGB dress regulations
- Book 3 Appendix 2 Article 1.1.3 Clarification on the height of back support for Para Athletes
- interpretation on the use of Kinesio tape and compression tops which applies to all divisions of World Archery
- World Archery Rule Changes Field and 3D
  - New rules regarding Arrowhead awards came into effect from 30<sup>th</sup>
    October and can be found in Book 2.

#### Archery GB Interpretations

The below barebow weight configuration has been clarified as being not allowed. There are 3 weights attached to a flat bar, the flat bar is attached directly to the riser but the 3 weights are only attached to the flat bar and not directly to the riser. It is not allowed because the weights are not in the same plane as the mount, they are at an angle. This makes the flat bar an "angled bracket". If it was just the bar without the weights it would be allowed. Likewise if it was all one piece (so completely solid) it would be allowed.



### What's coming up in 2024 - Rules

- World Archery Bylaws due in 2024 (effective date to be confirmed)
  - In Field and 3D the Pool system to be replaced with 1/8, ¼, ½, bronze and gold finals
  - Mixed Teams in Field and 3D extended from 4 to 8 teams
  - Teams in 3D will be made up of 4 archers one from each category
  - Simplification of the rules on binoculars and other visual aids for Field and 3D
  - Change in the use of electronic equipment for Field and 3D
  - Clarification on where coaches can go on a Field and 3D course
  - Introduction of an Under 15 category
  - Rewording of the Rule Book to remove gender-specific references
- More details on these bylaws will follow in due course

### What's coming up in 2024 - Rules

- Archery GB Field and 3D updates to take effect 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.
  The changes are to clarify some anomalies and bring some of the rules more into line with World Archery . However they will continue to recognise AGB bow styles and age categories.
  - Hannah will go through them in detail later

### What's coming up in 2024

• New J05

- Some of you might recall that last year AGB trialled the new J05 Logbook. After analysis of the feedback from Candidates and the people filling them out it has been decided that the design is still not quite right.
- The Working Group are looking at a new design, it will be similar to the current J05, but will hopefully encourage more constructive feedback and information.
- More information will circulated when it is available
- Regional Reaccreditation
  - The paper has now been sent to all Regional Judges.
  - They have until 12 February to submit their papers.
  - If anyone needs dispensation for any part, please let me know.

#### What's coming up in 2024

#### Archery GB Judge Conference

- The AGB Judge Conference will be on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and will be online. More information will be sent out when it is available.
- Changes to Candidate Seminar and Regional Preparation Seminar
  - As mentioned last year the AGB Judge Training Group are hoping to change the Seminars so that they can be conducted online, this will mean they can be hopefully held more often and can keep the costs down for attendees.
  - The aim is to have to do a series of online learning courses and then a webinar.
  - It would still include the exam paper portion of the assessment which will be done online
  - More details will be released when available but hopefully it will be very soon!

 If there is anything you would like the SCAS Judges Committee to do or concentrate on in 2025, just let us know

What would you like us to do for you??????

#### **Constitution Changes**

- As circulated with the Agenda the SCAS Judge Committee are proposing to make some changes to the SCAS Judge Constitution and Terms of Reference.
- Section 9 SCAS Judge Grants
  - Currently only Regional and National Judges can claim a grant for attending an in-person Archery GB (National) Conference, and it is claimable only once per reaccreditation period.
  - The Committee would like to propose that this is changed so any Judge can claim the grant on attending an in-person Archery GB Conference, with no limit on how many times this can be claimed
  - Also the grant that can be claimed when a County, Regional or National Judge passes the Archery GB reaccreditation process (every 4 years) was missing, so this has been added.

#### **Constitution Changes**

#### Current wording

- a. The following grants are available to Judges. For full details and information on how to claim contact the Secretary/Liaison Officer
  - i. For Candidates after attending an in-person Candidate Seminar (this is claimable only once)
  - ii. For County Judges after attending an in-person Regional Preparation Seminar (this is claimable only once)
  - iii. For Regional Judges after attending an in-person National Conference once per reaccreditation period
  - iv. For National Judges after attending an in-person National Conference once per reaccreditation period
  - v. For Candidate Judges when they qualify as a County/Youth Judge (this is claimable only once)
  - vi. For Candidate and County Judges to cover their travel expenses to their practical assessment for each level
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  - iii. For any Judge after attending an in-person Archery GB (National) Conference
  - iv. For Candidate Judges when they qualify as a County/Youth Judge (this is claimable only once)
  - v. For Candidate and County Judges to cover their travel expenses to their practical assessment for each level
  - vi. For County, Regional or National Judges on passing the Archery GB reaccreditation
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#### **Current Grants**

i. For Candidates after attending an in-person Candidate Seminar (this is claimable only once) - £100 currently, increasing to £125 from 01/01/2024

ii. For County Judges after attending an in-person Regional Preparation Seminar (this is claimable only once) - £100 currently, increasing to £125 from 01/01/2024

iii. For any Judge after attending an in-person Archery GB (National) Conference - £75, no limit on the number of claims

iv. For Candidate Judges when they qualify as a County/Youth Judge (this is claimable only once) - £100

v. For Candidate and County Judges to cover their travel expenses to their practical assessment for each level – 40p per mile and other costs as per AGB expense policy

vi. For County, Regional or National Judges on passing the Archery GB reaccreditation - £100

vii. For Judges going to a World Archery Europe or World Archery Seminar for upgrade to Continental, World Archery Youth Judge or International Judge Candidate- £150 to attend and £150 if you pass

