Clout Archery

Judge Committee

Clout Archery Training Presentation

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This presentation was initially inspired by Peter Gregory, who is a dedicated Clout archer

Peter is constantly striving to raise the profile and improve the standard of Clout archery, and to this end he asked if I would produce a document that could be used as a training aid for judges to improve their knowledge of specific clout rules.

Peter's knowledge, experience and input in the production of this presentation can not be understated and is greatly appreciated.

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Aims of Presentation

To present the rules of Clout Archery, both Archery GB and World Archery, in a format that explains and educates

To provide judges with the knowledge required to give the Archer's confidence that the judges are aware of the specific rules of Clout Archery

Bow Styles & Divisions

Archery GB

Recognise Gentlemen, Ladies and Juniors in the following bow styles

Recurve (Freestyle)	–	Equipment as defined in Rule 202
Recurve Barebow	–	Equipment as defined in Rule 204
Longbow	–	Equipment as defined in Rule 206
Compound Unlimited	–	Equipment as defined Rule 207
Crossbow	–	Equipment as defined in Rule 210

Bow Styles & Divisions

World Archery

Only recognise Ladies and Gentlemen for Clout Archery and the bow styles are limited to the following

Recurve

Compound

In practice when shooting a World Archery Clout in this country all divisions and bow styles as recognised by Archery GB are included and eligible for both National and Regional records.

The Clout Round

A single Clout Round consists of 36 arrows

A double Clout round consists of 72 arrows

Shooting

Archery GB

Shooting may be either ‘two way’ or ‘one way’.

Six sighter arrows shall be shot in each direction when shooting two ways.

World Archery

Shooting shall be in one direction only.

Six sighter arrows (two ends of three arrows) are permitted preceding the commencement of shooting.





Timing of ends

Archery GB

Archers will shoot ends of three or six arrows depending on the timing method used

Method 1

2x3 Arrow ends per Archer per detail (2½ minutes)

Method 2

2x3 Arrow ends per Archer per detail (2 minutes)

or

1x6 Arrow ends per Archer per detail (4 minutes)

World Archery

Each athlete shall shoot his arrows in ends of three or six arrow.

The maximum time permitted for an athlete to shoot an end of three arrows shall be two (2) minutes. The maximum time permitted for an athlete to shoot an end of six arrows shall be four (4) minutes.

Unshot Arrows

An arrow is deemed to be unshot

Archery GB

An arrow shall be deemed not to have been shot if part of the arrow shaft lies within 3 metres of the shooting line.

World Archery

The athlete can touch it with his bow without moving his feet from their position in relation to the shooting line.

Resolution of Ties

Archery GB

First by the number of Hits

Second by the number of Clouts

If all elements are the same, the archers shall be declared equal

World Archery

First by the least number of misses

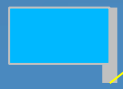
If the tie is still undecided, then the least number of ones, and so on

Should all arrows be the same, the athletes so tying shall be declared equal

Over Shoot

The Organisers shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that there is no risk to people, animals or property from arrows that miss the target area. An overshoot past the flag and to either side is required.

*The recommended over shoot distance is **75 yards***



Radius = ***75 yards***

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Instruction

All archers must have received instruction in Clout shooting prior to competitions. To confirm this, each entry form must contain a certificate to be signed by each archer before shooting commences:

Example

I have received instruction in Clout shooting prior to this tournament.

