

CLASSIFICATIONS

Archery Classifications may be gained and Archery GB produces classification tables for both Imperial and Metric rounds. These tables define the score levels for each round which denote a corresponding skill level that archers can achieve.

There are 6 classification levels: 3rd Class, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Bowman (BM), Master Bowman (MB) and Grand Master Bowman (GMB). The highest two, Master Bowman and Grand Master Bowman, can only be obtained from scores shot at record status competitions. Achieving Bowman puts you in the top 15% of UK archers, Master Bowman in the top 4% and Grand Master Bowman in the top 1%.

You will need to shoot 3 scores at a particular level to be awarded that classification. Once you attain a certain classification, you can never go back and claim a lower classification. You can hold different classifications for different bow types.

A classification is only valid for one year following the year in which it was attained. To maintain a classification, qualifying scores have to be made each year.

OUTDOOR CLASSIFICATIONS

By default a novice archer is classed as Archer, as you improve and begin to put in better scores you will begin to move through into higher classifications – these are 3rd class, 2nd class, 1st class, Bowman, Master Bowman and Grand Master Bowman. These classifications (apart from GMB) are also awarded to juniors but there are separate qualifying scores for each age group. When a junior moves to a new age group his/her classification will be recalculated based on the three best qualifying rounds from the previous 12 months.



To qualify for a classification you must shoot 3 qualifying rounds under GNAS rules in a single calendar year at a tournament or club target day. For Master Bowman or Grand Master Bowman they must be shot at meetings held by FITA, FITA members or GNAS, or at National Record Status Meetings.

INDOOR CLASSIFICATIONS

The indoor classifications start at H and progress through G, F, E, D, C and B to A. There are only two disciplines; recurve and compound. There are separate qualifying scores for Gentlemen and Ladies but no separate scores for juniors. To qualify for a classification you must shoot 3 qualifying rounds under GNAS rules in an indoor year

Your club records officer will be keeping track of your scores and any associated classifications and as with the handicaps his/her records are the ones that you need to work from, but as with the handicaps keeping an eye on your own classification is good practice.

