

BELVOIR ARCHERS  
GUIDE TO HANDICAPS,  
ROUNDS AND  
CLASSIFICATIONS

## Handicaps, Rounds and Classifications

Whilst shooting, you may hear archers talking about Handicaps, Rounds and Classifications. What are they and how do I get one you may ask.

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## Rounds

Rounds vary depending on the number of arrows shot over a number of variable distances. Each Round is recognised by its own name (see table). Rounds can be shot at the club field at any time and also in competition at tournaments. You must not score your own score sheet, you get someone else to record your arrow values and you both sign the score sheet at the end of the round.

There are 2 main types of rounds shot in England, Imperial (run under ArcheryGB Rules) and FITA (run under World Archery (formerly Federation of International Target Archery) rules)

### Imperial rounds

Imperial Rounds are shot in yards, and normally shot in ends of 6 arrows, shot in 2 groups of 3 arrows. You normally get 6 arrows sighters at the longest distance, then you shoot the complete round.

Arrows are scored in 5 zones scoring (9,7,5,3,1)

Examples of Imperial rounds are

Warwick	2 dozen arrows at 60 yards, followed by 2 dozen arrows shot at 50 yards
Short Warwick	2 dozen arrows at 50 yards, followed by 2 dozen arrows shot at 40 yards
Western	4 dozen arrows at 60 yards, followed by 4 dozen arrows shot at 50 yards
Long Western	4 dozen arrows at 80 yards, followed by 4 dozen arrows shot at 60 yards

Certain competition rounds are Record Status and some are classed as Rose Status

Record status can be UK or World Record Status, this means that you can claim UK or World Records at these tournaments. In a club shoot, you can only claim records for the County or Region.

For county records see the county web site, for Regional records see the EMAS web site.

**Rose status** rounds are a York round for the Gents and a Hereford for the ladies. Juniors, depending on age, shoot the Bristol 1 – 5 rounds. If you qualify for a badge, you claim it at the relevant tournament.

	White	Black	Blue	Red	Gold	Purple
Compound Recurve	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1250
Longbows	225	300	375	450	525	600



**GNAS Outdoor Imperial Target Rounds**  
5 zone zcoring - 9,7,5,3,1

Round Name	100 yds	80 yds	60 yds	50 yds	40 yds	30 yds	20 yds	10 yds	Max Score
York	6	4	2						1296
Hereford		6	4	2					1296
Bristol II			6	4	2				1296
Bristol III				6	4	2			1296
Bristol IV					6	4	2		1296
Bristol V						6	4	2	1296
St.George	3	3	3						972
Albion		3	3	3					972
Windsor			3	3	3				972
Short Windsor				3	3	3			972
Junior Windsor					3	3	3		972
Short Junior Windsor						3	3	3	972
New Western	4	4							864
Long Western		4	4						864
Western			4	4					864
Junior Western				4	4				864
Short Junior Western					4	4			864
American			2.5	2.5	2.5				810
St.Nicholas					4	3			756
New National	4	2							648
Long National		4	2						648
National			4	2					648
Short National				4	2				648
Junior National					4	2			648
New Warwick	2	2							432
Long Warwick		2	2						432
Warwick			2	2					432
Short Warwick				2	2				432
Junior Warwick					2	2			432
Short Junior Warwick						2	2		432

**FITA rounds** are shot in Metres, and normally shot in ends of 6 arrows in a timed 4 minute slot. Shorter distances are normally shot in ends of 3 arrows in a timed 2 minute slot.

Arrows are scored in 10 zone scoring (10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1)

Examples of FITA Rounds are

70M FITA                      6 dozen arrows shot at 70m

FITA900                      2 ½ dozen arrows at 60m, 2 ½ dozen arrows at 50m, 2 ½ dozen at 40m

F.I.T.A. Metric Outdoor Target Rounds  
10 Zone Scoring (10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1)

Round Name	122 cm Target Face								80 cm Target Face						Max Score
	90 mtr	70 mtr	60 mtr	50 mtr	40 mtr	30 mtr	20 mtr	15 mtr	50 mtr	40 mtr	30 mtr	20 mtr	15 mtr	10 mtr	
FITA (Men)	3	3							3	3					1440
FITA (Ladies, Cadet Boys & Masters Men)		3	3						3	3					1440
FITA (Cadet Girls & Masters Ladies)			3	3						3	3				1440
Half FITA (Men)	1.5	1.5							1.5	1.5					720
Half FITA (Ladies, Cadet Boys & Masters Men)		1.5	1.5						1.5	1.5					720
Half FITA (Cadet Girls & Masters Ladies )			1.5	1.5						1.5	1.5				720
FITA 900			2.5	2.5	2.5										900
FITA 70m		6													720
FITA 60m			6												720
FITA Standard Round				3		3									720
Olympic Round		1													120

Again, you can get Record status rounds, both UK and World Record Status.

The FITA award scheme is a **FITA Star**, you claim these at the tournament.



