



Judges Information Update March 2014

AGB rule changes

You may remember reading about several proposed rule changes in the Autumn edition of Archery UK. These come into effect as of the 1st April and are listed below just to remind you what they were.

Target Archery timing signals.

Rule 304(f)(i)b change to “three sound signals”

Introduction of process to be adopted when a hanger occurs.

Rule 306(o) change to read:

- (o) If an arrow fails to enter the boss and is hanging in the target face, all archers using that boss shall stop shooting and signal a Judge. The actions are dependent on the timing method, see Rule 304(f).
- (i) Using Method 1. The Judge calls “Fast” to stop all shooting. The archer with the hanging arrow shall go to the target with the Judge, who shall score the arrow, remove it from the target and place it behind the target. When the field is clear, the Judge shall signal shooting to continue with a one sound signal.
- (ii) Using Method 2. At the end of the current shooting period the Judge shall stop the shoot. The archer with the hanging arrow shall go to the target with the Judge, who shall score the arrow, remove it from the target and place it behind the target. When the field is clear, the Judge shall supervise the archers using that boss while they shoot their un-shot arrows, allowing 40 seconds per arrow. Thereafter, the shoot shall continue. The Judge shall ensure the appropriate score is recorded when scoring takes place. A hanging arrow that falls out before it can be scored shall be treated as a bouncer.

World Archery Target Rounds.

Rule 304(e)(i) and (ii). Delete “and Half Metric” from both paragraphs.

Rule 308 Table 3-2. Delete the bottom 5 lines referring to the Half Metric I to V.

Rule 308 Table 3-3. Delete lines referring to the Half FITA (Gents), Half FITA (Ladies) and Half FITA (Cadet Ladies).

Target Archery – Target Lists.

Rule 304(b)(i) Second sentence be replaced with the following:

Unless otherwise directed, the archers on each target shall be designated A, B, C, D, etc. in the order in which they appear on the target list. The archer designated C shall be the Target Captain and the archer designated D shall be the Lieutenant.

Target Archery Timing Method 2.

Rule 304(f)(ii)b delete “20 seconds”, insert “10 seconds”

WA Rule Books

A revised version of all the rules books was issued on the WA website on the 17th March and then again on the 26th March. The new books include bylaws and rules changes approved by the Executive Board after the most recent Congress, and come into effect on the 1st April.

The revised versions of all the rule books are attached to the email that this newsletter came with.

WA now have an online version of their rule book which can be accessed from the Constitution & Rules page on the WA website or by clicking on the following link:- <http://newrulebook.ianseo.net/>

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Request for Judges

Lancaster University Archery club are hosting the 50th annual Roses tournament against York on the 4th May. The event will be a FITA 70 qualifier followed by an Olympic-style 70m head to head. The shoot starts at 10am and will be held on the Lancaster University rugby pitch.

The university has requested judges for the event, so if anyone is available and has head to head experience could you please contact me or Kath Collinson (kathleen_collinson@sky.com).

NCAS Judge Seminar

The next seminar has been booked for Saturday 11th October at the usual venue, Wetherby District Social Club 1 Sandbeck Way, Wetherby, Leeds LS22. If there are any topics you would like on the agenda or if anyone wants to give a presentation on a particular subject then please let me know.

Please remember that you are required to attend a minimum numbers of seminars/conferences before applying for assessment to a higher grade or within a four year reassessment period depending on your grade.

The following extract is taken from the National Judging Scheme J10.

- i) All Candidate judges are required to attend a minimum of one (1) County, Regional or National Judging Seminar or Conference before applying for assessment to the grade of County. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the judge being restricted from applying for assessment until they have attended the required number of Seminars.
- j) All County judges are required to attend a minimum of one (1) Regional seminar or one (1) National Judge Conference in any four (4) year period, plus all County judges must have attended at least one (1) Regional Judge Conference or Seminar or one (1) National Judge Conference before applying for assessment to the grade of Regional. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the judge being restricted from applying for assessment until they have attended the required number of Seminars/Conferences.
- k) All Regional judges are required to attend at least one (1) Regional seminar or one (1) National conference in any four (4) year reassessment period as part of the reassessment criteria, failure to do this will result in the judge being automatically downgraded at the next reassessment. Judges must also attend at least one (1) National Judge Conference before applying for assessment to the grade of National. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the judge being restricted from applying for assessment until they have attended the required number of Conferences.

Archery GB Judges Web page

The judges section of the Archery GB website is now up and running, and though content is still being added to the pages the majority of the information that was available on the gnasjudges.co.uk website is available here. All the documents have had to be rebranded to suit the Archery GB style and as you can imagine this is quite a task given all the information that was on the old site.

To access the judges section of the website click on the following link www.archerygb.org/judges

Judge Update

The recent influx of archers wishing to enrol as Candidate judges continues. This month we welcome to our ranks Ian Stringfellow, who is a member of Bowmen of Bruntwood in Cheshire.

