



Judges Information Update May 2015

Judges Uniform

For those of you who may have ordered new items from Kudos I have been informed that there has been a mix up in the orders, which has caused a delay in them being delivered.

Below is a copy of the email I received from Hannah Brown (Chairman of the Judge Committee).

I have spoken to Kudos today to chase up the delivery of our uniform orders.

They were supposed to be delivered mid-May following the inspection of the samples at the end of March.

I was informed that they were due at the company on the 10th which would have allowed for the delivery on time and as scheduled. Having not received my order last week I have chased it and can provide the following update.

The uniform has arrived in the UK however there has been delays at customs. The shipment (that contains not just Kudos orders) has now been released and Kudos are expecting their portion of the shipment to arrive today.

All the paperwork and packaging is ready for its arrival and they know the importance of getting the orders out, and correct as soon as possible.

I am told individual orders will be sent out to you this week.

Trousers: the trouser samples are in this delayed shipment therefore all trouser orders are on hold until the samples have been checked and deemed suitable. The trousers that you saw at conference were Regatta and we wanted to move away from these to a better trouser. I appreciate your patience while we ensure we get this right.

You will also see that the website will be updated shortly with the Orange tabard that is now available and there will be a range of branded bags available for purchase should you wish for one.

I also received the following update.

The update on the uniform is as follows. Since the last email the situation has changed again. As stated before the shipment was delivered this week and the paperwork and packaging was ready and waiting for it.

The AGB Judges order was not in the shipment. Spencer has been in constant contact with them to find out where the issue arose and how it could be rectified. It appears that there was an issue at the factory with the order numbers and as a result it was not shipped.

Following a lot of work by Spencer and his team, The AGB Judges Kit will be shipped on the 29 and should arrive on the 3rd June.

It will then be immediately despatched to you.

I know many of you are waiting for the uniform and the delays are equally frustrating to you, me and to Kudos.

Spencer and myself can only apologise for these delays and thank you for your patience as we resolve the issues.

Those of you who have ordered will receive an email direct from Spencer regarding your specific items.

Also with regards to the uniform at the May 2015 NCAS Committee Meeting, the Committee agreed to offer a grant of £150 to existing NCAS judges (as of 9/5/2015) and NCAS Candidate Judges as they qualify to County Status (from 9/5/2015), to assist them in the purchase of their new Uniform.

This is a "one-off" grant made available to both categories of Judges as listed above.

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For existing Judges, this grant applies only to the new clothing bought before 31/12/2015, with all claims being submitted to the NCAS Treasurer before 1st March 2016.

For new candidate judges, this grant funding policy will be reviewed by the NCAS Committee in November 2016.

The application for the Judge Uniform Grant must be made on the attached application form and must be accompanied by a receipt for the clothing purchased. The completed application should be sent to the NCAS Treasurer at the address shown on the form.

Applications via e-mail are acceptable, providing a copy of the clothing receipt is attached.

Judges are required to purchase the clothing themselves and then claim the NCAS Grant for the amount spent.

The clothing may be purchased in stages and the grant claimed in stages, up to the maximum of £150.

Interpretations

Book 3, Chapter 11, 11.3.10.1 and Book 4, Chapter 22, Articles 22.3.10.1 and 22.4.9.1

The Swiss Archery Federation and the German Shooting Sport and Archery Federation (DSB) have requested an interpretation on whether the devices shown below are allowed in the recurve, instinctive, and Barebow bow divisions.



Response from the Technical Committee:

It is the decision of the Technical Committee that the limb dampening, bowstring dampening and bowstring silencing devices attached to the bow limb devices shown in the photos below are legal in the recurve, Barebow and instinctive bow divisions. Due to long standing precedence set by athletes using similar devices in major competitions, there is a long history of similar devices being legal. Bowstring

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silencers are allowed in the instinctive bow division, while the rule does not indicate if they need to be attached to the bowstring or not.

World Archery Technical Committee, 9 April 2015

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Book 4, Article 22.5.1

The Norwegian Archery Association (World Archery Norway) has requested an interpretation describing the traditional form (shape) of a longbow and of the “American Flat Bow”.

Response from the Technical Committee:

Photos provide the best description. The first photo is of a typical American Flat Bow or American Longbow, having the form of a traditional longbow but getting its common name from the flat laminated limbs as opposed to the Traditional Long Bow using the traditional “D” shaped limb section found in the following two photos. The photos depict what the current rule refers to, the traditional form (shape) of a longbow. For further clarification, one can simply type the words American Long Bow, or Traditional Long Bow in Google and pull up many photos of this type of bow and a good deal of information as well, including the following from Wikipedia.

Following is basically the same information from Wikipedia that is provided above.

A longbow is a type of bow that is tall—roughly equal to the height of the user; allowing the archer a fairly long draw, at least to the jaw. A longbow is not significantly recurved.

Its limbs are relatively narrow so that they are circular or D-shaped in cross section.

Flat bows can be just as long; the difference is that, in cross-section, a flat bow has limbs that are approximately rectangular.

While the interpretation request was to describe the traditional form (shape) of a longbow and of the “American Flat Bow”, to avoid confusion, please note that Book 4, Article 22.5.1 provides in part that the bow may be a two piece take-down, having two sections of similar length (take-down within the grip/arrow rest area), and may be made from any material or combination of materials. The shape of the grip (grip area only) is not restricted and centershot is allowed.



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Assessments

Last month Glen Small took his County assessment at Cheshire County Bowmen during an inter-county shoot. I am delighted to announce that Glen passed the assessment and the judge registrar has been informed of his success and he has been upgraded to County status.

Travelling Expenses

There seems to be some inconsistency in the expenses forms that are in use at the moment to the extent that some judges are not being given forms at all.

The judge committee have issued an expenses form, which is attached to the email this newsletter came with, which you are advised to print out and keep copies in your judging bags, you will then have a form should you need one.

It is expected that TO's pay the expenses of the judges and I know that many do not submit theirs, or submit the full amount, but as times get trickier and fuel costs start to rise again, all judges should have the ability to claim what they are entitled. Hopefully the standard form will make that easier.

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

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Old Issue Download address

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

The newsletter does mention that the latest edition of the judges guide book is now available on the WA website, however I have not been able to find it so far. I am assuming that it will be uploaded in the near future and I will let you know when it is.