

This document is intended as a guide for target archers within the Club.

From the outset, please note that all this is entirely optional. As a Club member you can choose to participate in all/some of the following, or if you would prefer to shoot just for fun and ignore all the formalities presented below that is also absolutely ok!

The only stipulation is that we shoot safely, as shown to all Club members during their beginner's course.

The main point is that we follow [Archery GB](#) (AGB) rules for target archery, and what follows is an introduction to:

1. For new archers in particular the 2 progress awards schemes the Club operates:
 - a. 252 Scheme
 - b. AGB Progress Awards Scheme
2. AGB Outdoor Classifications
3. AGB Indoor Classifications
4. DCAS Postals
5. Target Archery Scoring Guidance

Scores shot for any 252 / AGB Progress Award / Classifications / DCAS Postals should be given or emailed to the Club Records Officer.

There are also badges available for 252 / AGB Progress Award / Classifications – please contact the Club Trophies Organiser, Jeff Burrington, for details and costs of those.

If you have any questions/queries please ask a more experienced club member or the Club Records Officer.

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1.a. 252 Scheme

The 252 Scheme is an unofficial award scheme created by the archery community rather than a governing body to supplement the official classification schemes run on behalf of AGB.

The 252 Scheme is not designed to take people away from shooting the recognised AGB rounds, but to be fun and to help newer members gain confidence in shooting longer distances recognising their achievement with the award of certificates and badges. Clubs run the scheme with different precise rules, and a good overview is here: [The 252 Archery Round \(archeryblog.co.uk\)](http://archeryblog.co.uk)

Note that our Club only requires you to achieve a score once, not twice as described in the article above.

Badges can be claimed from the Club Trophies Organiser.

1.b. AGB Progress Awards Scheme

The AGB Progress Awards Scheme is similar to the 252, although is an official AGB Scheme.

The Scheme is designed to be a motivator, encouraging archers to go further in the sport while having fun with certificates and badges awarded for achievement along the way.

Details can be found here: [Archery Progress Awards Scheme | Archery GB](#)

Badges can be claimed from the Club Trophies Organiser.

2. AGB Outdoor Classifications

AGB completely revised the Outdoor Classifications & Handicaps scheme in January 2023. There are separate Outdoor Classification Tables for the **Recurve**, **Barebow**, **Compound** and **Longbow** bowstyles that show the rounds and scores you need to achieve the various awards.

The Outdoor Classification Tables, along with Handicap tables and calculator, can be found on the AGB website: [Archery GB Outdoor Classifications and Handicaps](#)

Details of the various outdoor rounds you can shoot showing the no. of dozen arrows at the various distances (click on the tabs for GNAS Imperial / GNAS Metric / FITA Target):

[Archery Score Pad - Guide to GNAS Imperial Rounds](#)

Further information and links: [Outdoor Classifications & Handicaps Update \(archerygb.org\)](#)

Note that for **Bowman** tier classifications, scores must be shot at what AGB calls a “**competitive event**”. This means at least what is called a **Club Target Day** (i.e. a pre-arranged day & time) shot under [AGB Rules of Shooting](#).

Club Target Days for 2024 are:

- Outdoor target archery at Churston Field (April-September, weather-permitting):
 - Tuesday and Friday evenings from 18:00
 - Alternating Saturday/Sunday morning/afternoon (see the Club Facebook “Shout box” group for choice options)
- Indoor target archery at Brixham College (October-March):
 - Wednesday and Friday evenings from 18:00
 - Sunday morning from 09:00

Do not assume that these shooting sessions will always happens, as it depends on the weather, how many members are shooting, etc. Keep an eye out on the Club Facebook “Shout box” group as this is the main means of communicating who is shooting, when, etc.

3. AGB Indoor Classifications

Following the Outdoor Classifications update, in September 2023 AGB completely revised the Indoor Classifications & Handicaps scheme for the 2023/2024 winter indoor season. The Indoor Classification Tables for the **Recurve**, **Barebow**, **Compound** and **Longbow** bowstyles are along the same lines as for Outdoor shooting but the rounds are different: [Indoor Classification & Handicap Scheme | Archery GB](#)

Details of the various indoor rounds you can shoot showing the no. of dozen arrows at the various distances (click on the tabs for GNAS Indoor / FITA Target):

[Archery Score Pad - Guide to GNAS Indoor Rounds](#)

Further information and links:

[Indoor Classifications & Handicap Update | Archery GB](#)

Note that for **Bowman** tier classifications, scores must be shot at what AGB calls a “**competitive event**”.

This means at least what is called a **Club Target Day**.

See section **2. AGB Outdoor Classifications** above for further details about Club Target Days.

4. DCAS Postals

Devon and Cornwall Archery Society (DCAS) is the county organization supporting clubs in Devon and Cornwall. As a member of Brixham Archers you can also join DCAS which at the same time signs you up to the Grand Western Archery Society (GWAS) and Archery GB (AGB). Being a member of AGB allows you to shoot at any AGB tournament across the UK.

