

## Introduction to Rounds, Awards and Handicaps

Archery rounds vary in distance, target face size, how many arrows to shoot and whether 5 or 10 zone scoring is to be used. Gents and Ladies classification tables are available which allow you to link the score you shoot to the award.

Specific information on rounds and tables can be found on the club Facebook page and on the club website. If you cannot find it or access it please let the records officer know and he will send you a copy.

Please remember that you need to shoot three rounds to qualify for either an outdoor classification badge or an indoor classification badge. All scores should be recorded and submitted to the records officer, who will keep you updated on progress whenever you submit a score.

If you are a beginner you might want to think about steadily increasing distance when you shoot rounds. You could progress through the below rounds at your own rate. Start at the top and work down.

- 20 yards – 252
- 15 and 10 metres – Short Metric V (2 distances in one round)
- 20 metres – Short Metric IV
- 30 yards – 252, Warwick 30, Western 30, Windsor 30, National 30
- 20 yards – Portsmouth (indoor round)
- 30 metres – Short Metric III, Long Metric V, Stafford (indoor round)
- 40 yards – 252, Warwick 40, Western 40, Windsor 40, National 40
- 40 metres – Short Metric II, Long Metric IV
- 50 yards – 252, Warwick 50, Western 50, Windsor 50, National 50
- 50 metres – Short Metric I, Long Metric III

If you follow this programme you will establish a handicap for indoor and outdoor seasons and get started on your 252, indoor and outdoor badges. In addition, you will shoot single and multi distance imperial and metric rounds using 5 and 10 zone scoring. It will also allow you to develop your technique and strength as you increase your distance.

The indoor classification scheme runs from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June. The outdoor classification scheme runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December. Qualifying rounds must be shot within the relevant season (e.g. Outdoor 2022 and Indoor 2021/22).

Indoor classification badges run from H up to A with A being the highest. There are two groups of scores for indoor classification badges, one for Gents and Junior Boys and one for Ladies and Junior Girls. Indoor classification badges are available to recurve and compound archers.



Outdoor classification badges run Third Class, Second Class, First Class, Bowman, Master Bowman and Grand



Master Bowman. Claims for Third Class to Bowman are administered by the club. Claims for Master Bowman and Grand Master Bowman are administered by Archery GB. It is important to note that scores required for outdoor classifications differ based on gender, age and bow style.

You can see more information about classifications from Archery GB at:

<https://archerygb.org/resources/find-a-document/awards/all>

We encourage you to get involved in shooting rounds and gaining your awards.

In addition to the indoor and outdoor classification badges our club also runs the 252 scheme at 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 80 and 100 yards. To achieve a 252 badge at each distance you need to shoot two rounds at that distance securing a score of 252 or above. Compound archers are allowed 30 arrows for a 252 (5 ends of 6 arrows), recurve archers are allowed 36 arrows (6 ends of 6 arrows), barebow archers are allowed 60 arrows (10 ends of 6 arrows) and longbow archers are allowed 72 arrows (12 ends of 6 arrows).



You are allowed to shoot a 252 as part of an imperial round where the distance matches and thus get a 252 score and a round score on the same day. Please ask if you want to know more.

Longbow archers can claim a Blaze badge based on three scores from indoor rounds. If you want to know more about this please speak to the records officer or drop an email.



Please remember that when shooting a round you must shoot it at the start of your session. You are allowed six sighting arrows, which do not count in your score, to be shot before you start your round. You are allowed to shoot only one round in a single day. If you shoot more than one round in a single day then only the score from your first round should be submitted to the records officer.

If the archery gods shine on you and you score six consecutive golds in a single end in an outdoor competition you can claim a Six Golds badge (recurve, compound and longbow). You need three golds in a single end in an outdoor competition when using a longbow to claim a Three Golds badge. The shortest distance at which you must shoot to make a claim is 80 yards / 70 metres for Senior Gents and 60 yards / 60 metres for Senior Ladies. If you have any questions or would like help in sorting out which round or rounds to shoot then please ask the records officer or one of the club coaches.



### **Archery Handicap system**

The handicap system is a way of adjusting scores to a baseline so that archers with different levels of experience can compete on an equal footing. A novice usually starts out with a high handicap, which reduces as they post better scores. To achieve a handicap an archer must shoot at least three rounds. These need to be shot with at least one other archer and the results need to be recorded, witnessed, signed and submitted to the club records officer.

The system has two main uses. Firstly, handicaps can help you gauge your progress. Secondly, they are also used to produce adjusted results in handicap tournaments. Once the results of such tournaments are in, the tournament organiser will use the Archery GB handicap tables to calculate the handicap adjustments and find the winner.

You get an indoor and an outdoor handicap on an annual basis. Outdoor runs in calendar years. Indoor handicaps run in a year starting 1<sup>st</sup> July through to 30<sup>th</sup> June. You also get a separate handicap for each bow style you use. The archer showing the greatest improvement in their handicap over a year is awarded the Handicap Improvement Medal.

We would like to see you all shooting rounds to match your experience, ability, ambitions and just for fun. It is a great way to check on your progress in archery. Please remember to submit your scores to the records officer who will help you track your progress in the various awards.

Happy shooting.