

TASSEL AWARD STATUS – 1.1.14 onwards

Distances to be shot are as follows:

Recurve, Compound, Longbow and Barebow

Gents – 180 Yards
Ladies – 140 Yards
Juniors Under 21 – 140 Yards
Juniors Under 18 – 120 Yards
Juniors Under 16 – 100 Yards
Juniors Under 12 & 14 – 80 Yards

Gents 50+ - 140 Yards
Ladies 50+ - 120 Yards

Rules

- Awards will be applicable to Double One/two way Clouts for Gents, Ladies, Junior Gents and Junior Ladies.
- The Tournament shall be organised in accordance with GNAS Rules of Shooting and be an Open Tournament.
- The Tournament Organiser shall make requests for Tassel Award Status to NCAS at least 2 months prior to the event on the approved application form. If the Tournament is also to be a record status shoot, then Archery GB Rules of Shooting – SAP 3 Paragraph 1 applies
- To cover administration costs a registration fee will be paid to NCAS.
This will be based on a nominal fee per entry - currently 50 pence per archer entered.
The Tournament Organiser can then pass this back to the archers in the form of a surcharge within the entry fee. The Tournament Organiser shall after the shoot forward to NCAS, a copy of the results list indicating the total number of entries and the associated fee for hosting the shoot.
- The tournament shall be advertised as a "Tassel" shoot.
- Archers claiming an award shall register their score with the Tournament Organiser on an authorised claim form. The form accompanied by the archers original score sheet and a copy of the Results List both signed by the Tournament Organiser to NCAS for verification and issue of awards. An ad-hock check of AGB Membership Registrations will be made from time to time by the administrator of the scheme with Archery GB Headquarters.
- Archers achieving a score in the following bands shall be awarded the following badges. Badges will only be awarded for the score achieved :-

Badge Colour	Score Bands			
	Longbow	Barebow	Recurve	Compound
White	25 - 49	50 - 99	75 - 124	75 - 124
Black	50 - 74	100 - 124	125 - 174	125 - 174
Blue	75 - 99	125 - 149	175 - 199	175 - 224
Red	100 - 124	150 - 174	200 - 224	225 - 249
Gold	125 - 149	175 - 199	225 - 249	250 - 274
Purple	150 +	200 +	250 +	275 +

An individual archer is eligible to claim using all bow types. Once having gained an award at a higher grade, with a particular bow type, an archer may not, when at a later shoot, claim for a lower grade using the same bow type.

- 50+ Archers - Badges are only claimable at the 50+ distances.
- Junior Tassel Award. The score bands for awards shall be the same as for the senior awards. Claims can be made if :-
 - The score is obtained shooting the distance for the juniors own age group, or
 - The score is obtained shooting a distance above the juniors age group. Once a claim for a "higher" Tassel Award, i.e. Black, Blue, Red or Gold, a claim for the "missing" Tassel award can only be made when the junior moves up to the next age band.
- All claims must be made before leaving the Tournament field. Altered score sheets which have not been initialled by the Judge will invalidate the claim.

The Tassel Award Scheme is administrated on behalf of NCAS by: -

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Information sheet for the Tassel Award Scheme – Imperial

Organisers are requested to ensure their shoots fall within the Clout Rules as per the Archery GB Rules of Shooting. As an ease of reference **some** of these are noted below **together** with further suggested practices to ensure a well administered shoot.

- **The shoot must be shot in 2 details with timing of ends one of the following: MANDATORY**

- **Method 1** – One sound signal shall indicate when the first shooting detail shall take their place on the line and begin shooting. Each archer shall shoot three arrows and immediately retire, being replaced by the archer from the subsequent detail. When all on the target have shot, the archer, if required, shall shoot three more arrows. If an archer persists in shooting more than three arrows consecutively, he may be disqualified by the Judge.

OR

- **Method 2** – Shooting shall be in timed ends controlled by audible signals which may be supplemented with lights (three separate lights should be used) and countdown timing clocks.
 - Either timed at 4 minutes (if 6 arrows are to be shot), or
 - Timed at 2 minutes (if 3 arrows are to be shot),
 - Repeated until both details have shot their 6 arrows.
- Tassel Award Shoots should be administered according to Archery GB Rules of Shooting – Section 7
- Distances to be shot are as follows:

	All bow types
Gents	180 yards
Ladies	140 yards
Juniors U.21	140 yards
Juniors U.18	120 yards
Juniors U.16	100 yards
Juniors U.14 & U.12	80 yards

- The size of the Clout Flag should be 12" square, set as practicable as possible to the ground on a smooth vertical stick. The stick should not project above the flag. **The flag should not be reinforced or pinned down to the ground.**
- Scores shall be determined according to the distance of arrows, at point of entry in the ground, from the centre of the flag stick.
- Arrows which have hit and remain embedded in the clout flag shall score 5 points provided they are not embedded in a lower scoring ring whereupon they shall score according to the ring in which they are embedded.
- An arrow lying loose on the ground shall be scored in accordance with the position of its point.
- The size of the scoring zone is as follows:
 - Gold – 18 inches radius (1½ feet)
 - Red – 36 inches radius (3 feet)
 - Blue – 72 inches radius (6 feet)
 - Black – 108 inches radius (9 feet)
 - White – 144 inches radius (12 feet)
- Scoring rings of the above radii may be marked on the ground, the lines of which being wholly within each circle, alternatively scores may be determined with a **non-stretch cord** or tape looped round the centre stick and clearly marked to measure the various scoring zones.
- Where the cord method is used an area which contains the whole clout scoring zone should be marked on the ground.
- Volunteers for scoring assistants should be sort ensuring there is one assistant for each colour. Assistants should **not** score 2 colours.
- Score assistants should be encouraged to rotate for subsequent scoring ends.
- No archer, other than the scoring assistants, should enter the scoring zone until all arrows have been scored.
- The scoring assistants shall not take any arrows into the scoring zone.
- Juniors should be encouraged to assist in scoring at each distance flag to ensure a scoring assistant is allocated to each colour and an assistant does not score 2 colours.
- Judges should carry out inspection as deemed necessary to ensure bow types are as declared. Barebow archers equipment falls within Archery GB Rules of Shooting Paragraph 204.
- Any claims for Tassel Awards must be made on the day of the shoot completing the relevant claim form, ensuring addresses are full and readable together with a post code. GNAS numbers **must** be given.

Andrew Neal

Tassel Award Scheme Administrator