

# **KENT ARCHERY ASSOCIATION**

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## **POLICY**

### **KENT COUNTY BOWMAN**

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## STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Association provides the Kent County Bowman (KCB) classification to give:

- a convenient baseline for collecting scores for the County Team selection process and the County Invitation Tournament;
- a useful intermediate development milestone for clubs and archers to measure progress.

The classification is available for outdoor target archery only and is open to all Kent archers, but is not intended or expected to be recognised elsewhere.

### Origin and Explanation

The national classification system for outdoor target archery for senior archers was revised to include Bowman level, requiring archers to shoot three rounds that include the recognised maximum distance of 100yd/90m for gentlemen or 80yd/70m for ladies and to a minimum standard set by ArcheryGB. At the same time as this change was made the requirements for First Class were reduced in terms of both distance and score. Similar changes were made to the classification scheme for junior archers.

There were two primary consequences for the Association of this change:

- First Class no longer required archers to shoot the maximum distance for their gender and age group; this fact rendered the classification unusable for county team selection, because all county matches require that archers shoot their maximum distance.
- Bowman was set at a level that is too discriminating for selecting our county team, because too few archers in some categories achieve this level.

At the suggestion of Les Barrett (former county Records Officer), the Association has implemented an intermediate classification for internal use within Kent only. This is the level at and above which reporting of scores to the county Records Officer is required, and is the level at which invitations to the County Invitation Tournament are issued. The level was originally set to correspond to First Class as it was before the revision of the classification system, but this may be varied if shooting standards and/or the ArcheryGB classification levels change

The requirement that qualifying rounds consist of a minimum of 8 dozen arrows was included as a compromise between the need to shoot 12-dozen rounds at county matches and what is realistically achievable on club target days. Although it appears anomalous that the higher level of "Bowman" requires rounds of only 6 dozen arrows, this is explained by the purpose for which KCB was introduced. Clubs and individual archers may also find this classification useful as an additional development milestone.

### Definition

The right to define requirements for the KCB classification is held exclusively by the Kent Archery Association.

The KCB classification relates only to outdoor target archery.

All aspects of the administration of KCB shall follow ArcheryGB Shooting Administrative Procedure 7 as it applies to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> and Bowman levels.

Qualifying requirements are:

- **Qualifying Rounds:** Any outdoor target round of a minimum of 8 dozen arrows, which is recognised by ArcheryGB and which contains the recognised maximum distance for the gender and age group and/or a longer distance. (See the following tables for distances and score levels.)
- **Number of rounds:** Three.
- **Standards:** All scores must be shot under ArcheryGB Rules of Shooting, at a meeting organised by ArcheryGB or a body affiliated to ArcheryGB, or at a published club target day.

**Table 1: Distances Required (with effect from 01 March 2010)**

For a round to qualify for use in obtaining KCB, it must contain a distance at least as far as the required distance shown in the following table:

Gender	Age Group	Required Distance	
Lady	Senior/Veteran	80yd.	70m.
Lady	Under 18	60yd.	60m.
Lady	Under 16	50yd.	50m.
Lady	Under 14	40yd.	40m.
Lady	Under 12	30yd.	30m.
Gentleman	Senior/Veteran	100yd.	90m.
Gentleman	Under 18	80yd.	70m.
Gentleman	Under 16	60yd.	60m.
Gentleman	Under 14	50yd.	50m.
Gentleman	Under 12	40yd.	40m.

The above distances apply to all bow-styles.

**Table 2: Score Level Required (with effect from 01 March 2010)**

After converting the score for a qualifying round to an equivalent handicap level (using the 2010 edition of the ArcheryGB handicap tables), the following table shows the handicap level required for KCB:

Gender	Age Group	Required Score Level			
		Compound Unlimited	Recurve Freestyle	Recurve Barebow	Longbow
Lady	Senior/Veteran	34	46	60	67
Lady	Under 18	44	53	71	73
Lady	Under 16	53	62	71	73
Lady	Under 14	60	69	71	73
Lady	Under 12	68	74	71	73
Gentleman	Senior/Veteran	28	40	52	63
Gentleman	Under 18	35	45	68	71
Gentleman	Under 16	43	52	68	71
Gentleman	Under 14	52	62	68	71
Gentleman	Under 12	58	72	68	71