



THE NORTHERN COUNTIES ARCHERY SOCIETY

JUDGES INFORMATION UPDATE
May 2019

Judge Changes

Lancashire welcome Juliet Spedding as Candidate.

Disabled Archer

Disabled archers are still experiencing issues at tournaments. As per the latest Judges Newsletter from Archery GB, if you come across a Tournament Organiser who is not willing to accommodate disabled archers then please let arran.coggan@archerygb.org know so he can address it with them directly.

New policy on registered Assistance dogs

I would like to bring your attention to the information provided through the AGB Newsletter on assistance dogs.

They are a regular feature at archery events, providing invaluable assistance to para archers. Archery GB has been consulting all interested parties about their presence at tournaments and, as a result, has a new policy:

At events in the UK, registered assistance dogs are allowed on the field of play, although this may be subject to the ground owner's rules. Assistance dogs must be under control at all times. If any dog causes issues with the shooting, then the judges have the right to ask the owner to remove the dog from the shooting area.

There is also some wider guidance on dogs at tournaments:

Dogs are only allowed on the field of play at the Tournament Organisers and/or landowner's discretion and in line with general guidance on assistance dogs.

If dogs are allowed, they must be under control at all times, and kept behind the tent line. Only assistance dogs, in line with Archery GB's Rules of Shooting, are allowed in front of this area.

If any dog is found to be causing any issues within the shooting, then the Organiser, together with the judges, can request the dog is removed from the venue.

Formally classified archers also need to be aware that World Archery has its own rule on assistance or support dogs. Rule 21.12.10 states that for all international tournaments and/or those tournaments registered with it, no assistance or support dogs will be permitted on the field of play.



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Assistance dogs will have a formal identification in the form of a white harness, organisation specific branded dog jackets, lead slips or id tags on the dogs collar. Most assistance dogs service users who have an assistance dog from an ADUK member organisation will also have a yellow ADUK branded id book (shown above). This book has been designed to support assistance dog owners with their access to goods, facilities and services, as defined in the Equality Act 2010 in England, Scotland and Wales, and the Disability Discrimination Act (1995) in Northern Ireland.

The ID Book contains information about the owner and their dog, details of the training organisation who trained the dog and its owner. This information is also available on www.assistedogs.org.uk.

Important Dates for your Diary

Just a reminder of some important dates:-

12th October 2019 – Candidate and Candidate Youth Judge Seminars at Lilleshall (proposed date only)

13th October 2019 – Regional Judge Preparation Seminar at Lilleshall (proposed date only)

1st March 2020 – National Judge Conference at Taunton, Somerset.

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