

St. Sebastian Archers **Archery GB Classifications**

Classifications are important to all archers because they are the best indication of where you are in terms of scoring ability, and provide a benchmark for levels of improvement. There are six classification levels: starting at 3rd Class, then 2nd Class, 1st Class, Bowman, Master Bowman, and with Grand Master Bowman at the highest classification level.

See attached Archery GB Recurve tables detailing exactly what scores you need in each type of round to hit a certain classification. The scores required for a classification for all bow types can also be found in the AGB Shooting Administration Procedures .

To gain a classification you need to shoot three scores from any respective round that meet that classification level at either a club target day¹ or a tournament.

3rd Class, 2nd Class, 1st Class, and Bowman classifications are awarded by the club and the club will issue a relevant badge.

The round scores should be recorded on the respective round score sheet and scored/verified by another senior archer. Both the recording and scoring archer will sign the completed score sheet. The three completed score sheet should then be handed to the records officer, club captain or other club officer at the earliest opportunity.

The highest two classifications, Master Bowman and Grand Master Bowman, can only be achieved with scores achieved at record status competitions. Scores are then submitted to Archery GB who in turn will issue the award badge.

Once you achieve a classification you cannot go back and claim a lower one for the same bow type.

You can hold different classifications for different bow types, but to achieve a classification, all three scores must be achieved in the calendar year, i.e. between January 1st and December 31st. Once achieving your classification, it remains valid for a period of one year and you must re-qualify within the year to maintain it. If it is not maintained during that year, reclassification shall be on the scores made during the year.

When a junior reaches the age of the next higher age group or becomes a senior, the classification of Bowman/Junior Bowman, 1st, 2nd or 3rd Class will be assessed on the three best qualifying scores shot in the twelve months preceding the birthday date. If three rounds as nominated in the higher section have not been shot in the twelve months, the archer will be unclassified until the necessary rounds have been shot. A junior may hold both junior and senior classifications assessed independently, using the appropriate qualifying rounds and scores.

On achieving a classification, the club will issue the relevant badge free of charge. On receiving a higher classification, the badge shall be exchanged for the higher classification badge free of charge. However, if the member does not maintain their classification or ceases to be a club member, they shall return the badge to the club. If the badge is lost or damaged, replacement badges are at a cost of £3.00.



¹ Target days are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:20am; Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1pm and Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5pm.