

## NATIONAL JUDGING SCHEME

## **J 10**

### General Outline

The GNAS National Judging Scheme recognises Candidate Judges, County Judges, Regional Judges and National Judges. Progression may be made under FITA auspices to International Judge.

The National Judge Committee is responsible for administering the panel of National & Regional Judges, while the Regions are responsible to the National Sub Committee for administering the panels of County and Candidate Judges, coordinated by the Regional Judge Liaison Officer (JLO).

Persons wishing to become Judges must be prepared to comply with any/all requirements of the GNAS Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults Policy.

### Standards at Tournaments

The minimum standard for the Judge in charge of tournaments at various levels is shown in the Rules of Shooting appendix B. Note in particular that for a National Record Status shoot; the minimum standard is Regional Judge. Dispensation from the National Judge Committee can be requested when difficulty is experienced in obtaining the relevant qualified judges.

While Regional and County Judges are not expected to control a tournament above that which their status implies, they are encouraged to assist at tournaments of a higher status under an appropriately qualified judge.

### Appointments as Judges and Advancement in Grade

#### **The following requirements must be completed prior to application.**

Members seeking appointment as Judges or advancement in grade should contact the Regional JLO. Whilst each Region will have its own detailed procedures, the normal procedure is:

- a) An Application Form (J0 Cand) is forwarded to the County Secretary (or Regional Secretary if no County Association exists).

- b) The County Association considers all applications and forwards each one to the Regional Society with its recommendations.
- c) The Regional Society considers the application and may ratify the status of Candidate and County Judge, dependant on the result of an assessment by means of a panel of experienced Judges.

For those members seeking advancement to Regional or National Judge, the Regional Society shall forward the application forms to the National Judge Committee by 1<sup>st</sup> October. These applicants will be assessed during the next calendar year following the procedures given in the guidebook for GNAS Judges.

### Candidate Judge

When seeking assessment for the above grade the candidate will need to have achieved the following;

- a) A knowledge of the customs and etiquette associated with shooting in this country.
- b) Should be an archer, but not necessarily so.
- c) Be prepared to assist Field Captains or higher qualified Judges at tournaments.

### County Judge

When seeking assessment for the above grade the candidate will need to have achieved the following;

- a) Have a good knowledge of GNAS Rules of Shooting and a basic knowledge of the FITA Rules.
- b) Have had experience in assisting higher qualified Judges for a period of at least one year and a minimum of 12 Judging days at tournaments.
- c) When appointed, must be prepared to officiate as the Judge in Charge at tournaments up to and including County Status.

### Regional Judge

When seeking assessment for the above grade the candidate will need to have achieved the following;

- a) Have a sound knowledge of both GNAS and FITA Rules of Shooting.

- b) Have the ability to advise a Tournament Organiser on the standards and procedures required to ensure a safe and properly organised tournament.
- c) Have a minimum of two years active experience as a County Judge with a minimum of 18 Judging days during this period. Must include 3 in number World Record/FITA Award Status and 3 other Record Status Tournaments.
- d) Assessments for this grade to be carried out by a National Judge of at least three years standing who has been appointed by National Judge Committee.
- e) The National Judge Committee may grant exception to the minimum requirements following a review of the candidates additional experience.
- f) When appointed, must be prepared to officiate as Judge in Charge at any tournament up to and including Regional Status.

#### National Judges

When seeking assessment for the above grade the candidate will need to have achieved the following;

- a) Have a thorough knowledge of both GNAS and FITA Rules of Shooting, together with the standard procedures associated with them.
- b) Have the ability to train and instruct other Judges of lower grades.
- c) Have a minimum of three years active experience as a Regional Judge with a minimum of 25 Judging Days during this period. Must include 10 World Record FITA Award Status or National Tournaments, of which it is expected that 2 will be with Head to Heads.
- d) The National Judge Committee may grant exception to the minimum requirements following a review of the candidate's additional experience.
- e) When appointed, must be prepared to officiate as Judge in Charge at any tournament up to and including National Status.

#### Continental Judge (European)

Having completed a minimum of two years as a National Judge, Candidates may apply for Continental Status. Applications must be processed through the National Judge Committee. National Judges so

appointed will retain their National Judge appointments and responsibilities.

#### International Judge

Having completed a minimum of three years as a National Judge must be accredited as a Continental Judge and have a knowledge of English. The applicant must have served in at least one tournament valid for the World Ranking or in other major tournaments sanctioned by a Continental Association with a positive evaluation of the Chairperson of the Tournament Judge Commission.. Applications must be processed through the National Judge Committee. National Judges so appointed will retain their National Judge appointments and responsibilities.

#### The Different Disciplines

Judges may be accredited as Target and or Field. Target Judges are expected to officiate at Target, Flight and Clout Tournaments. Judges who are qualified in both Target and Field may hold different grades in the two disciplines.

#### Reporting and Recording

- a) Judges at Tournaments, which have an unusual occurrence, should submit a report to the National Judge Committee, in addition to any report submitted to the Tournament Organiser.
- b) Candidate, County and Regional Judges should keep a booklet of Tournament report forms (J5), to be completed at tournaments by the Judge in charge (or, in the absence of a more senior Judge, by the Tournament Organiser). These reports will be considered during the Judge's assessment when seeking a higher grade.

#### Re-appointments

The re-appointment system has been put in place to ensure that all Judges are active and perform to a good standard throughout the United Kingdom. **Failure to carry out these requirements will result in removal from the Judges list.**

- a) National Judges must submit a record of their Judging activities every 5 years to the National Judge Committee Registrar for re-appointment.

- b) Regional Judges must submit a record of the Judging Activities every 3 years to their Judge Liaison Officer, who will confirm the re-appointment to the National Judge Committee.
- c) County Judges must submit a record of the Judging Activities every 2 years to their Judge Liaison Officer.  
Note, the information required for this process may include the following:
  - Judging Days to include days prior to the tournament checking field layout and courses.
  - Attending Seminars.
  - Attending Conferences.
  - Attending and running courses.

#### Re-assessments

A Judge who has been inactive for a period of two years or more who wishes to return to judging shall take a re-assessment for the same grade as before. (Judges may apply for a lower grade should they so desire). Apply using the appropriate application form.

#### Recommended terms of reference for Regional Judge Liaison Officers

Each Region appoints its own Judge Liaison Officer. Their duties are:

- a) To assist the National Judge Committee in disseminating information relevant to Judging, in both directions.
- b) Update their list of Judges on a regular basis, this information must be sent to the Judge's Registrar of the National Judge Committee. Any upgrades or changes of addresses, telephone numbers etc should be forwarded to the Registrar within one month.
- c) When requested, to appoint Judges to Tournaments within their Region.
- d) To encourage and support Judges and would-be Judges.
- e) To carry out the duties of a Regional Judge Committee if no such committee has been formed.
- f) The Judge Liaison Officers appointed by Regions are responsible primarily to the National Judge Committee and show commitment to their position.
- g) Judge Liaison Officers must have recognised judging experience.

#### Regional Judge Committees

Regional Societies are recommended to form their own Regional Judge Committees to carry out the following activities:

- a) To administer the Judges within their Region.
- b) To seek assistance from the National Judge Committee on appropriate matters.
- c) To arrange training of members to become Judges.
- d) To arrange assessments of members up to and including County grade.