

KENT ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

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POLICY

CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TOURNAMENTS

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EVENTS

The following County Championships and Tournaments shall be recognised:

Title	Type	Responsibility
Outdoor Target	Championship	KAA Op.Comm.
Indoor Target	Championship	Delegated to Ashford Archers
Field Archery	Championship	KAA Op.Comm.
Clout	Championship	Delegated to Thanet Archery Club
Longbow	Championship	KAA Op.Comm.
Disability	Tournament	KAA Op.Comm.
FITA Target	Tournament	KAA Op.Comm.
County Invitation	Tournament	Kaa Op.Comm.

Managed Events

The Association's Operational Committee will seek to have a Tournament Organiser elected at each Annual General Meeting for each championship or tournament above for which responsibility has not been delegated to an Associated Club.

For each such position for which no Tournament Organiser is elected, the Operational Committee will:

- Determine whether it wishes to proceed with that tournament during the coming year.
- Seek to appoint a suitable volunteer to fill the vacant position.

Each Tournament Organiser shall be required to:

- run the tournament according to any current guidelines published by the Association for that tournament;
- provide regular progress reports to the Operational Committee.

Delegated Events

In each case that a championship or tournament is delegated, the Operational Committee will:

- Negotiate and provide a mutually acceptable Terms of Reference to the host club.
- Provide suitable county awards.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Only Associate Members, Junior Associate Members and Individual Members of the Association shall be eligible to qualify as a champion. However, a championship may be run in conjunction with an Open event, at which Open and/or Visitors' awards may be given.

The Association shall recognise and award champions only at those tournaments that are designated as Championships above. Champions will only be recognised in their actual age group on the date that the round was shot, or where a round takes place over two or more days, their age group on the first day of competition.

The Association will endeavour to recognise and award champions in as many of the ArcheryGB-recognised disciplines, bow-styles and gender/age groups as practical, but where entry levels are recurrently low, the Association reserves the right to limit the available categories.

Target Archery - Outdoors

The Association recognises and awards champions in the following bow styles only:

- **Compound:** available for all bows conforming to the ArcheryGB definition of this bow-style.
- **Recurve:** available for all bows conforming to the ArcheryGB definition of recurve bow-styles, and therefore including Recurve Freestyle, Recurve Barebow and FITA Standard Bow.

Note: while archers shooting the longbow are encouraged to take part and compete, no championship is awarded at this tournament, as a separate Longbow Championship is held.

The advertised round shall be the York, Hereford and Bristol rounds and for an archer to be eligible to qualify as a champion, he/she shall be required to shoot the round that starts with the maximum recommended distance for their gender and age group (i.e. the shortest maximum distance to be included in a round to allow qualification as Junior Bowman").

In the case that a championship tournament is unable to complete the advertised round, then "County Champions" shall be awarded:

- regardless that the round actually shot may not have been the round originally advertised;
- regardless that the round being shot was not completed;
- based on the score shot up to and including the last completed end of shooting prior to abandoning the tournament;
- provided only that at least one scoring end has been completed.

Medals and other awards may be presented for all other categories of bow-style and round in which champions are not recognised.

Target Archery - Indoors

The Association recognises and awards champions in the following bow styles only:

- **Compound:** available for all bows conforming to the ArcheryGB definition of this bow-style.
- **Recurve:** available for all bows conforming to the ArcheryGB definition of recurve bow-styles, and therefore including Recurve Freestyle, Recurve Barebow and FITA Standard Bow.
- **Longbow:** available for all bows conforming to the ArcheryGB definition of this bow-style.

The advertised round shall be the Portsmouth for all age groups and bow styles.

In the case that a championship tournament is unable to complete the advertised round or all shooting sessions, then "County Champions" shall be awarded:

- regardless that the round actually shot may not have been the round originally advertised;
- regardless that the round being shot was not completed;
- based on the score shot up to and including the last completed end of shooting prior to abandoning the tournament;
- provided only that at least one scoring end has been completed in every advertised session and that all competitors' scores can be determined on the same acceptable and equitable basis.

Medals and other awards may be presented for bow-styles in which champions are not recognised.

