



THE NORTHERN COUNTIES ARCHERY SOCIETY

JUDGES INFORMATION UPDATE November 2018

May I take this opportunity to apologise for the length of this newsletter. Some of you will have received **some** of the information through the Judges Newsletter issued by AGB but I am aware some of you do not receive it. Please check your junk/spam e-mails as they may be in there.

Judge Changes

Welcome to our new candidate judges:-

Ruth Breeze joins us as a candidate from Cheshire and Angela Kellett joins us as a candidate from Lancashire.

Lynn Nicholson (DNAA) has now passed her County Assessment and upon receipt of her paperwork is now a County Judge.

Candidate Judge Promotion

Please continue to promote, the more judges we have the easier our workloads can be.

Candidate to County Assessment

I am prepared to try and arrange a Candidate to County Seminar to be held at Weatherby with the assistance of Archery GB. I require at least 8 attendees to enable this to go ahead. Can those candidates who would prefer this (rather than attending Lilleshall) please let me know if you are interested. Once I have the minimum number of confirmed attendees, I will see what I can do to organise it.

Regional Meeting

The regional meeting was held late last month in Weatherby. Although not as well attended as I had hoped, prior commitments and a clash with a National tournament meant that a lot of you were missing.

A few salient points were raised prior to the meeting and were discussed by the attendees.

- Mobile phones.
- Smoking.
- VI archers and their assistants. Some of the assistants are not archers and therefore unaware of the rules. If they are unaware, please make them aware. Recently there have been instances of the archer's assistant adjusting tactile sights while shooting is in progress and/or having two assistants on the range.
- It was pointed out that at many events, some parents are coaching on the line. I had prepared some notes to go along with the discussion (copies of which are attached) which will assist with the confusion between World Archery and Archery GB rules.



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Field changes

Archery GB is about to publish changes to the rules in the Archery UK magazine (April 2019). This follows a study and feedback from the Field Archery community this last year, related to the introduction of additional optional shooting positions for juniors and novices.

These changes introduce the use of yellow, green and pink coloured shooting positions and make changes to the white shooting position distance. The new shooting positions are to be marked using a thin ground marker to minimise the visibility from the red and blue pegs, the additional positions are also optional as it is recognised that some field courses do not accommodate the placement of these shooting positions, for example across water or dead ground etc and therefore the use of these is at the Tournament Organisers discretion.

Archery GB wishes to encourage the use of these new shooting positions as soon as possible and suggest that the changes are adopted immediately.

Judges Uniform Update

Archery GB has stopped using Kudos as their official uniform supplier. They are aware of issues that Judges have had ordering kit, therefore they are currently investigating various options regarding new suppliers. Archery GB is conscious of the impact of changing uniform, and through the Judges Working Group will ensure that change is minimal and that they will have a minimum two-year changeover period. Whilst changing uniform has an effect on all Judges, it is clear we cannot do nothing. The Judges shirt will be the first item of clothing to change. We will endeavour to make sure costs are kept as low as possible whilst still ensuring that everything is of a suitable quality and is available in a wide variety of sizes. Further information will be given at the Judges Conference in March 2019.

They are looking to find a supplier who can do I have been asked to advise you not to order any new kit at this present time. Those of you who have placed orders recently, please attempt to contact Kudos to cancel the order.

World Archery Updates

World Archery Bylaws

World Archery have issued some new bylaws. Please note that some of these do not come into effect until 1 April 2019.

Effective immediately

Book 2 5.3.1.1 and 5.5.1.3 – Introduction of records for Mixed Team

Book 2 9.1.1.7.1 and 9.1.1.7.2 – Minimum distances for 3D

Book 4 22.1.5.5 and 22.2.3.5 – Clarification on sight marks



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Book 4 22.6.3 – Written memoranda on Field

Effective from 1 April 2019

Book 2 7.1.1.7 – Target Number positioning.

Book 3 20.1.1 – Change to dress regulations for undershirts in Finals – Please note that at UK tournaments the AGB Dress Regulations apply so this rule is only included information.

Arrow Wrap Changes

Just to let you know that the rules regarding arrow wraps in World Archery has changed subtly. Previously the length of the arrow wrap was only taken into consideration if the arrow was the maximum size of 9.3mm. However, following the re-write of the rule in April 2018 the rule (11.1.7.1, 22.1.7.1, 22.3.7.1, 22.4.6.1, 22.5.6.1) now reads

“The maximum diameter of arrow shafts shall not exceed 9.3mm (arrow wraps shall not be considered as part of this limitation but may not extend further than 22cm toward the arrow point when measured from the nock groove where the bowstring sits to the end of the wrap)”

So, the length of the arrow wrap, measured from the nock groove where the string sits, cannot exceed 22cm, regardless of the size of the arrow.

Tournament Paperwork

Please make sure that if you are Chair of Judges at a Record Status Tournament (or above) that you and your whole team receive Entry Form and Target List before the event. If you do not get it then you need to chase the Tournament Organiser.

The use of electronic versions of the Tournament Organisers Report Form and the Judge Report Form are being trialled. If you are asked to use these we would be grateful for your feedback. All forms are available to download from the website (link), with further information.

As a Judge it is your responsibility to obtain the relevant form and send back directly back to the Archery GB office rather than giving back to the TO – by using the email tournaments@archerygb.org

If there is a serious or complicated problem, you can send a separate report in to tournaments@archerygb.org or the Judges Working Group (judges@archerygb.org).

Code of Conduct

A new version of the Code of Conduct for Judges is now available. Please take the time to read this carefully.

National Re-accreditation

The National re-accreditation paper will be released in early January 2019, so it does not affect the Christmas break at all. There will be approximately four weeks to complete it.



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And Finally

There have been some changes to the NCAS Judges Expenses Policy and ALL claims must now come through the JLO. Any claims for expenses that are not routed through the JLO will be turned down. The new documents are attached for your information.

Please let me know if you are planning to attend the National Conference in Washington on 3 March 2019. The NCAS committee would like an idea of the expenses which may be required for the Region's judges attending the event.

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