



*Northern Counties Archery Society.*

## Judges Information Update March 2015

### **The New J10 – The Important Changes**

At the recent judges national conference several items were raised the primary one being the publication of the revised J10.

Below is a list of the key points that have changed, most of which will affect you all in one way or another. The revised form is attached to the email this newsletter came with, so please make sure you save it for future reference.

#### **A number of key areas have been updated.**

- There is now NO distinction between Target Judge and Field Judge. Everyone is a Judge.
- By the end of the transition period the highest grade you currently hold will be your grade. Those who are National Target and County Field will be a National Judge for example.
- Those seeking assessment for a higher grade are required to attend events in each of Target, Field and Indoor.
- Assessment papers for the higher grades will be based on ALL disciplines.
- Re-accreditation papers will be based on ALL disciplines.
- The prerequisites for assessment and re-accreditation have been set out so that they are clear and unambiguous.
- The introduction of the Junior and Youth Judge Schemes.
- Accreditation for Prior Learning has been introduced.
- The process for sabbaticals has been clarified.
- The position of County JLO have been removed and replaced with a single point of contact (SPOC)

For new judges entering the system the J10 document is effective immediately.

For judges currently within the system who are seeking assessment during 2015 the previous assessment criteria applies.

For Regional Re-accreditation, judges must have attended a National OR Regional Conference within the past 4 years. They must also complete both Target and Field Re-accreditation papers, but will only be graded on the result for their Regional grade.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 this document will apply to ALL judges and the single “Judge” grade will be reflected in all records, assessments and re-accreditations.

A copy of the new J10 document is included with the email this newsletter came with, please save it for future reference.

### **Judges Uniform**

Following the results of the online survey last year, changes have been made to the current uniform. The major change is that the uniform is now supplied by Kudos, which has resulted in many of the items of clothing changing in style and material, however the design remains the same so there is no need to worry about purchasing a completely new uniform again. Any existing clothing will match in with the new and only needs to be replaced as it wears out. Several new items have also been added to the official uniform. To order new items of the uniform online you will need to follow the procedure listed on the following pages.

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## Archery GB Judge Uniform Ordering Details (Online Method)

1. Go to: [http://eclubshop.co.uk/index.php?route=product/category&path=80\\_89](http://eclubshop.co.uk/index.php?route=product/category&path=80_89)
2. Take note of the information presented on this screen, as it includes the projected delivery date for any items ordered (Screenshot correct at time of document creation)



3. Click on 'Add to cart' under the garment you wish to order at the bottom of the page



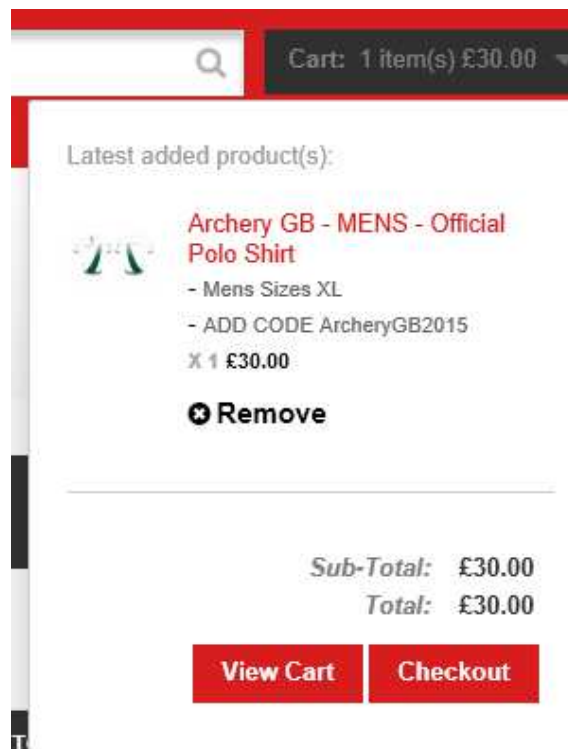
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4. On the next page select the size of the item and enter the Code: agbjudges2015 in the 'add code' box



The screenshot shows a product page for an "ARCHERY GB - MENS - OFFICIAL POLO SHIRT". On the left, there are two views of the white polo shirt with green accents. To the right, the product details are listed: "PRODUCT CODE: GNAS-POS-ADULT", "AVAILABILITY: PRE-ORDER", and "PRICE: £30.00". Below this, under "AVAILABLE OPTIONS", there is a dropdown menu for "Mens Sizes" currently set to "Please Select --" and an "ADD CODE:" input field. At the bottom, there is a quantity selector set to "1", an "Add to Cart" button, and icons for a shopping cart and a star.

