



Judges Information Update July 2015

Assessments

In July William (Bill) Thomas took his County assessment at Alsager's new Head to Head tournament for Cadets. The shoot itself was fairly small but everyone who attended enjoyed the experience. Except for his lack of knowledge regarding Archery rounds, which is due to never being an archer, Bill did very well and passed his assessments. As Bill pointed out on the day there won't be many judges pass their County assessment at 80 years of age and it is something for him to be justifiably proud of achieving. The judge registrar has been informed and Bill has been upgraded to County status.



Judge Resignations

We have had a couple of Candidate judges resign in the past month. The Judges are Sarah Conduit from Cheshire who has been at University for the past year and has decided to withdraw from judging and archery to concentrate on her studies. The other judge is David Perkins from Yorkshire who has resigned because of personal commitments.

Rule Interpretations!!!

A couple of issues have been raised over the past few months weeks regarding judges who for all intents and purposes have been making the rules up as they go along.

This has resulted in a number of emails to me from Tournament organisers and archers alike to the Chairman of judges who has in turn contacted all the region JLO's to issue information to rectify this problem.

A few of the examples that have been reported are listed below, but I would assume there are several more.

- There is nothing in either rule book that permits practice after lunch at either WA or AGB events no matter how long the lunch break is. Judges should not be granting this.
- There is no requirement for the compound archer to put an arrow on their bow to weigh it. This is a choice by the archer. Should they put one on, then common sense says they draw it pointing AWAY from other people, preferably at a strategically placed boss.
- There is no penalty for archers who look at their last arrow through the scope, they cannot be told they will lose their highest scoring arrow - this is not in the rules.

Judges National Conference

The date and venue for this has been set, and following the vote at last year's conference to try a new venue, it has this year been moved.

The Conference this year will be held in the International Hotel in Telford, which is about 10-15 minutes away from Lilleshall. Accommodation will also be in the International with the Saturday evening Banquet being held next door in the Holiday Inn.

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Uniform

I am aware that the latest delivery of uniform has taken place and in there was the long awaited trousers. The trousers however would appear not to have been altered as per the request made by the chairman of the Judges committee following receipt of the samples supplied by Kudos.

The Chairman is aware of the problems and has requested that for the moment all judges allow her to deal with Kudos with regards this matter and not contact Kudos themselves in regards to the trousers.

WA Interpretations

Book 3, Article 11.1.7.1, Book 4, Articles 22.1.7.1, 22.3.7.1, 22.4.6.1, 22.5.6.1

Austria Archery has requested an interpretation as to whether the requirement that all arrows be identical requires that arrows have the same weight. Austria Archery notes that when using arrows with break-off points, it is possible that the points have different weights although appearing to be identical.

Response from the Technical Committee:

Where the rules require that all arrows be identical, this means in all respects visually, including length, but does not include weight.

World Archery Technical Committee, 30 June 2015

Approved by the World Archery C&R Committee, 30 June 2015

Book 3, Chapter 11, Article 11.2 and Book 4, Chapter 22, Article 22.2

The French Archery Federation has requested an interpretation as to whether the ant grip device shown below is allowed in the compound division.

(No photograph was included with this interpretation even though it mentions one, so I did a little digging and found the two shown below. The grip attaches to the bow via a single ball joint which allows the grip to move while the handle remains stationary)



Response from the Technical Committee:

It is the majority decision of the Technical Committee that the device shown below is legal in the Compound Division. Article 11.2 indicates the following equipment is allowed in the Compound Division:

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All types of additional devices are permitted, unless they are electric, electronic, compromise safety or create unfair disturbance to other athletes.

It is our decision that the anti-grip device does not contravene any existing rules for the Compound Division and is therefore legal for competition for able bodied athletes and the Compound Open class for Para-Archery. However, it will not be permitted for the Para-Archery W1 division. Further, the anti-grip device will not be permitted in the Recurve Division.

World Archery Technical Committee, 25 June 2015

Approved by the World Archery C&R Committee, 27 June 2015

Book 4, Chapter 22, Articles 22.3.2.1

World Archery Norway has requested an interpretation as to whether the Flemish string with the loose ends as shown below is allowed in the barebow bow division.



Response from the Technical Committee:

It is the decision of the Technical Committee that the Flemish bowstring shown below is legal in the Barebow division. The loose ends in the serving are part of the bowstring and not an addition to the bowstring. In this application, the long ends may act as a string silencer, but in reality they are simply loose ends of the actual bowstring itself. Since the strands are the actual pieces of the string, they cannot be considered a separate “string silencer” which would be an addition to the bowstring.

World Archery Technical Committee, 29 April 2015

Approved by the World Archery C&R Committee, 3 May 2015

WA Website

The World Archery website has been upgraded and now sports a new layout, which makes finding things a little difficult at first until you figure out where to look.

It is still easier to navigate than the AGB site, which has yet to be revised even though it was promised for earlier this year.