You can join DCAS/GWAS/AGB any time of the year, although most Club members join/renew their DCAS/GWAS/AGB membership at the same time as renewing their membership with the Club. Please ask a more experienced club member or the Club Secretary for further details if interested.

DCAS also run what are called Summer and Winter "Postal" leagues that are open to all clubs in Devon and Cornwall. At Brixham Archers we enter teams for these Postal leagues, and is open to all Club members who have also joined DCAS/GWAS/AGB.

In short, we shoot at our normal sites at Churston field and Brixham College and "post" team results via the Club Records Officer. And it's free for Club members (the Club handles the nominal team entry fees).

As always, for further details just chat to a more experienced club member or the Club Records Officer, or see here: [About DCAS - DCAS Postals](#)

Note that scores shot for DCAS Postals also contribute towards AGB Outdoor/Indoor Classifications, as long as the score is witnessed by another archer.

5. Target Archery Scoring Guidance

Introduction

Traditionally, scoring for target archery is made on paper scoresheets.

However, with the advent of various electronic means of scoring coupled with the Covid19 pandemic this developed into a discussion about Club member preferences and the various methods to submit scores for AGB classifications & handicaps, Devon & Cornwall Archery Society (DCAS) Postal competitions, etc.

As a result of a review of current AGB Rules Of Shooting and a discussion with the DCAS Postal Organiser, what follows is an attempt to clarify acceptable scoring methods for target archery within the Club.

Scoring Methods

1. Paper score sheets

1. We generally follow a couple of scoring options from the AGB Rules Of Shooting, the key point being that **no archer is recording their own score**:
 - a) Separate score boards for each archer exchanged between the archers so that no archer is recording their own score.
 - b) Single score board passed round by the archers so that each archer records one other archers score who then has the chance to check the correct recording of their own score before recording the next archers score (The Redruth system).
2. Note that at any AGB-affiliated tournament, paper scoring is mandatory and trumps any electronic scoring system that may also be used (for example, tablets running the ianse software that you will see at many AGB tournaments).
3. The same is true also for obtaining AGB indoor & outdoor classifications and handicaps – paper scoresheets must be used, as per points 1.a) and 1.b) above.
4. For the above reasons, scoring on paper scoresheets by Club members is encouraged.

2. Apps

1. There are a number of iOS and Android Apps for scoring that can be very useful. One popular one that many Club members use is Archery Scoresheets, with archers often using an App in parallel with paper scoring as their own record and also to check adding-up of paper scores as they shoot a round.
2. During the Covid19 period (2020-2022) when Government regulations allowed us to shoot, an exception was made at Club-level in order to reduce the risk of Covid19 infection that allowed Postal competitions to be scored with an App, the score then being emailed to the Club Records Officer. Normally paper is the accepted method for scoring Postals as per the DCAS Postals rules, but the Club made this exception at that time.
3. The difficulty with Apps is the principle of **no archer is recording their own score**. This can be alleviated to some extent by the facility of an App to support the countersignature of a witness, but it still stands that with an App the archer is invariably recording their own score.

Club Target Archery Scoring Guidelines

To balance the requirements of current AGB and DCAS Postal scoring rules with Club member preferences, the following conventions will be applied by the Club Records Officer:

3. Scoring for AGB Classifications & Handicaps, and AGB Progress Awards Scheme

1. For recognised AGB outdoor and indoor rounds and age groups see the [AGB Rules of Shooting](#) sections 308 and 405.
2. As with the AGB Rules Of Shooting, paper scoring only.
3. Note that [AGB Rules Of Shooting](#) (Appendix A, Part 3) states that Postal scores where “archers are permitted to record their own score” will only be recognised for the purposes of the Postal event - no AGB classifications or handicaps may be obtained. However, this is not the case if the score is witnessed by another archer.
4. If the archer is eligible to shoot in more than 1 age group (eg. a junior or a 50+ adult), AGB states “*If you are eligible to use multiple categories (e.g. a junior who can shoot up to a higher age group, or a 50+ who could also compete as an adult), then you can use that score to contribute towards classifications in any/all of the multiple categories which you are eligible for*”:
[Outdoor Classification & Handicap FAQs \(archerygb.org\)](#)
5. Paper scores may be photo'd and emailed to the Club Records Officer.

4. DCAS Postal Scores

1. As per the DCAS Postals rules, the preferred method is paper scoring.
2. Paper scores may be photo'd and emailed to the Club Records Officer.
3. You can also score on an App and email that to the Club Records Officer, but ensure your score is witnessed and countersigned by another archer.
However, in the event of a dispute the DCAS Postal Organiser will need to see a paper scoresheet, or a photo of. If this cannot be provided then the dispute is automatically lost.

5. Club Records

1. Club Records are distinct from AGB Records, and as such are administered at club level.
2. New Club Records can be achieved at any event, including practice sessions and postal shoots.
3. You can score on paper and/or an App, but ensure your score is witnessed and countersigned by another archer.
4. [AGB Shooting Administrative Procedures](#) (Procedure 5, point 4.c) states “*Some rounds may be shot using either single full size faces or multiple face targets. However, separate records will not be maintained*”. New Club Records will follow the same principle.