

KENT ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

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POLICY

SCORE RETURNS & TEAM SELECTION

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STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Association may select indoor and outdoor target archery teams to represent the county in friendly matches against other counties and at the SCAS Inter-Counties Team Tournament. Where possible the Association will seek the inclusion of as many bow-styles and age ranges as practical, but this may be limited by factors such as:

- the standard of archery within a particular category,
- the availability of sufficient archers of a suitable standard,
- the ability or willingness of opponents to field a team,
- the current rules of matches and tournaments that are not organised by the Association.

Eligibility

To be considered for selection to a Kent county team, you must:

- be an Club Member, Junior Club Member or Direct Member of the Association as defined in the county's Constitution;
- be eligible to shoot for the county as defined in law 20(b) of the "Schedule to the Articles Comprising the Laws of the Grand National Archery Society";
- ensure that your club Records Officer has submitted recent scores for recognised rounds to the county Records Officer according to current requirements (see below);
- have shot a reasonable number of rounds of the distance and duration that will be shot in forthcoming county matches.¹

Score Returns

It is therefore a requirement of the Association that club Records Officers regularly submit scores for all archers who are eligible for county team selection or to attend the County Invitation Tournament.

Failure to do so is likely to disadvantage eligible archers.

Full details are given on page 4.

¹ Outdoor Target Archery matches normally consist of York, Hereford & Bristol rounds or FITA & Metric rounds, with all archers required to shoot the normal round associated with their gender and age group; Indoor Target Archery matches normally consist of the Portsmouth round.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Team Selection Panel consists of the County Captain, county Records Officer and a third member, all of whom are elected each year at the county's AGM, or appointed subsequently by the Executive Committee if the AGM is unable to fill a post.

The panel will consider the available archers according to such criteria as, but not limited to (and in no particular order):

- the average score level;
- the number of scores available for consideration;
- the length and maximum distance of the rounds shot;
- the environment where the scores were made (e.g. World or National Record Status tournament, non-Record Status tournament, Club Target day);
- how consistent the archer is;
- the archer's level of experience;
- past performance in county team events;
- any known availability issues.

Details of the teams selected and match results will be held indefinitely as part of the Association's archive.

Where contact information is known, the County Captain might contact archers by telephone first to make sure of availability, but the only formal confirmation is the selection letter, which may be sent by post or email and typically about two weeks before the event.

Archers who have not already confirmed their availability are asked to respond urgently out of courtesy, so that the County Captain:

- knows as quickly as possible whether or not there may be problems fielding a team
- and has time to contact an alternative, if you cannot attend.

COUNTY TRIALS

There are **no** official county trial events or other required tournaments that constitute a condition for selection, but the results of some tournaments may receive greater attention simply by virtue of their timing. For example:

- the County Invitation Tournament occurs early in the year and there are normally few other tournament results available prior to any county match in May or early June;
- the Kent Outdoor Target Championship falls very shortly before the SCAS Senior Inter-Counties Team Tournament.

However, candidates for selection to county teams are free to attend other tournaments of similar or higher status and will be considered equally, provided that they are able to provide results promptly.

It is therefore advisable for candidates to bear in mind the time-scales for providing results, when arranging their tournament schedule.

SCORE RETURNS

It is preferred that returns are submitted **monthly**. The return for the previous calendar month should be sent to the county Records Officer no later than the third week of the following month.

Only archers who are Club Members or Direct Members of the Association should be included. In practice this means almost anyone who is a full member of any Kent club, but associate members of Kent clubs should normally be dealt with by their primary club

The following scores are required:

- **Juniors:** all scores shot, for both outdoor and indoor rounds.
- **Seniors:**
 - **Outdoor Target Archery:**
 - all scores of Kent County Bowman level or above **and**
 - all scores for archers who are currently classified at Kent County Bowman level or above;
 - except for archers shooting longbow, where the required minimum level is Second Class.
 - **Indoor Target Archery:**
 - all Recurve scores for the Portsmouth round of 560 or above.

Note: Do not exclude scores that are “not up to usual standard” – to do so will give a misleading picture of an archer’s form, but if there are exceptional circumstances (e.g. extreme weather or personal circumstances) please give details.

Please also include:

- significant achievements (e.g. classification achieved, tournament awards, Rose awards, FITA Stars or Arrowheads)
- full contact details (full name, address, telephone and mobile numbers, e-mail address) for any archer achieving KCB for the first time or if their contact details have recently changed.

Sending the return is primarily the responsibility of club Records Officers, who should send the scores on the “Scores Return – Clubs” form. However it must be borne in mind that they can only supply information that they themselves have been given; it is the individual archer's responsibility to ensure that they provide that information

If, however, an archer believes that his/her scores are being overlooked, he/she may supply scores direct to the County Records Officer on the “Scores Return – Individuals” form; this does not, however, exonerate the archer from giving scores to their club Records Officer or the club Records Officer from submitting county score returns.