Archer's signature. ……

Trajectory

The bow must be drawn in such a way that the angle the arrow makes with the horizontal must never be greater than that which it makes at the point of release/loose

High Trajectory Clout shooting is BANNED except for Longbows



Clout Flags

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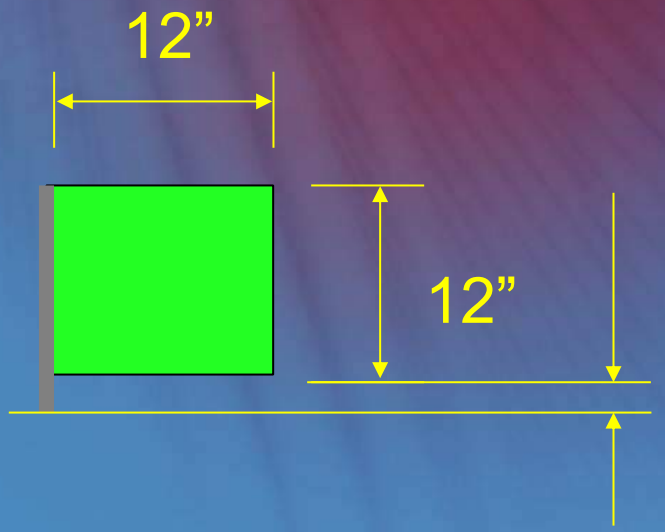
The centre of the target shall be marked by a brightly coloured distinctive flag

The flag should be *12 inches square*

The flag should be *set as close to the ground as possible*

Note:

The stick should not project above the flag



Clout Flags

World Archery

The centre of the target shall be marked by a brightly coloured distinctive flag.

The Shape of the flag should be

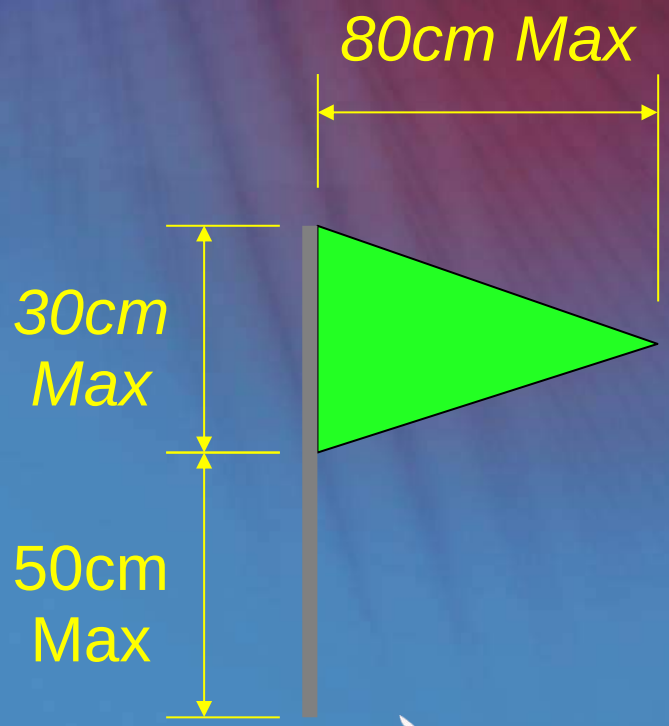
Triangular

and measure 80x30 cm Maximum

The distance above ground to

the underside of the flag should be

50cm Maximum



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Clout Flags

The Clout should be constructed with a timber pole, preferably a broom stale cut to the required length. It is advisable not to use anything of a smaller diameter as these could bend when the cord is being pulled round the circle.

The Flag should be fabricated from a light flexible material, which can be blown about by the wind and which will not damage the arrows. Various bright colours should be used, and no two adjacent Clouts should have the same colour flag.

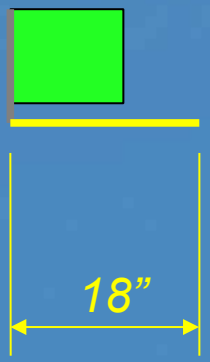
Scoring Zones

Archery GB

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The zone values and radii are:

