

KENT ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

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POLICY

CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TOURNAMENTS

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EVENTS

The Association's Operational Committee will seek to have a Tournament Organiser elected at each Annual General Meeting for each championship or tournament . Responsibility may be delegated to an Associated Club within the county by the Operational Committee.

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.
- provide detailed accounts to the Operational Committee after the tournament.

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.



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TROPHIES

Award

Unless explicitly stated to the contrary, all of the Association's trophies are awarded only for one year. Most trophies are awarded with an accompanying medal; all medals are awarded in perpetuity.

The Association will require each trophy winner to sign for that trophy at the time that they receive it. In the case of a trophy awarded to a team, a couple, tied winners or other multiple winners, contact information for *each* winner may be recorded, but only one winner will be required to sign for the trophy and that one winner shall be considered responsible for its safe keeping and timely return.

Should a winner not be present at the awards ceremony, then at the Tournament Organiser's discretion:

- the trophy may be presented to a proxy, who will be required to sign for it and take responsibility for correct delivery to the winner, or
- the trophy may be retained and presented at a future date, or
- the trophy may be forfeit and go unrewarded.

In all cases, the signature will be considered to be evidence of receipt; it is therefore important that if a trophy is not available for presentation at the award ceremony, the Tournament Organiser shall not request a signature of receipt until the trophy is actually passed to the winner at a future date.

Safe-Keeping and Return

It is the trophy winner's responsibility to:

- take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safe keeping of the trophy;
- consider whether to arrange insurance cover for the period that the trophy is in their possession (existing household insurance might provide suitable cover);
- return it at or before the corresponding tournament in the following year, undamaged, engraved (when appropriate), cleaned and ready for presentation to the next winner (return it to the corresponding Tournament Organiser, or seek advice from any current committee member);
- compensate the Association for any trophy that is not returned for any reason or is damaged (if a damaged trophy is replaced, the original trophy will remain the property of the Association).

Because of the high cost of providing insurance cover for trophies at unspecified locations, they are not covered by KAA insurance once they have been taken from the tournament venue after presentation.

Note that most KAA trophies have relatively low financial value; if in doubt please contact the county Treasurer for further information.

Any trophy winner, who does not wish to take responsibility for that trophy, may return it to the Tournament Organiser immediately after the end of the presentation ceremony. In such cases the winner will still be required to sign for the trophy, but should also ensure that its return is recorded.

Engraving

Some trophies awarded by the Association have provision for engraving of the year and the winner's name (or similar).

Where such provision is made, it is the responsibility of the winner to:

- arrange and pay for that engraving, including small plates or mini-shields where required;
- ensure that the style of the engraving and any additional plate matches past engravings as closely as practical.

Failure to have a trophy engraved will result in there being no record on the trophy of their win.

However, in cases where there is no longer sufficient space to do the engraving or to add a matching small plate or mini-shield, the winner should report this as early as possible to the Tournament Organiser or other member of the Operational Committee. Creation of additional space (for example by adding an additional base) shall be the responsibility of and paid for by the Association.



COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Only Club Members, Junior Club Members and Direct Members of the Association shall be eligible to qualify as a champion.

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. 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.

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.



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Target Archery - Outdoors

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

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

The Association recognises and awards champions in the following gender & age groups:

- **Ladies:** Senior, Juniors separately in each ArcheryGB-recognised age group.
- **Gentlemen:** Senior, Juniors separately in each ArcheryGB-recognised age group.

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").

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:

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

The Association recognises and awards champions in the following gender & age groups:

- **Ladies:** Senior, One category for juniors of all ages.
- **Gentlemen:** Senior, One category for juniors of all ages.

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 at all shooting sessions, then "County Champions" shall be awarded subject to the following additional condition:

- 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 Association recognises and awards champions in the following gender & age groups:

- **Ladies:** Senior, Juniors separately in each ArcheryGB-recognised age group.
- **Gentlemen:** Senior, Juniors separately in each ArcheryGB-recognised age group.

The advertised round shall be determined by the Operational Committee and the host club, according to the facilities available and what is likely to attract a competitive level of entry. Where concessionary pegs are provided for a particular age group, the members of that age group shall be required to use those concessionary pegs to be eligible for recognition as a champion.

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

- provided that a result can be determined on an acceptable and equitable basis separately within each bow-style/gender/age group category.



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Longbow

The Association recognises and awards champions in Longbow for all bows conforming to the ArcheryGB definition of this bow-style.

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

The Association recognises and awards champions in the following gender & age groups:

- **Ladies:** Senior, One category for juniors of all ages.
- **Gentlemen:** Senior, One category for juniors of all ages.

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 Association recognises and awards champions in the following gender & age groups:

- **Ladies:** Senior, One category for juniors of all ages.
- **Gentlemen:** Senior, One category for juniors of all ages.

The advertised round shall be the Double Archery GB 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.

Para-Archery

The Association recognises and awards champions in each of the disability categories recognised by World Archery, including visually impaired. Only archers holding a current classification certificate will be eligible to compete for the title of County Champion.

The Association recognises and awards champions in the following gender & age groups:

- **Ladies:** Senior, One category for juniors of all ages.
- **Gentlemen:** Senior, One category for juniors of all ages.

In cases where the total number of entries for a disability category is low in all genders and age groups, those entries may, at the sole discretion of the Tournament Organiser, be combined into a corresponding "Open" category.

The advertised rounds shall be:

- the WA 70m Round for recurve bows shot by senior archers other than visually impaired;
- the WA 60m Cadet Round for recurve bows shot by junior archers other than visually impaired;
- the WA 50m Compound Round for compound bows shot by archers other than visually impaired;
- a 30m local equivalent of the WA recurve and compound rounds for juniors who are not able to shoot the longer distances of the WA rounds;
- the WA 30m VI Round for all visually impaired competitors.



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OTHER TOURNAMENTS

WA 1440 Target Tournament

This tournament will be held at the discretion of the Operational Committee.

It will consist of any suitable round or combination of rounds recognised by World Archery, including head-to-head, and may also include any ArcheryGB junior equivalents.

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 Club Members, Junior Club Members and Direct 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.



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APPENDIX A – NORMAL ROUND FOR AGE GROUPS

The following tables show the “normal” rounds shot by each age-group and gender.

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.)			
WA 1440 (G)	Senior/Veteran		90	70	50	30
WA 1440 (L)		Senior/Veteran	70	60	50	30
WA 1440 (Cadet Boys), Metric 1	Under 18		70	60	50	30
WA 1440 (Cadet Girls), 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

Name changes by World Archery effective 2014 – formerly known as the “FITA Rounds”.

Clout Archery

Imperial

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

Archery GB does not recognise a separate category for Ladies Under 12 in Clout Archery.

APPENDIX B – DISABILITY CATEGORIES RECOGNISED BY WORLD ARCHERY

The following categories are recognised by World Archery for use in competition w.e.f. 01 April 2014:

- **W1**
- **Open** Combined ST and W2 classifications.
- **B1** *WA decision expected November 2013*
- **B2/3** *WA decision expected November 2013*

Formal classification can be obtained as follows:

Visual Impairment British Blind Sport Association.

Other Specific classification events at Stoke Mandeville and Lilleshall.

