

2016 – 2017. The ‘Castles’ League.

Basic Entry Details:

Who is eligible? This is a league for individuals so you, as an individual, or your club, entering as a group, can enter for the winter season. To do so just send the following details to ‘dnaa_logical@talktalk.net’.

Your name,
Club,
Bow Style or Styles (see below),
Gender (lady, gent, boy, girl) plus,
if you are confident of the division you best fit, the starting division also.

What Bow styles are valid? Compound, Longbow, ‘Olympic’ Recurve and Barebow. You may enter the league multiple times if you shoot different bow styles. For example, you may choose to shoot Recurve and Barebow, or Compound, Barebow and Longbow. You may enter once for each discipline and these can feature in different divisions. As it would be difficult to separate traditional longbow, American flatbow and all the derivatives, I place all these in the ‘longbow’ class.

What constitutes a valid distance? The league is designed around the ‘Portsmouth’ distance and target size (20 yards at a 60cm face) but for those clubs whose venue may not allow 20 yards to be shot, we allow scores where the distance is 40 feet but the target face size must then be 40cm.

What constitutes a valid score? ANY session where you shoot more than three dozen arrows while scoring is valid for the league. If you shoot only three dozen arrows at the session you have one score chance, but if you shoot four dozen arrows you would now have two chances, dozens 1,2 and 3 and dozens 2,3 and 4. Shoot five dozen and you now have three chances. 1,2 and 3 or 2,3, and 4 or 3,4 and 5. *(I will admit a frustration is if dozen 3 is your poorest as it effects all opportunities, however, that also becomes an incentive to add on a sixth dozen to your session)*

Valid days cover club target days but also any competitions that you may enter.

What divisions exist?

The following Divisions are available for the League this year:

	Bowes	Berwick	Alnwick	Warkworth	Durham	Bamburgh	Lindisfarne	Barnard	Raby
Range	0-125	126-185	186-205	206-225	226-250	251-275	276-305	306-330	331-360
HI limit threshold	127	187	207	227	252	277	307	332	360
LO limit threshold	0	118	178	198	218	243	268	298	323

How does the structure work? Imagine that you have been included in the division ‘Alnwick’. Bow Type is irrelevant as the division looks only at your skill level and all bow styles and gender are sorted independently for the published tables.

Looking at ‘Alnwick’. The ‘normal’ range for scores in this division will be between 186 and 205 for three dozen CONSECUTIVE arrows scored while attempting the league challenge. This is the skill set range of scores.

If you were to shoot above 207 (the ‘upper’ limit), then you would be considered to have improved enough to be considered for the next higher division (a ‘first’ score). A modest 2 points into the higher division and above the skill set level. Do it a second time (a ‘second’ score) and it shows that your skill has improved enough to see you comfortably into the next division with a good chance to stay and not fall back.

If you were to shoot below 178 (the 'lower' limit) twice then you would have slipped back and would then be placed in the next lower division.

In the league news these events are termed "first move scores" or "second move scores".

Division moves become active from the month after the second threshold is reached.

What months does it cover? The league starts from the time we all go indoors and scores are valid from October 1st with the final month closing on March 1st. So we have October, November, December, January and February.

I realise that many clubs are still shooting indoors in March but Ideally I need the final few weeks of the indoor season to produce a certificate for each of those who provided a minimum of two monthly scores. The certificate should include details of promotion, and/or the notification of a 'top' section score from the archer over the months of the league.

This certificate and the whole league participation is free to county archers.

Tony George. League Administrator.