We also have a resignation this month, this being Neil Turton who was a Candidate judge in Lancashire, and finally both Paul and Tracey Ellison from DNAA have requested a Sabbatical. With these changes we now have 40 active judges within the Region, which is quite evenly distributed amongst the various grades. Currently we have 10 Candidates, 9 Counties, 11 Regionals, 9 Nationals and 1 International Candidate.

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World Archery Interpretations

Several new interpretations have been published on the WA website in the past month, all of which are shown below.

Book 1 Article 2.2.7

The Archery Association of the Netherlands has requested an interpretation regarding size limitations on advertising on chest guards, caps, and items other than bows and clothing.

Response from the Constitution and Rules Committee:

It is the unanimous opinion of C&R that Book 1, Article 2.2.7.1 is clear that the size limitations apply separately to each item of equipment. Article 2.2.7.1 provides that "All advertising referred to 2.2.6 and 2.2.7 above shall not exceed 400cm² per item." (Emphasis added).

Please be aware that this issue will be on the agenda on the December, 2014 Executive Board meeting for further consideration.

World Archery Constitution and Rules Committee, 24 March 2014

Book 2, Chapter 9, Article 9.2.2

The Italian Archery Federation has requested an interpretation as to whether an arrow hitting the wings or tail of a bird target is a scoring arrow or a miss.

Response from the Field Committee:

Article 9.2.2 allows arrows hitting the tail and wings of a bird target to score.

World Archery Field Committee, 21 February 2014

Approved by the World Archery C&R Committee, 23 February 2014

Book 2, Chapter 9, Article 9.2.2 (bullet five)

The Italian Archery Federation has requested an interpretation as to whether a line can be drawn on a 3D target to separate the hoof (none scoring) from the scoring area of the target since the body colour zone and hoof of some animal targets are gradient and blended and not clearly defined.

Response from the Field Committee:

The Field Committee recognizes that separating the hoof from the scoring portion of the body can be confusing. The easiest way to resolve this issue is to for the manufacturers to create a definitive line when the targets are produced. If such a line does not exist, a defining line could be added by members of the Organizing Committee or the Tournament Judge Commission prior to the commencement of the tournament.

World Archery Field Committee, 21 February 2014

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Book 3, Chapter 11

The Barbados Archery Association has requested an interpretation as to whether an athlete must have a minimum number of arrows in order to enter a tournament.

Response from the Judges Committee:

There are no requirements in the rules with regard to the minimum number of arrows, except from the fact that ends are described as 3 or 6 arrows respectively.

Practically, unshot arrows constitute misses.

Athletes who are competing in the finals where there are agents and arrows runners should be aware that it is possible that their arrows are not be returned before the next time they shoot. For example, in such a situation, an athlete may be required to shoot six arrows before his arrows are returned. This is to keep the event on schedule and is determined by the tournament organizer. Accordingly, the athlete should have sufficient arrows. If he does not, the match will not be delayed while the arrows are returned, and the athlete will be treated as shooting a miss for those arrows not shot. For example, assume that the athlete only has 5 arrows, after each athlete has shot three arrows, those arrows will be scored and pulled

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by the athlete's agent. The athlete will then be expected to shoot another 3 arrows before having his arrows returned. If he only has 2 other arrows, he will be treated as having a miss.

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Book 3, Chapter 11, Article 11.1.7.1

The Barbados Archery Association has requested an interpretation as to whether arrows must be numbered and, in international competition, have the three letter country code, i.e. BAR for Barbados, on the shaft.

Response from the Judges Committee:

The arrow shafts shall be marked with the athlete's name or initials. No additional markings are required.

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Book 3, Chapter 13, Article 13.4

The Barbados Archery Association has requested an interpretation as to the timing of shooting when an athlete has fewer arrows than are required for an end of either three or six arrows.

The interpretation is requested with regards to the following facts:

Two athletes at a tournament had a problem with fletching's and, consequently, only had four and five arrows, respectively, by the end of the first round of qualifying.

At mid-point of the qualifying rounds the Judges and DoS decided that these two athletes should only be allowed forty seconds per arrow for the number of arrows they had available and that they must then vacate the line, i.e. they were not allowed to stay on the line for the full four minutes of an end. Both archers were allowed to make up arrows after the end of regular shooting.

Both athletes were leaving the line well within the four minutes, even when they had a full complement of six arrows at the start of competition.

Was this decision proper, what should be the procedure in such a situation?

Response from the Judges Committee:

Here we find that a procedure was invented that is not foreseen in the rules. If athletes have equipment failure during an end (like with fletches) the athlete will stop shooting and call for a judge. In that end, the full time will be given. The Judge will acknowledge the problem and tell the athlete to fix the problem. The athlete will be able to make up the arrows not shot during that end (as soon as practically possible) - and if it takes some time - also number of unshot ends, though maximum equivalent to 15 minutes (normal shooting procedure). An athlete which has fewer than the required number of arrows then being shot (and where there is not equipment failure) will nevertheless be given the full time allowed to shoot the number of arrows he has as if he had a sufficient number of arrows.

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Judges National Conference 2014

Below is a supplement to last month's account of the topics and items that were raised at the conference in February. This has very kindly been passed on to me by Katy Lipscomb who is the SCAS JLO.

