



## Judges Information Update August 2014

### New Judges

#### Archery GB Judge's National Conference

The date of the 2015 conference has now been set.

It will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March at Lilleshall. There will be a banquet on the Saturday evening in Chapters as usual, which for those of you attending the full weekend is included in the price.

The Invitation form for the conference is attached to the email this newsletter came with, but it can also be downloaded from the Judges section of the AGB website (Documents > Judges > Conference >)

Please remember that there are clauses in the National Judging Scheme J10 document that require both Regional and National judges to attend National conferences prior to assessments and re-assessments, so please make sure you comply with these requirements, especially the re-assessment one as the Regional judge re-assessment exam will be issued next year.

The Judge Committee are also thinking about moving the Conference around the country in future years so that it is hosted by a different region each year. The reason for this is because attendance at a Conference is a requirement for both Regional judges wishing to apply for assessment for National status and for both Regional and National judges coming up for re-accreditation. It is also an excellent way to meet other Judges and improve your general knowledge of judging procedures.

It is also hoped that by moving the conference around the country more judges will be able to attend it during the four year re-accreditation periods.

If you think this is a good idea, or a bad one, then please send me an email with your reasons. Can you also put the subject header of the email as "Judge Conference Feedback", and I will then feed this back to the Committee for their consideration.

#### Regional & National Judge Application

This is a reminder that the deadline for submissions by County judges who want to apply for assessment to Regional Judge Status & Regional judges who want to apply for assessment to National Judge Status in 2015 is fast approaching.

Any County or Regional judge who has fulfilled all the criteria as outlined in the National Judging Scheme (J10) must complete and forward the J02 Or J03 application form to me in sufficient time to allow me to approve it and forward it on to the Chairman of the National Judge committee by 30th September.

The requirement for County judges applying for Regional status to send forms to the Judge committee is new this year following the revision of the judging scheme earlier in the year.

#### WA Interpretations

Book 3, Chapter 11, Article 11.2.3.1

Royal Belgium Archery has requested an interpretation whether the sight scope cover/visor shown below is permitted.

##### Response from the Technical Committee:

It is the decision of the Technical Committee that the bow sight cover/visor device shown in the photo below, or any device like it, is not legal in any division of World Archery.

This decision is due to reasons of safety. Regardless if the device may come under controversy as a ranging device or other means of judging distance, the issue of safety supersedes all other concerns. The device creates a substantial visual impairment of a large section of the archery field and greatly limits the

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archer's ability to see people, animals or other safety issues within the area blocked by the cover/visor. As such, the device is determined to be illegal in all divisions of World Archery due to safety concerns.

**World Archery Technical Committee, 4 August 2014**

**Approved by the World Archery C&R Committee, 9 August 2014**



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Book 3, Chapter 12, Article 12.8 and Book 4, Chapter 28, Article 28.4

Archery Austria has requested an interpretation on whether electronic cigarettes are prohibited.

### **Response from the Constitution and Rules Committee:**

It is the unanimous opinion of the Constitution and Rules Committee that electronic cigarettes are prohibited in all locations where smoking is otherwise prohibited under the Rules (see Book 3, Article 12.8: “No smoking is allowed in or in front of the athletes’ area” and see Book 4, Article 28.4: “No smoking is allowed on the courses, in the practice or warm-up areas”).

After consultation with the Medical and Sport Sciences Committee, the reasons for the above interpretation are that (i) the health consequences of electronic cigarettes are not yet known, (ii) World Archery does not want to encourage smoking of any kind, and (iii) if permitted, the use of electronic cigarettes could cause confusion if smoking tobacco cigarettes is permitted or not.

### **Approved by World Archery C&R Committee, 10 August 2014**

Book 4, Article 22.7.5

World Archery Norway has requested an interpretation on whether athletes competing in the barebow, instinctive and longbow divisions may use written memoranda containing information to assist in aiming such as grip position on the string for various distances or aiming instructions according to distances to the targets, etc. Does the exception in Book 4, Article 22.7.5 allowing “notes of the athlete’s normal sight marks” to be used by an athlete while competing apply to these types of written memorandum in these divisions?

### **Response from the Field and 3D Committee:**

In the opinion of the Field and 3D Committee, the exception in Article 22.7.5 which allows athletes to carry written memorandum regarding sight marks only applies in those divisions where sights are allowed (recurve and compound). Since no sights are allowed in the barebow, instinctive, and longbow divisions, athletes competing in these divisions may not use written memoranda which contain information to assist in aiming such as grip position on the string for various distances or aiming instructions according to distances to the targets, etc.

**World Archery Field and 3D Committee, 16 July 2014**

**Approved by the World Archery C&R Committee, 22 July 2014**

## **World Archery**

The latest issue of the World Archery judge’s newsletter has just been published and can be downloaded from the usual address for those of you interested. As usual there are a number of what if questions at the end of the new letter which are worth having a go at answering

Download address

<http://www.worldarchery.org/NEWS/News/ArtMID/10510/ArticleID/9692/World-Archery-Judges-Newsletter>

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<http://www.worldarchery.org/MULTIMEDIA/Newsletters>

## **National Tournaments 2015**

The invitation form for judges to apply for the 2015 National tournaments is now available for download from the judge’s section of the AGB website in both MS Word and PDF formats, it is also attached to the email this newsletter came with. All forms have to be returned to me before the 30<sup>th</sup> September. The invitation is open to all Regional, National and experienced County judges (Minimum of 1 year in the grade).