



Northern Counties Archery Society.

Judges Information Update February 2014

National Judge Re-Accreditation exam

The results of the reaccreditation exam have now all been published and I am happy to report that all the judges who completed and returned the paper passed.

Unfortunately due to work and family pressures Lindsey Lawrence informed me that she would not be doing the exam, which meant she was automatically downgraded to Regional status from 1st February. Harold Wilson also did not return the paper, but this was because he had decided to retire from judging at the end of the forth coming outdoor season. The national judge committee was informed and after considering Harold's exemplary service of over 30 years of judging the committee granted him dispensation to remain as a National Judge until his last official shoot at which time he will be awarded the honorary title of Judge Emeritus.

Annual returns

The majority of you sent in your J15's for the 2013 and I would like to thank you all for taking the time to complete and return these forms to your County JLO's, I would also like to thank the JLO's for taking the time to summarise that information and forward it on to me in the J19 form.

Unfortunately there were a handful of judges who failed to send in J15's, even though they have had ample warning and requests to do so. These individuals are listed below.

Sean Gleeson	- YAA
Tracey Deborah Ellison	- DNAA
Paul John Ellison	- DNAA
Colin Graham	- DNAA
Kenneth Thornton	- DNAA
David Harrison	- DNAA

World Archery Bylaws

A number of new by-laws have been published on the WA website, all of which come in to force on the 1st April.

These bylaws are shown below.

Dress Regulation

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Effective as of 1 April 2014

Book 4, Chapter 33

33.1 Athletes:

Shall wear shirts with name and country at all times.

Sport shoes or walking boots shall be worn by all athletes and officials, these may be different styles but shall cover the entire foot.

Trousers of their choice, including denim, for the Qualification, Elimination and Semi-finals rounds.

Full Team uniform, which shall not include denim, for Team Rounds and Medal Matches.

Clothing shall not be camouflage. No oversize or baggy type trousers are allowed.

33.2 Coaches:

Shall have their country on their shirt or jacket, and shall be the same colour so that they are easily recognisable as part of the team.

Two fingers hook

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Book 4, Article 22.5.7.1

- 22.5.7.1 An anchor plate or similar device attached to the finger protection (tab) for the purpose of anchoring is not permitted.
The bow must be shot using the "Mediterranean" loose (with one finger above) or fingers directly below the arrow nock (index finger no more than 2 mm below nock), with one fixed anchor point. The Athlete must choose either Mediterranean or fingers under nock, but may not use both. Finger protection when shooting with fingers under the nock must have a continuous surface or connected finger stalls, with no ability to shoot split finger. When using the Mediterranean loose a separator between the fingers to prevent pinching the arrow may be used.

VI Rules

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Book 3, Chapter 21

- 21.3 Visually Impaired Classification
- 21.3.1 Visually Impaired athletes classified as VI1 shall wear a blindfold when shooting. Other athletes classified as VI2 or VI3 will not wear blindfolds. All VI athletes are classified by specific, trained VI classifiers.
- 21.4.3 Visually Impaired (VI):
VI1
VI2/3
There shall be no distinction between men, women, compound or recurve within either division. All will shoot against each other in the appropriate division.
For the equipment rules of this division see 21.12 Visually Impaired Athletes
- 21.12 Visually Impaired Athletes
- 21.12.1 There will be two divisions for Visually Impaired athletes, VI1 and VI2 and VI3 combined. VI1/VI2 athletes will be those who have the IBSA archery classification of B2 or B3 which is determined by the degree of visual acuity. The athletes in VI1 will wear blindfolds. The athletes in the VI2/VI3 division will not wear blindfolds. Athletes in both divisions will use a tactile sight and no other sight will be permitted.
- 21.12.2 A blindfold can be a sleep mask or wraparound glasses or goggles and shall be checked by the Judges during equipment inspection and may be re-checked at any time during the competition.
- 21.12.3. When at the competition venue the blindfold shall be worn at all times while on the field of play including when setting up equipment, during practice and until the end of the athlete's competition for that day.
- 21.12.4 The sighting device/stand must not represent an obstacle to other competitors. The total width of the stand/foot locators shall be not more than 80 cms (31.5 inches). The maximum depth of the functional part of the foot locators in contact with the archer shall be not more than 6 cms (2.5 inches). There shall be a space of not less than 90 cms (35.5 inches) between each tactile stand (measured from the nearest point of each stand). The size of the tactile sight may not exceed 2cm in any direction and shall only be in contact with the back of the archer's hand or forearm.
- 21.12.5 Once set up, the tactile sight may be left on the field until the end of the athlete's competition for that day and then removed.