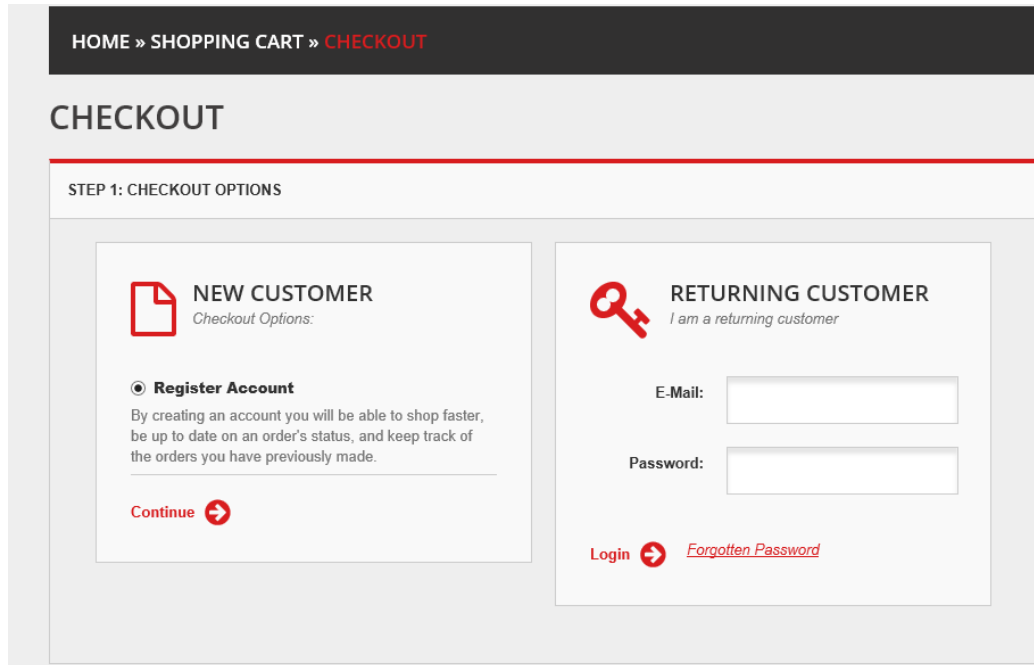
5. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for each item you wish to order. Then hover over the black 'Cart' link on the top right and then click on 'Checkout':



The screenshot shows a shopping cart overlay. At the top right, it says "Cart: 1 item(s) £30.00". Below this, under "Latest added product(s):", there is a small image of the polo shirt, followed by the text "Archery GB - MENS - Official Polo Shirt", "- Mens Sizes XL", "- ADD CODE ArcheryGB2015", and "X 1 £30.00". A "Remove" button with a trash icon is visible. At the bottom right, the "Sub-Total: £30.00" and "Total: £30.00" are displayed. Two red buttons, "View Cart" and "Checkout", are at the bottom.

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6. Follow the instructions presented on the screen, for the first time use the 'New Customer' link to register and follow the instructions on screen. After doing this once, the next time you order use the 'Returning Customer' option and sign in.



The screenshot shows a checkout page with a dark header containing the breadcrumb "HOME » SHOPPING CART » CHECKOUT". Below the header, the word "CHECKOUT" is displayed in large, bold letters. Underneath, it says "STEP 1: CHECKOUT OPTIONS". The page is divided into two main sections. The left section is titled "NEW CUSTOMER" with a document icon and the subtext "Checkout Options:". It features a radio button next to "Register Account" and a paragraph explaining the benefits of creating an account. At the bottom of this section is a "Continue" button with a right-pointing arrow. The right section is titled "RETURNING CUSTOMER" with a key icon and the subtext "I am a returning customer". It contains two input fields: "E-Mail:" and "Password:". Below these fields is a "Login" button with a right-pointing arrow and a link for "Forgotten Password".

## Ground Inspections

The recent survey on Ground Inspections highlighted that many judges felt very vulnerable when doing ground inspections, particularly when a dispensation was required.

To alleviate these concerns the Judges, Rules and Operations committees have all been working together to change the rules regarding ground inspections, and hopefully from 1st April 2015, there will be a new chart in the Rule Book stating how high a bank or wall needs to be depending on how short a field is of the full overshoot distance, there will be a similar table to cover side safety zones. The rules will also change so instead of the safety areas being dependant on whether the bow is shot of the fingers or not, it will be based on whether it is a compound, non-compound (i.e. longbow, recurve etc.) or crossbow.

There will be no changes to the rules regarding the overshoot needed for Clout ranges.