FITA Star awards are for achievement in shooting the Ladies FITA round and Gentlemen's FITA round shot in a tournament that has World Record Status. Awards are given to anyone shooting the appropriate full FITA round for their gender. The badge is in the form of a stylised gold star, on its own for the 1000, and on a coloured background with gold coloured writing for the higher score levels. For archers shooting recurve bows the star is mounted on a shield, and for archers shooting compound it is mounted on a round badge.

Badge colour	White	Black	Blue	Red	Gold	Purple
compound score	1000	1100	1200	1300	1350	1400
recurve score	1000	1100	1200	1300	1350	1400

You will notice that there is no Longbow or Barebow awards, this is because FITA do not formally recognise these bow types.

With this in mind, the **English Archery Federation** have brought in English Cross awards, that can be claimed at a FITA Shoot shot in ENGLAND

These can be claimed retrospectively when you get home from the tournament.

Seniors		
Recurve and Compound		Longbow
850 Recurve only	Green	250
950	White	350
1050	Black	450
1150	Blue	550
1250	Red	650
1325	Gold	750



Juniors			
	Recurve	Compound	Longbow
Green	700	750	150
White	800	850	250
Black	900	950	350
Blue	1000	1050	450
Red	1100	1150	550
Gold	1200	1250	575
Gold	1275	1325	650



## Handicaps

Some tournaments have two types of results – Scratch (also known as Pure score) and Handicap

Scratch or Pure scores is the actual score that you achieved by adding up the entire arrow values that you hit.

Handicap results are designed to even everyone up at the end of a tournament – for example, a beginner and a member of the England Team can compete equally for a handicap award.

To get a handicap, you have to shoot a minimum of 3 rounds either FITA or Imperial. These can be shot on either a club night or in a tournament. The results sheets should then be forwarded to the Club Records Officer (CRO). See club website for who this is.

Archery GB issues the CRO with a set of handicap tables. The handicap tables have been worked out over a long period. The handicap officer will look at what round you have shot, find your score, then go along the line to find out what your handicap is.

### *Example - single round handicap*

Harry shoots a Long National and scores 132.

The CRO will look at the New National column, find the score 132 and then look at the handicap rating. There is no 132 score in the table, so you round the score down to the nearest score

Therefore, a score of 132 gives Harry a 56 handicap.

Handicap Rating	New National	Long National	National	Short National	Junior National	Short Junior National	New Warwick	Long Warwick	Warwick	Short Warwick	Junior Warwick	Short Junior Warwick	Handicap Rating
50	217	330	436	496	551	600	156	234	297	337	373	405	50
51	201	314	423	486	544	596	146	224	289	331	369	403	51
52	186	298	410	476	536	591	135	213	281	324	364	400	52
53	171	282	396	465	529	586	125	203	272	317	359	397	53
54	157	266	381	454	521	581	115	192	263	310	354	393	54
55	143	249	367	442	512	575	105	182	253	303	349	390	55
56	130	234	351	430	503	570	96	171	243	295	343	387	56

When you have submitted a minimum of 3 rounds, you will be allocated a handicap.

*Example - your first handicap*

You submit 3 scores

New National 132 = 56 handicap

National 390 = 54 handicap

Warwick 281 = 52 handicap

Your starting handicap will be an average of the 3 combined =  $52+54+56 / 3 = 54$

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Once you have a handicap, you can then improve it throughout the year.

### Example – handicap improvement

So you continue through the next couple of months and put some more scores in. Your adjusted handicap is your difference between your current handicap and the score you have submitted. Your handicap will improve throughout the year, but will not get worse. If the average between the two scores is not a full number, then you round up.

Date	Round	Score	Handicap	Difference between old handicap and round	Handicap improvement (half the difference) / Change	New Handicap
1st Jan						56 starting handicap
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	New National	158	54	2	1 = -1	55
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Long National	283	53	1	½ = no change	55
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Long Warwick	228	51	4	2 = -2	53
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Junior National	552	50	3	1 ½ = -1	52

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56	130	234	351	430	503	570	96	171	243	295	343	387	56

At the end of the year, the CRO will take your best 3 handicap scores, and work out an average of the three, this will be your starting handicap for the next year. This means that if you have not had the most successful year, your handicap may go up the following year

### Example – End of year Handicap

Fred's Starting handicap in 2012 is 58

Your best 3 rounds of the year are 62, 61, 60

The average is 61, therefore his starting handicap for 2013 is 61

Now that you have a handicap, how does this help you in a handicap round.

In Belvoir Archers, we have a club tournament in March every year called the Founder Members Tournament. This is for any club member that has a handicap. The round is a National (4 dozen at 60 yards, 2 dozen at 50 Yards) or one of the shorter equivalents.

Archery GB has also created some tables the scores to be equalised for a Handicap Adjusted score.

The maximum score for the 12 dozen 10 zone scoring round is 1440 (12 arrows x max score – 12, which – 120 per dozen x 12 dozen = 1440)

The table below is an extract of the handicap adjustment tables.