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- 21.12.6 In the VI Olympic Round, target allocations shall be arranged so that athletes do not have to move targets even if this means that their opponent is not on an adjacent target.
- 21.12.7. Athletes may shoot either recurve or compound bows within the same class. The compound bow may be shot with either fingers or a release aid. Compound bows are restricted to a peak draw weight of 45 pounds for both men and women.
- 21.12.8. Rounds to be shot.
- 21.12.8.1. The VI Outdoor Round consists of four times 36 arrows shot at 30m with the following target faces in this order:
 - The first 36 arrows on a 60cm face
 - The next 36 on an 80cm face
 - The next 36 arrows on an 80cm face
 - The final 36 arrows on a 122cm face
- 21.12.8.2. The VI 30m Round consists of 72 arrows shot at 30m on the 80cm face.
- 21.12.8.3. The VI Olympic Round is shot at 30m on the 80cm face.
- 21.12.8.4. The VI Indoor Round consists of 60 arrows on a 60cm face shot at 18m. The full “recurve” 10 zone will be used for scoring purposes even if a compound bow is used.
- 21.12.8.5. The VI Indoor Match Round is shot on 60cm faces and follows the other rules of the Indoor Match Round. The full “recurve” 10 zone will be used for scoring purposes even if a compound bow is used.
- 21.12.8.6. All other World Archery rules apply.
- 21.12.9. Assistants.
- 21.12.9.1. A VI athlete is permitted to have a person acting as an assistant who may sit or stand behind the athlete 1m behind the shooting line.
- 21.12.9.2. The role of the assistant is to tell the athlete the position of the arrows in the target face and also to inform them of any safety issues.
- 21.12.9.3. The assistant shall not disturb the other athletes while giving coaching assistance.
- 21.12.9.4. When the athlete has finished her/his scoring arrows, the assistant will go behind the waiting line. The athlete may remain on the shooting line throughout the shoot or return behind the waiting line at the athlete’s discretion.
- 21.12.9.5. The assistant may only adjust the sight and/or set up equipment between practice and/or scoring ends. The assistant may guide the athlete to the target and back to the shooting line.
The athlete may adjust her/his tactile sight at any time during the shooting.
- 21.12.9.6. The assistant shall do the scoring for the athlete. Each athlete will sign her/his own score sheet
- 21.12.9.7. The athlete and assistant shall be recognisable as partners wearing the same uniform.
- 21.12.10 For all international tournaments and/or those tournaments registered with World Archery, no “assistant” or “support” dogs will be permitted on the field of play.

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Field Face Tolerance

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Book 2, Article 8.2.1.2

8.2.1.2 Scoring Values, Colour Specifications and Tolerances.

Diameter of faces and of scoring zones in cm						
Colour	Score	Diameter				Tolerance± (mm)
		20	40	60	80	
Yellow	6	2	4	5	8	1
Yellow	5	4	8	12	16	1
Black	4	8	16	24	32	1
Black	3	12	24	36	48	2
Black	2	16	32	48	64	2
Black	1	20	40	60	80	2

Judges National Conference

The annual conference was held at Lilleshall on the weekend of the 15th & 16th February. This year ten judges from the region attended the conference, which is two up on last year. This year the conference had a slightly different format including some 'Quick Hit' sessions from the International and Continental judges about specific topics, rules and processes.

Development opportunities were discussed including the introduction of Archery GB Youth and Junior Judges. The National committee is working with Development to formalise these ideas and looking to set up a working group to develop the concept.

The Committee also put forward the idea to move towards an Online Work Records system. This is to make your lives as judges easier. You spend a lot of time judging, and then a lot of time recording what you have done for various reports. The online system will centralise this information in one place and allow reports to be generated when required. The benefit to you as a judge is you only have to enter the information once.

The committee is also looking to publish a new bi-annual newsletter. If you wish to receive this when it is available you will need to tick the e-zine button in the membership portal on the Archery GB website.

As is usual at the conference banquet on the Saturday evening a number of certificates were awarded to various judges, included in these was a certificate of appreciation for Richard Breese, who resigned from judging in January this year.

Bow Rings

Those of you who attended the conference will know I was selling Bow Rings which I had designed and John Cunningham had arranged for a friend of his to produce. The majority of the rings were sold over the weekend, however I do have a few left.

If anyone would like one of the rings they are available at £6.50 each, which includes postage and packaging. As I do have a limited number left it will be strictly on a first come first served basis.

If you would like to order one drop me an email and I will then sort out payment and delivery options with you.