Under the new rules judges will no longer need to inspect a range, it is the clubs responsibility to ensure that overshoots and side safety zones comply with the rules. It would however still be prudent for judges to check that the information recorded on the new ground survey forms is in fact correct, especially if the ground is to be used as a tournament venue. These checks should be carried well in advance of the tournament so that if there is a problem it can be fixed before the actual day of the tournament.

## Judge Reports in Record Status Booklets

Over the past year there have been several incidents where the Judge Reports in the Record Status booklets have contained information which is irrelevant or does not corroborate incidents mentioned in the T.O report.

All the reports are read by the Office and are taken into account when deciding if the tournament should get Record Status in the future. They are also the first point of call if a complaint is made.

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Therefore if it is your duty to fill in the report, make sure that if anything unusual occurs or anything that could cause a complaint occurs, that you record it on the Report. For example if you need to ask an archer to leave the field due to them using the incorrect equipment or not meeting dress regulations. If there is any medical incident or an accident, this needs to be mentioned. If anything happens which involves a member of the public, report it. For example if someone walks onto the field, as they may phone the Office and complain. Also highlight if there were any issues with the equipment, layout of the ground or the faces so these can be raised with the Organiser or manufacturer.

If you need to report anything, make sure you include all the information required so someone who was not involved can understand what happened. Include what the incident was, what you did, what the impact was on the tournament and anything else that could be relevant. Liaise with the Organiser to ensure you are both reporting the same incidents in the same way, one example given was an archer had cut their finger and the Judge described it as a minor injury and the Organiser reported that it was a major incident that resulted in a trip to the hospital.

If there is not enough room on the form, put the major highlights on the form and then write a separate report with the full details on it (but put on the Report form that there is a separate report).

### Para and V.I. Archery – Helen George

Helen George, Chairman of the Disabilities Committee gave a very interesting and informative presentation on Para and Visually Impaired Archery and how they are hoping that visually impaired archers will be included in the 2020 Olympics.

Helen also spoke about the new Assistive Devices Card (example shown below) that Archery GB have introduced. It is designed for archers who might need help to shoot, but who are not classified or cannot be classified by World Archery. An assistive device is something which allows the archer to shoot but does not help them shoot better.

The archer just needs to complete a simple form about their condition, this then needs to be signed by their doctor, consultant or physiotherapist and sent back to the Disabilities Committee. They will then issue a card saying which assistive devices the archer can use and it also defines the limitations of its use and size. There is a section on this in the winter 2014 Archery UK Magazine.

We as Judges can then ask to see this card and check their assistive devices against it.

If you know anyone who currently uses or might benefit from an assistive device tell them to contact Helen at <mailto:chairman.disabilities@archerygb.org> and she will be happy to help them. Attached to the email this newsletter came with is a copy of the medical form that they will be required to complete, which you could save and forward on to any archer who requests one.



### Update from Rules Committee

The Rules Committee are doing lots of work on the AGB Rule Book at present, including looking at Dress Regulations, Indoor faces (3 spot, single face etc.), American Flat bows in Field and 3D Archery. A few things to draw to your attention to are:

#### Longbows

In the Archery GB Rule Book Longbows must have horn nocks, there are now some bows appearing which do not have horn nocks, so we need to be vigilant. If someone has a bow like this they can shot as a Barebow or Recurve (depending on whether they are using a sight)

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## **Bamboo Arrows**

Bamboo arrows are not wooden arrows and so cannot be used for either the Longbow or American Flat bow classes

## **Smoking**

Please bear in mind that the particular rules of the venue where you are shooting take precedence over the Rules of Shooting where smoking is involved, this includes the use of electronic devices as well. Therefore if you are shooting at a venue (such as a school or council property) that bans smoking or the use of electronic cigarettes then this needs to be enforced.

## **Camouflage**

World Archery has not defined the extent of the new rule or what they consider as camouflage (the new rule does not come in until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016). Once World Archery have done this then the Rules Committee will look to see what impact it may have on archery in the UK, however at the moment they don't expect it to affect normal World Record Status Tournaments.

## **Future Conferences**

The Committee took a snap poll of the Judges who attended the conference on where they would like future Conferences to be held. Whether it should move round the country, remain in the Lilleshall area, but move away from Lilleshall itself (so maybe to Telford), or remain at Lilleshall. The majority were in favour of the Committee investigating the possibility of moving the Conference to Telford, provided the cost per person did not increase dramatically.

## **New Archery GB website**

The new Archery GB Website should be up and running in a few month's time, or at least that is what we have been told by the office. The Judges will have a dedicated section of the site, and hopefully we will be able to reinstate some of the functionality and content control we had previously on the GNAS judges site.