Bow Scales

The Committee have requested that bow scales should be calibrated annually, but this might be reviewed in the future. You can send your scales to Archery GB to get them calibrated, however an administration fee will be charged and you will also need to include a suitable return envelope. Details of the process should be available soon, but in the meantime, if you contact the Archery GB Office and talk to Helen Smedley she will be able to advise as to the cost etc.

The Committee has also said that bow scales can be calibrated by the Weights and Measures department.

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National Conference Date

The committee is looking into the possibility moving the date and or venue of the National Conference so that more judges will have a chance to attend in future years, but this is dependent upon finding suitable alternative venues and dates.

Judges Uniforms

Comments received from judges by the various regional JLO's were passed on to the Committee. They are looking to see if the material the shirts are currently made from can be altered, however the design will stay the same.

The supplier will also be asked if it is possible to add more pockets to the jackets, in particular the fleece, but as the jackets come from a different supplier and are just embroidered for us, this might not be possible. The introduction of a gillet (sleeveless jackets) to the range of official clothing was also raised and this is being looked into. Shorts however will not be added to the official uniform and all judges are requested to refrain from wearing them as they are not part of the official uniform. Anyone who has experienced issues with the Dover jackets changing colour, please contact Impsport and let them know so they can investigate.

All judges were reminded that they should not wear any badges, including your Judge Badge, on their uniform.

Clout

Judges were reminded that when officiating at a Clout they should treat it with the same seriousness they would give a target round. They were requested to check all the equipment, especially the Clout ropes, which should be none stretch, and flags, which are different for Imperial & Metric clouts.

A suggestion was also made to ask the colour sergeants (the archers who pick up the arrows) to rotate colours after each end, so if they collected arrows from the white zone at the first end they should collect from the black zone at the next end, then the blue, red gold and then back to white.

CoJ's were also advised to contact the Organiser as soon as possible prior to the tournament and ask them to check that their scoring rope's do not stretch, and if they do to replace them before the tournament. In such cases you could suggest that the Clout scoring ropes be made from was washing line with a wire core.

Presentations

There were several presentations delivered over the weekend by the Continental and International judges, all of which are now available of the Judges section of the AGB website. The presentations were:-

- Dealing with Parents - by Jo Orbell
- Being Chairman - by Graham Potts
- The World Archery website and where to find things - by Derrick Lovell MBE
- The process of equipment inspection - by Neil Dimmock
- Clout Archery - by Neil Foden
- Tabs and Release Aids - by Graham Potts
- Introductory Talks and Announcements - Katy Lipscomb
- Attitude - Katy Lipscomb and Hannah Brown
- Performance Unit including talent pathways - Hilda Gibson from the Performance Unit

Dangerous Drawing Techniques

Several photos and videos were shown which highlighted dangerous drawing techniques.

We are all quite used to looking for 'high draws' where the bow hand is high in the air, but these highlighted a different version, where the bow hand is correct but the draw hand goes down towards the chest and only goes to the chin when the draw is complete. These are harder to spot, so judges must be vigilant when looking along the line and keep their eyes open for these cases. Another dangerous drawing technique which was brought to the judges attention, was where an archer draws up pointing at a target to the side of their own. Besides causing a possible obstruction to their target companions, this technique if used by an archer near the end of the shooting line could cause the arrow to fly outside the side safety zone if released accidentally.

It was also discussed what to do when you witness an archer whose draw might fall in to one of these categories. Your actions must always depend on the layout of the venue. For example if you are at a ground where the overshoot far exceeds the minimum, and if the archer released an arrow accidentally there would be no chance of it causing injury or damage, you would be advised to wait till the end of the

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tournament before talking to the archer about their drawing technique. However if the venue is such that an arrow going outside the safety zones could cause an injury or damage then the archer should be spoken to immediately and advised to alter their drawing technique.

In either case, judges were reminded not to act independently, you should always get a second opinion on any technique before taking action.

County Re-accreditation

The Committee are looking at adding a County Re-accreditation to the J10, this will most likely be based on a scheme introduced by SCAS. This requires each County judge to accrue a certain number of judging days in the 4 year accreditation period, and have attended a seminar or conference within that period also. It is not expected that they will be asked to sit a re-accreditation exam.

Record Status Booklets

Due to a number of incidents during last year, CoJ's were reminded to report any unusual or irregular incidents that happen at a tournament. If the tournament is NRS, WRS or Tassel Status then make sure you record the incident on the report form, if it is none record status then make notes and send in a written report to the Archery GB office. If you are uncomfortable with the Tournament Organiser reading what you have written you can always tick the box to say there was an issue and state you are sending in a separate written report. This report should also go to the Archery GB Office.

The reason behind this request is because of incidents that have happened at tournaments which have led to complaints being made (not against Judge's), but because the CoJ had not recorded these incidents on the report, the complaint could not be dealt properly.

Making notes and reporting incidents helps protect not us as Judges, but also the Archers and the Organisers in case of a complaint.