Field Archery

The Association recognises and awards champions separately in all bow styles recognised by ArcheryGB. The advertised round shall be a FITA field round, consisting of 24 targets at unmarked distances and 24 at marked distances shot over two days, either separately or mixed on each day. ArcheryGB concessions for the choice of shooting peg colour for certain age groups and bow-styles shall be permitted, but shall not be mandatory.

In the case that a championship tournament is unable to complete the advertised round, then "County Champions" shall be awarded:

- regardless that the round being shot was not completed;
- provided that a result can be determined on an acceptable and equitable basis separately within each gender/age group/bow-style category.

Longbow

The advertised round shall be the Double National for all age groups.

In the case that a championship tournament is unable to complete the advertised round, then champions shall be awarded:

- regardless that the round actually shot may not have been the round originally advertised;
- regardless that the round being shot was not completed;
- based on the score shot up to and including the last completed end of shooting prior to abandoning the tournament.
- provided only that at least one scoring end has been completed.

Clout Archery

The Association recognises and awards champions in the following bow styles:

- **Compound, Recurve Freestyle, Recurve Barebow and Longbow** for all bows conforming to the ArcheryGB definition of these bow-styles.

The advertised round shall be the Double GNAS Clout round and for an archer to be eligible to qualify as a champion, he/she shall be required to shoot the recommended distance for their gender and age group.

In the case that a championship tournament is unable to complete the advertised round or all shooting sessions, then "County Champions" shall be awarded:

- regardless that the round actually shot may not have been the round originally advertised;
- regardless that the round being shot was not completed;
- based on the score shot up to and including the last completed end of shooting prior to abandoning the tournament;
- provided only that at least one scoring end has been completed.

OTHER TOURNAMENTS

Disability Tournament

The advertised rounds are the Western family of rounds and Burntwood equivalents. Entry will be available in each of the IPC-recognised disability categories, including visually impaired.

FITA Target Tournament

Not currently held.

The County Invitation Tournament

The "County Invitation Tournament" is normally held early in the outdoor season each year and normally consists of non-record status York, Hereford and Bristol rounds according to gender and age group. Attendance is open only to Associate Members, Junior Associate Members and Individual Members of the Association and is by invitation only to those who achieved Kent County Bowman level or above in the previous year.

While this is not a formal trial and there are no important awards, it is a good opportunity for archers to showcase their current form.

The Invitation to take part in the tournament will include a conventional entry form which the archer will be required to return.

The entry form will also include provision for the archer to indicate whether they wish to be considered for County Team selection – this will not be treated as a firm commitment, because county match dates are unlikely to be known at that stage. However, archers who indicate that they do not wish to be considered, will need to inform the county Records Officer, if they subsequently change their mind.

Invitations are issued early in the New Year. If you believe that you are entitled to receive an invitation, but do not receive it, please check with the county Records Officer as this might indicate that scores and achievements for the previous year have not been received.

APPENDIX – NORMAL ROUND FOR AGE GROUPS

The following tables show the "normal" rounds shot by each age-group and gender and include the changes introduced by GNAS for the 2010 season.

Outdoor Target Archery

Imperial

Round	Gentlemen	Ladies	Distances (yds.)		
York	Senior/Veteran		100	80	60
Hereford		Senior/Veteran	80	60	50
Bristol 1	Under 18		80	60	50
Bristol 2	Under 16	Under 18	60	50	40
Bristol 3	Under 14	Under 16	50	40	30
Bristol 4	Under 12	Under 14	40	30	20
Bristol 5		Under 12	30	20	10

Metric

Round	Gentlemen	Ladies	Distances (m.)			
FITA (G)	Senior/Veteran		90	70	50	30
FITA (L)		Senior/Veteran	70	60	50	30
Metric 1	Under 18		70	60	50	30
Metric 2	Under 16	Under 18	60	50	40	30
Metric 3	Under 14	Under 16	50	40	30	20
Metric 4	Under 12	Under 14	40	30	20	10
Metric 5		Under 12	30	20	15	10

Clout Archery

Imperial

Gentlemen	Ladies	Distances (yds.)
Senior/Veteran		180
	Senior/Veteran	140
Under 18		140
Under 16	Under 18	120
Under 14	Under 16	100
Under 12	Under 14	80