

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 are available on the ArcheryGB website, or your records officer may hold a copy. There are also apps on the marketplace which will work out your handicap from your score should you wish to purchase or download one of these for personal use.

A handicap system: -

- Helps you keep track of your progress.
- Compares scores between different rounds, i.e. 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. Your initial handicap is an average of your first three rounds. If the average is not a whole number, then round down to the nearest whole number. E.g. Round 1 = handicap of 70, Round 2 = handicap of 67 and Round 3 = handicap of 69, then your handicap will be 68. (68.66 rounded down to the nearest whole number).

You now have the basis to continue improving your scores. Round 4 = handicap of 65 will give you an improved handicap of 66 and so on.

Please note: Previously the handicap system worked by rounding UP to the next whole number. This has been changed under the 2023 revision of handicaps and classifications and numbers are now rounded DOWN to the next whole number.