

# South Leeds Archers Outdoor Season Guide



## Outdoor Differences and Challenges



Outdoors we shoot ends of 6 arrows and mostly on the largest of targets – the 122cm face. We have a club run scheme for outdoor shooting with the goal of getting all our archers to move up in distance at a manageable pace with rewards at each distance shot.

The 200 challenge also determines the furthest distance you are permitted to shoot until you have earned the next award or that you have gained an Archery GB classification.

Each distance has its own-coloured badge, you will need to score 200 or more (250 or more for recurve with sights and compound bows) in a consecutive set of 6 ends of 6 arrows\*

<b>Green – 20 Metres or Yards</b>	<b>White 30 Metres or Yards</b>
<b>Black – 40 Metres or Yards</b>	<b>Blue – 50 Metres or Yards</b>
<b>RED – 60 Metres or Yards</b>	<b>Yellow – 70 Metres or 80 Yards</b>
<b>Purple – 90 Metres or 100 Yards. Our toughest challenge</b>	

*\* The round must be shot as a classified archery round and therefore can be a maximum of 2 ends of sighters before shooting the challenge. You*

## Archery GB Classifications

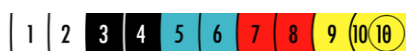
Classifications are a national scheme and are important to all archers because they are the best indication of where you are in terms of scoring ability and provide a personal benchmark for levels of improvement. There are published scores required for each bow type and we keep a copy on site for reference. Once you have achieved your initial classification you can shoot beyond your maximum challenge distance only when shooting for your next award.

There are six classification levels: the lowest is Third Class, then Second Class, First Class and Bowman. (To gain Master Bowman, and Grand Master Bowman you must shoot the required score during a record status tournament and not on a club day)

## Outdoor Rounds

Outdoors the rounds will have unfamiliar names if you have never shot them before and there are 2 different scoring systems depending which round you shoot:

### 10 Zone Scoring.



### 5 Zone Scoring



## Metric and Imperial Rounds

When we first go outdoors, we shoot Metric Rounds only and so the field will be set out in metres with targets set according to the requirements on the day. From 1<sup>st</sup> July we then switch over to the Imperial rounds which are set out in yards and scored using 5 zone scoring. There is a much wider range of available rounds to shoot outdoors and so please challenge yourself to have a go at as many as you can over the summer months.

## Outdoor Pentathlon Summer Competition

When we move outdoors, we run a 'Round of the Month' competition comprised of the Metric and Imperial Rounds. Archers are placed into leagues based on their handicap and so everyone can compete as they are shooting to beat their own target score for the round. You only have to shoot the round once each month so there is an opportunity to try other rounds as well.

This year is broken down as follows:

April	April is taken up with archers gaining an outdoor handicap. Any round counts from the SLA Challenge rounds to the WA 1440. You must record at least 3 scores during April for the Records Officer to calculate your handicap. You can also use this month to gain your distance awards and sight marks ready for later in the year.
May and June	This month its the 'Long Metric' and WA50/60/70 and 900 rounds. You can also work on your 200 challenge badges and classification badges at the same time.
July	We move to Imperial scoring and the 'National' series of rounds will be used. 6 dozen arrows across 2 different distances.
August	This month it is the 'Western' and 'Windsor' series of rounds. 8 dozen arrows across 2 different distances
September	This month the evenings draw shorter and so it is the shorter 'Warwick' series of rounds which comprises 4 dozen arrows over 2 distances and try the 'American' at weekends.

There will be monthly winners in each distance as well as an overall SLA champion in each league. The competition organiser is Sid Makepeace if you have any questions please speak to him or one of the senior members.

## Metric Rounds

From April to the end of June we set up the range in Metres so that everyone can try the metric rounds which are described below. Typically, you will have just one end of sighters at the longest distance only, so make sure you have your sight settings known in advance of trying to record a round score.

Metric and WA Rounds	10 Zone 122 cm Target					& 80 cm Target					Max Score				
	90	70	60	50	40	30	20	15	50	40		30	20	15	10
WA1440 Men	3	3							3	3					1440
Metric I/WA1440 Women	3	3							3	3					1440
Metric II/WA 1440 Cadet			3	3						3	3				1440
Metric III				3	3					3	3				1440
Metric IV					3	3						3		3	1440
Metric V							3	3					3	3	1440
WA900			3	3	3										900
Long Metric (Gents)	3	3													720
WA 70		6													720
Long Metric I (Ladies)	3	3													720
Long Metric II			3	3											720
WA 60			6												720
Long Metric III				3	3										720
Long Metric IV					3	3									720
Long Metric V						3	3								720
WA 50									6						720
Short Metric I									3	3					720
Short Metric II										3	3				720
Short Metric III											3	3			720
Short Metric IV												3		3	720
Short Metric V													3	3	720

## Imperial Rounds

A much bigger range of rounds to shoot from 1<sup>st</sup> July to the end of the season. The biggest difference is the 5-zone scoring system where the entire gold only scores 9.

### Imperial Rounds

### 5 Zone Scoring on 122 cm targets

	100y	80y	60y	50y	40y	30y	20y	10y	Max Score
York	6	4	2						1296
Hereford/Bristol I		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
Short Western				4	4				864
Junior Western					4	4			864
Short Junior Western						4	4		864
American			2½	2½	2½				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
Short 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

## The Rules of Shooting

As an associate member of Archery GB, South Leeds Archers strictly adhere to the shooting rules as laid out in this important document. Whether you are shooting for fun or looking to enter your first competition you should be familiar with its contents.

In the document you will find the definitions and rules for each bow type and what restrictions are in place so that you compete fairly in the category. SLA recommends that you save a copy electronically or on paper but that you review it from time to time to make sure you have the most up to date version.

## Shooting Administration Procedures

Another useful publication is the Shooting Administration Procedures document which is where you can find the classification scores required for every round and for each bow type as well as information about how competitions are managed.

*To view/download go to the Archery GB website and search for 'Rules of Shooting' or 'Shooting Administration Procedures'*

A hand holding a black marker, positioned as if about to write on a whiteboard.

**KNOW THE  
RULES**

## Keep it Fun

Your archery should be a personal challenge, but it should also be fun, and we want you to have fun whenever you shoot.

Frustration at making mistakes can cause archers to give up archery completely and so do not despair if you are going through a bad patch – it happens to everyone and if it does your club coaches are here to help.

## Free Coaching and Advice

SLA Coaches aren't just there for beginner's courses. Often when you are not shooting well a short session with one of the coaches can help identify the source of the problem. It is especially relevant if you have changed equipment as even a small thing like a new string or new arrows can make a difference to your set up. All we ask is that you respect that sometimes we may be shooting a scoring round so approach us during a break to schedule some time to help.

*The journey continues....*



*Happy to Help – just ask*

## My Summer Scoring Log

Keep a note of your key achievements this summer

<u>Award Achieved</u>	<u>Date</u>
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## Summer Pentathlon and Other Achievements

<u>Award Achieved</u>	<u>Your Score</u>
My Outdoor Handicap	
Long Metric	
Metric	
National	
Western	
Warwick	
Other Rounds	
Other Rounds	
Archery GB Classification 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	
Archery GB Classification 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	
Archery GB Classification 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	