



SCAS JUDGES CONFERENCE –

03.01.2026

Judge Liaison Officer Report

- Welcome to you all, thank you for coming along today and I hope you had a good Christmas and New Year!
- Thanks for your hard work and dedication over the past year.
- A big thank you to Hannah and Paul as Chairman and Vice Chairman – we are a team!
- Purpose of this section is to
 - Review 2025 and the changes made in 2025
 - Look forward to 2026

Review of 2025

- 2025 – it was a really good year! There are always challenges with the weather but overall it was a good year with a lot of good tournaments
- Of the 48 Annual Returns (out of 53) there was a total of 822 days Judging
- There are currently 53 Judges in SCAS (at 01/01/2026).
- This is made up of 17 Nationals (including International and Continental grades), 10 Regionals, 13 Countys and 13 Candidates and Youth Candidates
- Average of 17.13 days of Judging in 2025 (in 2024 it was 17.81 days)
- Again there were significantly more WA than AGB Shoots

Activity in the Region 2025

Type of Event		Designation of Round		Numbers of Judges					Events by Grade					
Target	616	Archery GB	277	Judges	2023	2024	2025	Change	2023	2024	2025	Change		
Field/3D	77	World Archery	446	International	5	5	5	0	152	138	131	-7		
Clout	28	Training	99	Continental	1	1	2	1	27	22	88	66		
Flight	2			National	14	14	10	-4	284	286	184	-102		
Other	99			Regional	11	11	10	-1	197	197	169	-28		
				County	12	14	13	-1	169	154	153	-1		
Total	822	Total	822	Candidate	16	9	13	4	33	58	97	39		
Status of Event		Level of Event												
World Record Status	381	International	76	Totals	59	54	53	-1	862	855	822	-33		
Record Status	224	National	170	Returns From	49	48	48							
Non-Record Status	118	Regional	77	Average Days Per Judge	17.59	17.81	17.13							
Training	99	County	148											
		Club	351											
Total	822	Total	822											

Review of 2025

- Changes in Judge Levels
 - Phyllis Griffiths passed their County Assessments
 - Alex Purser and Tony Harris passed their World Archery Europe Continental exams
 - Gareth Beeby passed his World Archery International Judge Candidate exam
 - If you would like to be assessed in 2026 then please let me know as soon as you can so we can start looking into possibilities.

Review of 2025

- New Candidates
 - Timothy Pilbeam from Bedfordshire
 - David Long from Cambridgeshire
 - Eva van Kleef-Bolton (Youth Candidate) from Essex
 - Masoud Rahimpoor from Sussex
 - Woody Martin from Berkshire
 - Lottie Pink from Berkshire

Review of 2025

- Retirements
 - Amber Baker from Hampshire, Kim Stonebridge from Norfolk, John Owen from Essex, Sean Fox from Norfolk
 - Andy Turner from Berkshire retired after 17 years, his calm presence will be greatly missed
 - Mark Davis from Kent retired after 50 years, Mark leaves a huge hole in judging (and quieter meetings). Mark was awarded the title of SCAS Judge Emeritus at the SCAS Conference in January 2025 in recognition of everything he has done.
 - I would like to thank them all for all their hard work during their careers.
 - Pam Tonkin from GWAS (but lives in EMAS) retired at the end of 2025. Whilst Pam is not a SCAS Judge she has done a lot of work in the area and is known and loved by many of us. Pam has been a hugely active Judge over her career. Pam, and her husband Bob, also did a huge amount for GNAS/AGB and at National tournaments. She will always be “Auntie Pam” to so many of us.

Review of 2025

- Passings
 - Peter Turner from Hampshire passed away on November 8th, Peter was such a lovely kind man and he gave so much to archery. Not just through his judging but also with supporting and promoting Field, 3D and Flight and through his beloved Overton Black Arrows club. Peter had been a Judge for nearly 55 years, he will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him and will be fondly remembered for many many years to come.
 - Derrick Lovell MBE also passed away at the beginning of November. Derrick retired from active judging in 2021 after 45 years as a Judge. He achieved the level of International Judge and was Chair of Judges at the Sydney Olympics in 2000. Derrick will be forever remembered for his passion for archery, in particular Field archery. Derrick's legacy will live on through the many judge he helped train. Derrick was unfailingly kind, generous with his time and knowledge, had a wicked sense of humour and the sort of Judge we all hope to be.

