

JOLLY ARCHERS OF HOUGHTON AND WYTON

PERSONAL ARCHERY CHALLENGES

Handicaps

Getting a handicap and then monitoring it as your shooting career continues is an excellent way of noting your progress.

Looking at the handicap also gives you a basis of comparison for the scores achieved shooting different rounds. The straight score from these different rounds won't achieve this.

Handicaps may be derived for both Outdoor and Indoor shooting, but the ratings are kept entirely separate.

Separate handicaps are maintained for each target archery bowstyle. For Jollys that is Recurve, Compound, Recurve Barebow and Longbow.

Rounds must be shot under Archery GB Rules of Shooting

Where do I find the handicap for a round

Details of appropriate rounds and the scores required can be found in the Archery GB Rules of Shooting binders. Copies of which can be found in the clubhouse and boss container at Jubilee Park.

The rounds recognised for handicap purposes are those listed along the top of the handicap table. Most of the rounds listed in the ArcheryGB Rules Of Shooting are recognised

The handicap tables show the score required for each eligible round to get a handicap between 1-100. 1 is amazing, 100 means you should try harder.

The handicap levels for the Outdoor rounds are the same for all bow types. The Indoor handicaps levels are different for Compound and Non-Compound bows.

How to calculate your handicap

Three scoring rounds establish your handicap. The handicap awarded will be the average of the three rounds rounded to the next larger whole number.

Use the handicap table to find the handicap equivalent for a score achieved for a round. The handicap figure to be taken is for the next lower score that is listed if the score does not exactly match. (ie Hereford score of 1006 is 39 not 38)

During the season a handicap may be reduced every time the archer shoots a round to a better standard than the current handicap. It will be reduced to the average of the current handicap and the rating of the better score.

All handicaps are re-assessed annually. This will be at: 1st January for Outdoor Handicaps and 1st July for Indoor Handicaps. This handicap will be based on the best three scores shot during the year. If an archer doesn't shoot any rounds during the year the previous years' handicap will be retained.

What is a handicap adjusted score

A handicap adjusted score allows archers with varying ability and shooting different bow types to compete against each other on a level playing field.

Handicap allowances can be found in a table after the handicap tables

This allowance is specific to a handicap level and a round. It is added to the score achieved to give a handicap adjusted score for handicap shoots. An archer shooting exactly to their current handicap will achieve an adjusted score of 1440.

Example: Score of 620 for an archer shooting a Western round with a handicap of 50. The allowance is 845. The Handicap Adjusted score is $620+845=1465$. Result a happy archer as this score is above 1440. Remember your handicap reflects your best scores so even matching your handicap is good.