

BADGES OF HONOUR

Archery GB recognises archer's continued progress.

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The joy of archery is that it is great fun and part of the fun is the personal challenge to improve on your scores, through lots of practice and good coaching. Archery GB appreciates that and rewards improvement with a variety of different awards and badges.

Here is our guide to the various awards and badges you can aspire to, if you wish. So read on, see what is relevant to you and then give it a go, and start collecting those badges, as a mark of your progress in our great sport.

Junior Rose Awards

Junior archers shooting a recurve, compound or longbow can claim a rose award when shooting at a UK Record Status York, Hereford or Bristol I-IV tournament that has been given 'Rose Award' status. You will need to shoot the round relevant to your age group to claim this award. There are different coloured badges for different scores:



Badge colour	White	Black	Blue	Red	Gold	Purple
compound and recurve score	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1250
longbow score	225	300	375	450	525	600

Arrow Awards

Arrow Award for Juniors are open to juniors of the Society under 16 years of age and are in the form of Red, Blue and Black badges. Juniors may only claim the award once in each age group, but may shoot for an award in age groups above, but not below, their own. Archers submitting valid claims for awards higher than their age group may also claim the lower awards down to their age group, providing they have not been claimed previously. Four rounds are required to be shot to make a claim in any calendar year, at least one must be a FITA / Metric round, and at least one must have been shot in an open competition. The eligible rounds and score levels required in each age group are published in the Shooting Administrative Procedures.



	FITA (Gents)	FITA (Ladies)	Metric II	Metric III	Metric IV	Metric V	York	Hereford or Bristol I	Bristol II	Bristol III	Bristol IV	Bristol V
RED AWARD												
Junior Gentlemen U/16												
Recurve	959	1037	1115	-	-	-	786	952	1078	-	-	-
Compound	1118	1169	1223	-	-	-	977	1091	1176	-	-	-
Junior Ladies U/16												
Recurve	716	817	935	1087	-	-	511	723	911	1028	-	-
Compound	935	1016	1099	1205	-	-	757	930	1063	1142	-	-
BLUE AWARD												
Junior Gentlemen U/14												
Recurve	686	788	909	1069	-	-	480	693	887	1010	-	-
Compound	911	995	1018	1192	-	-	728	908	1047	1130	-	-
Junior Ladies U/14												
Recurve	481	571	707	918	1118	-	283	477	695	860	1016	-
Compound	716	817	935	1087	1228	-	511	723	911	1028	1134	-
BLACK AWARD												
Junior Gentlemen U/12												
Recurve	351	419	544	781	1026	-	175	332	537	723	916	-
Compound	538	634	769	966	1150	-	335	539	754	908	1050	-
Junior Ladies U/12												
Recurve	305	364	480	721	984	1133	142	280	473	663	869	1063
Compound	481	571	707	918	1118	1226	283	477	695	860	1016	1152

Six Gold End Junior

Shoot six consecutive arrows into the gold at one end at either of the two longest distances of a FITA / Metric or Imperial round for your age group at a Registered Tournament or Club Target Day, and this badge is yours. You can claim a Six Gold End badge only once as a junior in each discipline you shoot – recurve, longbow and compound.



Archery GB Progress Awards

The Archery GB Progress Awards are designed to provide beginners and younger archers with awards for developing their archery skills. The junior age groups are aligned with 5 educational key stages. The scheme can also be used as an adult beginner incentive.

The scheme is open to all archers and is operated by archery clubs or by schools, youth groups and similar who practice target archery. There is no requirement for the recipients to be members of Archery GB, although many will be.

There will be a Roll of Honour for those archers achieving the Gold badge, but their names must be registered with the badge scheme co-ordinator. There will also be a Trophy for the Club or School achieving the most number of badges in one year, but again the individual badges must be registered in the same way as the gold award.

Below: Archery GB Progress Awards are open to all archers who practice target archery.



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Badges

Junior Tassel Award for Clout Shooting

First introduced in 1996 within the boundaries of Northern Counties and later adopted nationally, the scheme is nationally run by the Northern Counties Archery Society, which administers the scheme and issues the awards. The score bands for awards are the same as for the senior awards. Claims can be made for a score obtained shooting the distance for your own age group or above. Once a 'higher' Tassel Award is claimed (Black, Blue, Red or Gold) a claim for the 'missing' Tassel award can only be made when you move up to the next age band.



Handicap Improvement Medal

There is also a Handicap Improvement Medal which is awarded by a club to the club member that achieves the greatest handicap improvement over a calendar year. The award is open to all members and the medal is loaned by the club as it is property of Archery GB.

Junior Master Bowman

The Junior Master Bowman classification is open to Junior archers in all age groups, and shooting the rounds appropriate to their age. Please see the Classification Tables in Rules of Shooting to find out which rounds you are eligible to shoot and what the qualifying scores are. You can only obtain these scores at Record Status shoots, and must make your claim on the official claim form. This form can be downloaded from the Archery GB website – go to Services and Award Claim Forms. In 2010 the categories were extended all encompass all juniors U12, U14, U16, U18.



Additional awards

There are also special awards from the Home Nations such as the Thistle Awards for Scotland, the English Crosses for England, Feathers for Wales and Hand for Northern Ireland. Further information may be obtained from www.scottisharchery.org.uk and www.englisharcheryfederation.org www.welsharcheryassociation.co.uk www.nias.co.uk

FITA AWARDS FOR JUNIORS

FITA Beginners Awards

The FITA beginners award scheme is a great way for beginners to measure their progress as they develop. The awards measure archery scores, skill development and knowledge.

FITA Beginners Awards: FITA Feather

Red and Gold feather awards are available, testing shooting skills across different distances and different knowledge sets. These are designed for beginners under 12 years old and some disabled new archers. It is up to your coach to decide when you are ready for this award, FITA does not require proof of age or disability.



Badge colour	Red	Gold
12 hits on a target face at the following distances	6m	8m

FITA Beginners Awards: FITA Arrow

These are for beginners over the age of 12. Beginners will be tested on archery scores, skill development and knowledge. Different coloured awards are available depending on the distance to be shot over:



Badge colour	White	Black	Blue	Red	Gold
115 points from hits on a target face at the following distances	10m	14m	18m	22m	26m

FITA Silver Star awards

The FITA silver star badge can only be gained at a World Record or FITA Award Status event shooting a cadet round. The FITA Silver Stars are for archers under 16 ('cadets') shooting a cadet round. Badges for recurve archers are shield shaped, while badges for compound archers are round.



Badge Colour	Star only	Black	Blue	Red	Gold	Purple
Score from appropriate FITA round for age group	1000	1100	1200	11300	1350	1400

FITA Silver Target award

This award is open to compound and recurve cadet archers shooting at World Record or FITA award status events. There are six different coloured badges available depending on the score shot.



Badge Colour	White	Black	Blue	Red	Gold	Purple
FITA 60m outdoor round	500	550	600	650	675	700

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