Review of 2025

- Other news
 - Internationally our Judges have been very busy at events round the world
 - Graham Potts – Chair of the World Championships in Korea and Chair at the WAE Grand Prix in Turkey and Netherlands
 - Robert Potts – DOS at the World Cup Final, DOS at the World Championships and Deputy at the WAE Indoor Championships in Turkey
 - Lee Miller – WA World Cup in China and WAE Para Cup in Italy
 - Gareth Beeby – WAE Field Championships in Poland

Review of 2025

- Other news
 - The County reaccreditation was carried out at the beginning of the year, many congratulations to you all who passed!
- Judge Awards
 - Graham Potts has recently been awarded the “World Archery Judge Outstanding Service Award”, in recognition of his many years as an International Judge and his continuing work on the WA Judge Committee.
 - At the recent Archery GB Recognition Awards, Mark Davis won the Outstanding Services to Judging Award in recognition of his many years of judging and the huge difference he has made to judging across AGB.
 - Deb Horn and Arcus Archery & Ebbsfleet Academy Junior Archers were awarded the “Clickers Working with Young People, Club Award”

Other Changes in 2025

- World Archery Rule Changes
 - A quiet year, but they will make up for it in 2026!!



Other Changes in 2025

- World Archery Interpretations
 - Book 3 Article 11.1.4, 11.2.4, 11.4.1 and Book 4 Article 22.1.1, 22.2.4, 22.3.1 – Can a thumb be used for drawing and releasing a string – yes it can and it can be taped for protection as long as the tape is soft and flexible and does not assist in holding, drawing or releasing the string.
 - Book 3 Article 11.3.2 – using noise/frequency reduction devices – the archer should show them to the Judge at the start of the shoot and they should not reduce the decibel levels. The archer should keep the manufacturers information showing this to show the Judge.
 - Please note that the AGB Interpretation is currently - they are only allowed for medical reasons and the Chair of Judges should be notified about them before shooting starts so they can assess if they are allowed. If there are any concerns the archer will not be able to hear announcements or safety signals then the archer will need to remove the devices. (this may change but for the moment the rules are different)

Other Changes in 2025

- World Archery Interpretations
 - Book 3 Chapter 2 Article 6.1 – prosthesis definition for Para archers – bow hand prosthesis do not have to be attached to upper limbs
 - 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). This is not allowed as using your hands or fingers still counts as using a draw check indicator, which is not allowed on these bows.
 - Book 3 Article 11.4.6.1 and Book 4 Article 22.3.6.1 – Is a specific dampener created by RamRods Archery permitted in Barebow, it contains powder, it was decided that this is legal as any material can be used as a vibration dampener including powder and fluid.

Other Changes in 2025

- Just a reminder that the AGB Rule Books and SAPs are now in the Member's Area so you may want to download versions to your phone to save remembering passwords
- Archery GB Rule Changes (Effective 7 January 2025)
 - Rule 205 – Recurve Traditional – amended to reference WA Rule Book 4 Article 22.4 which is the Traditional Division definition in World Archery
 - Rule 206A – American Flatbow – amended to reference WA Rule Book 4 Article 22.5 which is the Longbow Division definition in World Archery (please note WA Longbow is very different to AGB Longbow)
 - Table 3-1 and 3-2 – Minor amendments to allow 50+ archers to claim UK records
 - 404 (d) – New Rule in Indoor Archery to clarify that at AGB events only arrows which score a 10 are classed as “Golds”
 - 409A (e) (i) – Vegas 300 Round – when a triple triangular face is used then the scoring zones are 10 – 6, when a full size face is used the scoring zones are 10 – 1

Other Changes in 2025

- Archery GB Rule Changes (Effective 7 January 2025)
 - Rule 307 – Olive drab is now allowed in clothing! There was an excellent article in the Summer Archery UK about what is and isn't allowed
 - Field Archery - Minor update and clarifications following changes in 2024. See 500 (a), (b), (c), 507
 - Rule 1100 – Disabled and Visually Impaired Archers – Section E – clarification on Double Rounds where Records can be claimed
 - Appendix B – Minimum Standard of Judges at Events – new rule added under section 3 to clarify that on a Field Course there should be one Judge for each 8 targets. It is suggested that a stand alone Chair of Judges is appointed and that the Chair of Judges at a Record Status Field Event must be able to fully traverse the field course.
 - Appendix B – Judge Expectations – this has been amended to say the suggested amount for mileage is 40p per mile, which is the amount AGB pay. This is only a suggestion and actual expense arrangements should be agreed between the Organiser and the Judge.

Other Changes in 2025

- Archery GB SAP Changes (Effective 7 January 2025)
 - SAP 3 - Accreditation of Tournaments. 1.(H) & (I) – Updated procedures on documentation and results filing procedure for after events
 - SAP 4 – An update to the Annual Tournaments organised by Archery GB, and minor updates to 2. General Rules
 - SAP 6 – Minor updates to Six Gold Badges, Rose Awards, and WA Target/Silver Target Awards for Cadets and Masters
 - SAP 7 – Field Archery: Clarification of the claim procedures for field classifications
 - SAP 10 – Inclusion of the Dogs at Competition & Events policy, removing this as a standalone policy – please take a moment to read this policy.