Handicap Rating	New National	Long National	National	Short National	Junior National	Short Junior National	New Warwick	Long Warwick	Warwick	Short Warwick	Junior Warwick	Short Junior Warwick	Handicap Rating
50	1223	1110	1004	944	889	840	1284	1206	1143	1103	1067	1035	50
51	1239	1126	1017	954	896	844	1294	1216	1151	1109	1071	1037	51
52	1254	1142	1030	964	904	849	1305	1227	1159	1116	1076	1040	52
53	1269	1158	1044	975	911	854	1315	1237	1168	1123	1081	1043	53
54	1283	1174	1059	986	919	859	1325	1248	1177	1130	1086	1047	54
55	1297	1191	1073	998	928	865	1335	1258	1187	1137	1091	1050	55
56	1310	1206	1089	1010	937	870	1344	1269	1197	1145	1097	1053	56
57	1322	1222	1104	1023	946	876	1352	1280	1207	1153	1103	1057	57
58	1334	1238	1121	1037	956	883	1361	1290	1218	1162	1109	1061	58
59	1344	1253	1137	1051	966	889	1368	1301	1228	1171	1115	1065	59
60	1354	1267	1153	1065	977	896	1375	1311	1238	1180	1122	1069	60

Example

We are going to shoot a National Round

Tom has a handicap of 58 with an allowance of 1121

Dick has a handicap of 55 with an allowance of 1073

Harry has a handicap of 50 with an allowance of 1004

Tom Scores 320

Dick Scores 350

Harry Scores 430

Name	Handicap	Score	Allowance	Adjusted score (score + allowance)
Tom	58	320	1121	1441
Dick	55	350	1073	1423
Harry	50	430	1004	1434

In the example above, Harry wins the pure score with a score of 430, but Tom wins the Handicap award with an adjusted score of 1441

## Classifications

As well as handicaps, you can also qualify for Classifications. These are again based on a table that awards archers classifications at the end of the year based on their performance.

You have to submit a minimum of 3 scores of a classification to be awarded one.

Classifications are

3<sup>rd</sup> Class

2<sup>nd</sup> Class

1<sup>st</sup> Class

Bowman

Master Bowman (MB)

Grand Master Bowman (GMB)

Classifications 3<sup>rd</sup> Class to Bowman can be shot at club day or non-record status tournament, MB and GMB must be shot at a UK or World Record Status round.

If you put 1 x 3<sup>rd</sup> class scores in and a 2 x 2<sup>nd</sup> class scores, you are awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> class.

There are different tables for bow type, adult/junior, ladies and gents.

Full classifications can be found in the Shooting Administrative Procedures, which can be found on the Archery GB Web Site

[http://www.archerygb.org/tools/documents/SAPSMarch2012-\[12357\].pdf](http://www.archerygb.org/tools/documents/SAPSMarch2012-[12357].pdf)

Example

		York	Hereford	Bristol	Bristol	Bristol	Bristol	St	Albion	Windsor	Short	Junior	Short
		or		II	III	IV	V	George			Windsor	Windsor	Junior
		Bristol I										Windsor	Windsor
<b>Ladies</b>	GMB	259	447										
	MB	194	359										
	Bowman	142	280					142	257				
	1st Class	78	173	325				82	165	287			
	2nd Class	53	124	248	417			57	121	225	371		
3rd Class	14	39	92	194	390		16	40	89	189	367		
<b>J Ladies U-18</b>	JMB	215	388	601									
	J Bowman	158	306	505				157	278	426			
	1st Class	100	212	381	570			103	199	332	484		
	2nd Class	53	124	248	417	650		57	121	225	371	555	
	3rd Class	30	76	165	307	531	819	33	76	155	284	472	689
<b>J Ladies U-16</b>	JMB	127	256	442	632								
	J Bowman	78	173	325	508			82	165	287	439		
	1st Class	46	110	225	388	620		50	108	206	349	535	
	2nd Class	26	67	148	282	502	794	29	67	140	263	451	673
	3rd Class	12	33	81	175	363	660	14	34	79	172	347	587
<b>J Ladies U-14</b>	JMB	61	139	272	447	680							
	J Bowman	30	76	165	307	531		33	76	155	284	472	
	1st Class	14	39	92	194	390	687	16	40	89	189	367	605
	2nd Class	6	18	47	113	268	552	7	19	47	115	269	515
	3rd Class	2	5	14	41	128	357	2	5	15	44	141	374
<b>J Ladies U-12</b>	JMB	26	67	148	282	502	794						
	J Bowman	12	33	81	175	363	660	14	34	79	172	347	587
	1st Class	5	16	41	101	246	525	6	16	41	103	251	497
	2nd Class	2	6	17	47	141	379	2	6	17	50	155	391
	3rd Class	1	2	7	23	82	279	1	3	8	25	95	310

Jackie shoots the following

Date	Round	Score	Classification	Resulting Classification
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Bristol III	250	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	
12 <sup>th</sup> July	St George	45	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Windsor	123	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class
1 <sup>st</sup> August	Windsor	160	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class
14 <sup>th</sup> August	St George	65	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class