

Handicaps

A handicap is an indication of the ability of an archer. The lower the number of the handicap (100 – 0) the better the archer. An archer will have two handicaps; one outdoor and one indoor. You will have a different handicap for different bow styles.

Handicap tables can be purchased or your records officer may hold a copy. There are also apps in the market place which will work out your handicap from your score should you wish to purchase and download one of these for personal use.

A handicap system:-

- Helps you keep a track of your progress;
- Compares scores between different rounds, ie Imperial and Metric;
- Allows competition between different abilities on equal terms.

Calculating a handicap.

If you do not have a handicap you need to obtain an initial handicap. This is the average handicap for three recorded rounds. (Should your handicap come out as a percentage, please round up to the nearest whole number). Eg. Round 1 = handicap of 70, Round 2 = handicap of 68 and Round 3 = handicap of 68, then your handicap will be 69. (68.66 rounded up to the nearest whole number).

Your initial handicap is an average of your first three rounds. You now have the basis to continue improving your scores. Round 4 = handicap of 65 will give you an improved handicap of 67 and so on.