



# Wyke Archers

of Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire

## Club Help Guides and Documents

### Classification Badges

There are six classifications (five for juniors) for outdoor shooting as shown below:

Adults	Juniors	Badge Awarded
3rd Class	3rd Class	
2nd Class	2nd Class	
1st Class	1st Class	
Bowman (BM) <i>The top 15% of UK Archers.</i>	Junior Bowman (JBM)	
Master Bowman (MB) <i>The top 4% of UK Archers.</i>	Junior Master Bowman (JMB)	
Grand Master Bowman (GMB) <i>The top 1% of UK Archers.</i>	Not Available to juniors	

A classification can be gained by any club archer of any age, with the 1<sup>st</sup> four badges (3<sup>rd</sup> Class to Bowman) issued by the club, Master Bowman (inc Junior Master Bowman) and Grand Master Bowman issued by Archery GB directly. Classification lasts for one year and starts at the beginning of the outdoor season, usually March, and must be gained again the following year.

In order to achieve one of the classifications you have to shoot **three** qualifying scores (GNAS or FITA rounds) in the same outdoor season (for MB and GMB these must be at External Record Status shoots). The score required for each classification depends on what bow you use, what round is being shot, your age and your gender. The round must be overseen by another club member, and your score sheet correctly completed, with the score verified by the other member. Your three qualify scores do not have to be all the same round type and you can mix FITA and GNAS rounds to gain your qualification. However the scores must all meet the minimum scores listed on the Archery GB issued tables. The tables are available to view at all club shoots, and assistance will be given to any member wishing to gain a classification. Like scoring it all looks very complicated at first, but it is pretty easy to work out once you get your head around the tables.

We would recommend any archer wishing to attempt a classification to let a member of the club committee know so we can guide you to do this correctly.



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## Examples

**Example 1:** A Gentleman (not a junior) scores 356 shooting a Long National Round using a Recurve bow.

The Long National is a GNAS Imperial Round, the section for Gentlemen – Imperial Rounds shows the following table of minimum required scores.

Round Name	Classification					
	3rd	2nd	1st	BM	MB	GMB
Long National	202	330	418	-	-	-

Reading along the table, a score of 202 would qualify for a 3rd Class, 330 for a 2nd Class and 418 for a 1st Class. Since he scored 356 that's a 2nd Class score.

Note that in the above example the best classification he could have received regardless of how high his score is 1st Class since Bowman and above are not available on a Long National round.

**Example 2:** A 15 year old girl scores 72 shooting a Half FITA (Ladies) using a Longbow.

Looking up the Longbow Table and finding Ladies under 16 Metric we find the row for Half FITA (Ladies) is as follows:

Round Name	Classification				
	3rd	2nd	1st	JBM	JMB
Half FITA (Ladies)	18	51	70	112	-

Her score of 72 just gets her a 1st Class score.

Notice that in the above example she could have received Junior Bowman score had she managed to score 112 or over.

### Notes

You don't have to shoot the same round for each of your three qualifying scores, provided your score for a particular round is at least sufficient for your classification. For example, a Senior Lady using a Recurve bow could gain 2nd Class status by shooting the following mixture of rounds/scores, all of which qualify for 2nd Class:

- St George - 302
- Long Western - 350
- FITA 70m – 280

The fact that they are on different rounds, and that some are Imperial and some Metric is irrelevant – she still gains her 2nd Class.

One other point to note: although you are welcome to use a higher class score in support of a lower classification, you can't submit the same score twice. For example, an archer submits a 1st Class score and two 2nd Class scores in support of a claim for 2nd Class status. They can't then use that same 1st Class score to support a later claim for 1st Class. Neither could they "swap out" a later 2nd Class score for their earlier 1st Class and reuse it - once it's submitted it's gone.

## Who Awards the Classifications?

The first four classifications (3rd Class up to Bowman) are administered and awarded by the club. Qualifying scores can be shot on any club session or during a competition/tournament. Simply complete your scorecard and submit it to the clubs records officer. The classification badges are available through the club at cost.

Master Bowman (including Junior Master Bowman) and Grand Master Bowman are administered and awarded directly by GNAS. Qualifying scores have to be shot during external record status shoots or tournaments.



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## Re-qualifying

Once you achieve three qualifying scores in a season for a classification it's yours for a year. However you have to re-qualify each subsequent outdoor season to keep your classification.

If you have held a classification but don't manage to gain any classification in the following season you are then listed as U/C (Unclassified).

Juniors who move up an age group or go from junior to senior have their classification based on the three best qualifying scores over the 12 months immediately prior to their birthday. If there are insufficient scores during that time to gain them a classification based on their new age group they are listed as U/C (Unclassified).

You can hold different classifications simultaneously for each different bow type but the rules on re-qualifying apply to each classification held.

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