

Rules for international postal competition

Rounds:

We shoot 5 times a Portsmouth Round. One round consists of two rounds of 30 arrows with a small break in-between. The distance is 20 yards (18 meter) using 60 cm faces, compound archers use inner ten zone. First round in November, second in December and so on till the last round in March. If for some young archers 60 arrows is too long a match, (for instance, it is getting to late finishing a round in one evening) , they may shoot either two half rounds on different days, or the score after 30 arrows is redoubled. This rule may also be applied for archers with a physical handicap which makes it impossible for them to shoot two full rounds of 30 arrows. Of course this decision is made by the Record Officer before shooting starts.

Administration:

The record officer sends in the monthly results before the 25 of the month, so the list of total results can be composed and distributed before the new month is started and each archer can see the total results before shooting the new round.

For easy processing of the scores I request that all the scores will be sent in in the excel spreadsheet included in the mail with the invitation for the new season. In this spreadsheet I have entered all archers that took part in the last competition, with their handicap (hc1) as calculated from the three highest scores in the competition 2016-2017. If there are any changes in this handicap, due to results in an official competition (only a rise in handicap is allowed for example from 66 to 64), please adjust the given number. For new archers please enter the handicap if it is available. Archers without handicap will be calculated with hc1 = 0 for the first two entries. After two rounds a handicap will be calculated on the base of those two rounds. Please also check the category given in the spreadsheet, because perhaps some archers have changed from youth to senior, senior to veteran, recurve to longbow or any other change.

Categories:

Youth (YA)	All archers (girls and boys) under the age of 12 at the beginning of the competition.
(YB)	All archers (girls and boys) over the age of 11 and under the age of 17.
(YC)	All archers (girls and boys) over the age of 16 and under the age of 20.
Ladies (L)	All ladies over the age of 19 and under the age of 50.
Ladies Veteran (LV)	All ladies over the age of 49, so called 50+.
Gents (G)	All gents over the age of 19 and under the age of 50.
Gents Veteran (GV)	All gents over the age of 49, so called 50+.

Bowtypes:

Recurve (R)	Olympic bows, recurved limbs and with sight.
Compound bows (C)	Compound bows, all strength, with or without sight (If archers wish to shoot with a compound blank, they also are included in this category). For scores they use "inner ten" on 60 cm face.
Bare Bows (B)	All recurve bows, without sight and stabilization. Also the so called "horseman bow" and "hunting bow", rather popular in Holland at the moment, shoots in this category.
Longbows (L)	British and American Longbows, without recurve and without sight. All archers use wooden arrows. Some archers use "home-made"bows.

Some examples:

Hans Valent, male, age 61, using a Recurve bow with sight:	Hans Valent	GVR
Tiny Lapperre, lady ,age 49, using a longbow:	Tiny Lapperre	LL
Maurice Hermeler, male, age 19, using a "horseman bow":	Maurice Hermeler	YCB
Petra Best, lady, age 32, using a compound bow unlimited:	Petra Best	LC
John Little, boy, age 11, using a compound bow:	John Little	YAC
Caty Small, girl, age 14, using a recurve bow:	Caty Small	YBR
Molly Grand, lady, age 65, using a recurve bow:	Molly Grand	LVR

Teams: Adults

All adults will enter the "Top Six Adults Teams". The best 6 results in a given round decide who is in the team each month.

A. "Adults Top six team for real scores"

B. "Adults Top Six Handicap Adjust Team".

For handicap results of each archer, the sum of his score is added to his Handicap Adjust. Make sure, the Handicap rating hc1 at the beginning of the competition is adjusted if necessary, based on official tournaments! (In the new Excel sheet that is sent to all clubs before the beginning of the new season, the handicap, calculated for the past postal season, is given under "hc1"). During the competition the handicap will be adjusted automatically.

Teams: Juniors

All Juniors will enter the Junior Teams. This is a "Top Two teams". This because of the limited number of junior archers in some clubs. If this year there are more competitors we can increase the number to three or maybe even four.

A. "Juniors Top Two team for real scores"

B. "Junior Top Two Handicap Adjust Team".

Because the youngsters make very rapid improvements, it is very important that their Handicap Rating is adjusted in time! (That's also the reason we have separate Handicap teams for Juniors!)

The handicap can be calculated with Bray 1, Bray 2 and Portsmouth handicap adjust tables.

For your easy handicap calculation I will sent you a spreadsheet for this calculation whit all the adjust tables included. On the tab "Scores" you can enter the data in the yellow part. When three or more scores for an archer are entered in this sheet, under "hc1-3" you can read the handicap for those scores and under "hcn" you can read the handicap "hc1" for the postal round. If less than three scores are entered, the "hcn" score will not be correct.

At the end of the competition the certificates for the winners are printed in pdf and send to the record officers of their club. Competitors are only entitled to one certificate. That means that if an archer wins the "Highest score total" and also the "Highest score in one round", he only gets the first certificate and the second certificate goes to his runner-up (orange in the score list). The same goes if he/she also wins the "Highest handicap score". An example of such a certificate will also be included in the mail. To make the certificates complete it will be appreciated if the club logo is sent to me in jpg, gif or tif, before the end of March.

The cost of participation is none. Since the certificates are sent as pdf, there are no costs to the participation anymore.