Other Changes in 2025

- Archery GB Rule Changes Changes (Effective July 2025)
 - AGB introduced the 900 Rounds which are Outdoor Metric versions on a 122cm face with 10 zone scoring. They are variations of the WA 900 Round (2 ½ dozen at 60m, 50m and 40m)
 - 900 70 – 2 ½ dozen at 70m, 60m and 50m
 - 900 50 – 2 ½ dozen at 50m, 40m and 30m
 - 900 40 – 2 ½ dozen at 40m, 30m and 20m
 - 900 30 – 2 ½ dozen at 30m, 20m and 10m

Other Changes in 2025

- New Equipment
 - We are seeing lots of new electronic equipment, particularly on compounds. For example the Ultraview Scope which can light up, Mantis performance system which fits on a bow and the Matthews shot sense which is fitted into the bow and can only be seen on the handle.
 - Items like this are okay as long as the batteries/electronics are removed and the device cannot communicate with anything or anyone. The housing or fixing can remain in place.
 - Don't forget we can always recheck items during the event.
 - There are also more digital telescopes available, these are fine on the waiting line, but cannot be used on the shooting line.
- Tournament Reports
 - Please use the online Tournament report form on Forms rather than filling out a paper form. It helps AGB keep all the information in the same place. A link to the form can be found at the bottom of all the SCAS Comms

Other Changes in 2025

- 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-noock cut directly into the shaft(s), fletching and, if desired, cresting.”
 - So, they are not allowed in WA.

Other Changes in 2025

- Equipment Inspection Reminders
 - There is no limit on the length of compound sight tunnels or hoods. The 2cm limit only applies to Recurve bows.
 - Multi sight pins are allowed for compounds at target events, including indoors.
 - Compounds are allowed bits on their string in order to assist with keeping the peep sight safely attached and aligned, there is no limit to the number or location of such items.
 - Please always use a barebow ring, it just shows that we are checking all the bows properly
 - Please always weigh compound bows, not only is it a rule, but for insurance purposes it is good practice
- Helping out
 - We all know Judges are helpful people and want to help out, but if you are assisting the work party then please do not let it interfere with your Judging duties
 - If you are helping archers remove their arrows then let the archer or their club mates take the lead. If you break an arrow you will get the blame, if the archer or their friend does it then it is just one of those things!

What's coming up in 2026 - Rules

- On 15 January the new World Archery Rule Books are due to be published. There is a major restructuring of the books to try and make them easier to use with all the relevant information in one place – my thoughts are with the team that have done this as this was a huge piece of work.
- There are some terminology changes coming, for example rounds are no longer referred to “Indoor” or “Outdoor”, but long distances and short distances
- There are also some Rule Changes coming, for example
 - Amendments to the procedures for unsigned score cards
 - Teal coloured faces for Field events (black ones are still allowed except for World and Continental Championships) but the two types cannot be mixed
 - Para W1 Class are moving to the Set System for Head to Heads rather than score
 - Clarification that archers must complete the round to go forward to Head to Heads, exceptions will be allowed for medical emergencies or equipment failures. But people will not be allowed to just shoot an end and then score misses for the rest of the round and then still go through to the Head to Head matches

What's coming up in 2026

- New J05 Book
 - The new J05 Booklet is finally here and there will be a training piece on this later
- E-Learning
 - The AGB E-Learning system is coming very soon. Hopefully the Candidate to County information will be released soon.
 - The system is free to access for all AGB members
 - Once it is released, then for the seminars for upgrade, people will need to complete online prior learning with tests and then the seminar will just go through the important bits and be more of a discussion. Don't worry you will be able to dip in and out of the prior learning as you want, you don't have to do it all in one go.
 - There will still be a further exam on everything before upgrade
 - There will still be the in-person seminars for those who prefer. This year's one will probably be early October.

What's coming up in 2026

- Archery GB Judge Conference
 - The AGB Judge Conference will be on-line on Saturday 7 March. It will only be a few hours (not all day!)
- New Online J07
 - AGB and Rob Potts are hoping to develop a new online J07 during 2026. Not only will you be able to record your shoots on there, as you do currently, but it will also host the tournament reports. It is hoped it will be linked to Sport:80 and be more user friendly and intuitive.
- Regional Seminar
 - An online Regional Seminar will be held on 21 January in the evening

Reminder of Current Grants

- i. For Candidates after attending an in-person Candidate Seminar (this is claimable only once) - **£125 currently**
- ii. For County Judges after attending an in-person Regional Preparation Seminar (this is claimable only once) - **£125 currently**
- 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**

- If there is anything you would like the SCAS Judges Committee to do or concentrate on in 2026, just let us know

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

