

To all DCAS Club Secretaries

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Archery GB Talent Festival - 16th to 24th August 2014

Archery GB are holding a week of activities in August for young archers (up to the age of 20) thinking of starting out on the talent pathway, together with their parents and coaches. This week includes a talent identification day, a league shoot and workshops.

I attach details and registration forms, which are also on the Archery GB website.

Please pass this information on to any aspiring young archers in your club - the registration deadline for the various events is 14th June so please do this quickly.

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Funding of Level 1 Coach Courses

You may be aware that GWAS have recently changed the way they contribute to the cost of coach courses: instead of the previous policy of offering a lump sum to archers taking courses they are now offering an amount equal to the funding offered by clubs and by County. Applications for funding have to be made on the form available from the course manager (copy available on the GWAS website at http://www.gwas.org.uk/misc_docs/coachgrant.pdf).

This doesn't change the principle on which DCAS offers funding, which was on a very similar basis intended to encourage clubs to support their archers to gain coach qualifications. But we have slightly modified the terms, as below, to reflect the change in the GWAS approach.

DCAS will make a contribution to the cost of members taking Level 1 Coach courses equal to the contribution that the member's Club agrees to make and on the same terms as the member's Club agrees to contribute. This funding is offered subject to:

- successful completion and passing of the Level 1 Coach course by the member
- the member and the Club being affiliated to DCAS
- the member and the Club applying for alternative funding sources that are available, including from GWAS (all such funding sources to be disclosed with the application for reimbursement)
- a limitation of £100 maximum contribution from DCAS for up to 2 archers per year per Club
- the total of contributions from all sources not exceeding the cost to the member of taking the course including ancillary expenses (such as travel, accommodation, paperwork, etc).

You will note from this that, although GWAS will only contribute to the cost of the course, DCAS will also contribute to travel and accommodation expenses if the club contributes to these ancillary expenses. This recognises that in our County archers may have to travel a long way to access a course.

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Junior Fund

Also a reminder that DCAS will make loans of up to £400 to enable Juniors to buy equipment.

See the details on the website at http://www.dcas.org.uk/misc_docs/juniorfunddetails.pdf

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Website links

The DCAS website Clubs page contains contact details for clubs and also links to Club's websites. Can you check that the link to your website is still working? We have found a few examples where clubs have changed their website address and not notified the DCAS webmaster of the change.

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Juniors

Passes to allow your Junior members to enter one DCAS tournament during the year were sent out in February, for all your affiliated Juniors. If you have not received these please let me know.

Can you also encourage your Juniors to consider entering the GWAS Regional Junior Championships on 12th July. This event is combined with the Somerset Junior Championships so is a Junior-only event. An entry form is attached.

Can you also give a nudge to all Juniors who are interested in being considered for selection for the County Junior Team this year. I attach the procedure and an application form. If you have Juniors who are interested in representing their County at the Grand Western Intercounties Tournament on 6th September then please give them this form and encourage them to register their interest as soon as possible.

As explained on the form, all interested Juniors should register their interest as soon as possible so that they can be tracked - they can send in scores later.

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Best regards

John Russell
Secretary DCAS