

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 SLA Distance Award 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 270 or more compound bows) in 6 ends of 6 arrows* There is a reduction in the score threshold for Junior archers under 14, and archers shooting traditional bows and wooden arrows – they need to score 169 or more to achieve the award.

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

** 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*

The SLA Gold End Award

For 2022 this award is for all archers using any bow type. For archers using traditional equipment (wooden bow and wooden arrows) you must put three arrows in the gold in a single end, and for all other archers you must put all six arrows in the gold. For the purposes of this award only, the gold consists of the inner 10, 10 and 9 ring regardless of whether shooting metric or imperial rounds. For clarity – this must be done when shooting a round – and not during practice and must be witnessed by another archer. There is a claim form in the Red Book. The distances and award colours are as follows. Note that there is an Archery GB award claimable for the longer distances – see claim forms in the field captain's box.



20	30	40	50	60	70/80	90/100
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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.

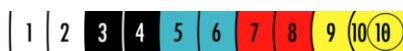
There are six classification levels: the lowest is Third Class, then Second Class, First Class and Bowman. (To gain Master Bowman, and Grand Master Bowman you must shoot the required score during a record status tournament and not on a club day)



Outdoor Rounds

Outdoors the rounds will have unfamiliar names if you have never shot them before and there are 2 different scoring systems depending on 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 1st 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. Our Outdoor Pentathlon is designed to help you vary your archery by setting monthly rounds as the challenge round. See below for more information.

The list of rounds is too big to reproduce in this handy guide but you can find this on the Archery Gb website and the Club's website too, or just ask if you are unsure.

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. 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	Metric Rounds: The long metric series of rounds covers all abilities and consists of 3 dozen arrows at two distances measured out in metres, so its 10-zone scoring for these rounds. You can also work on your 200 challenge badges and classification badges at the same time.
June	Metric Rounds: As well as the Long Metrics we add WA50/60 &70 consist of 6 dozen arrows at each distance (compounds use a 80cm face at 50m. The WA900/AGB900 rounds which have all distances.
July	Imperial Rounds: The St George, Albion and Windsor rounds – 9 dozen arrows across 3 distances. You can also try the American which is 2.5 dozen at 60/50 and 40 yards
August	Imperial Rounds: The Westerns and National series of rounds. 8 or 6 dozen rounds. If you are up for a bigger challenge try the 12 dozen rounds – York and Bristols.
September	Imperial Rounds: Warwick Rounds which are just 2 dozen at each of 2 distances and Nationals, just 6 dozen arrows, better for the shorter evenings.

If you have any questions, please speak to Ian Beswick or one of the senior members.

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'



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>
Green – 20 Metres or Yards	
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Summer Pentathlon and Other Achievements

<u>Award Achieved</u>	<u>Your Score</u>
My Outdoor Handicap	
Long Metric	
WA Round	
Windsors and American	
Westerns and York/Bristols	
Warwick and National	
Other Rounds	
Archery GB Classification 3 rd Class	
Archery GB Classification 2 nd Class	
Archery GB Classification 1 st Class	
Archery GB Classification Bowman Class	