Gold = *5 Points*



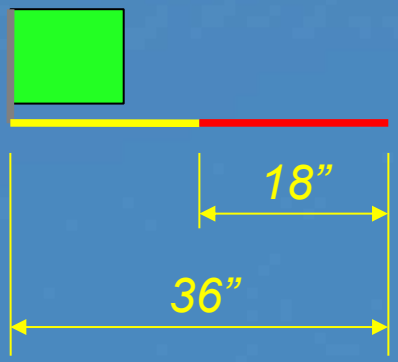
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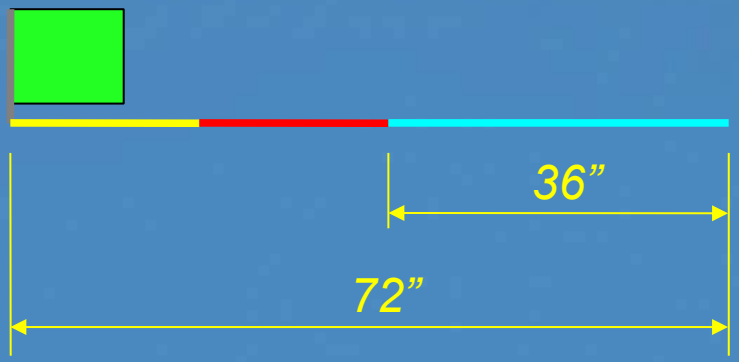
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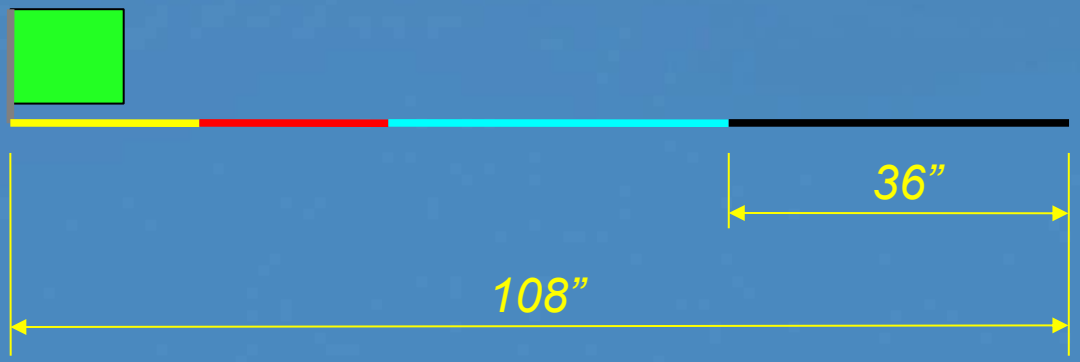
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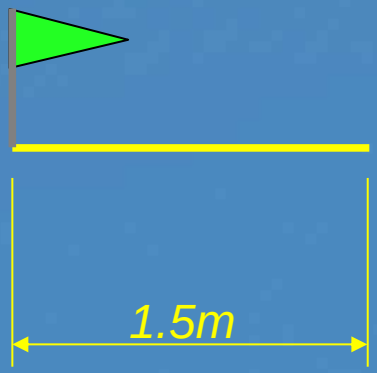
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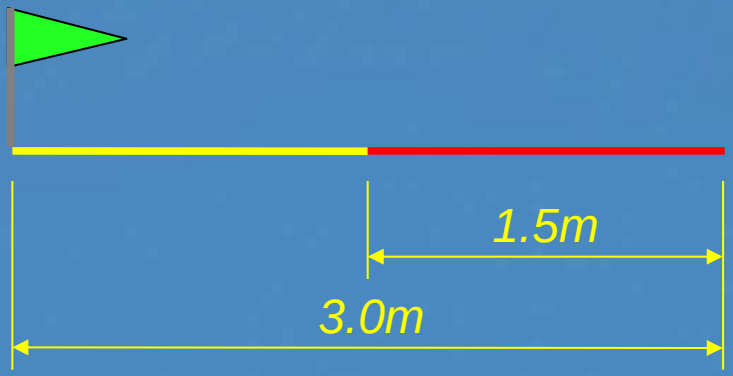
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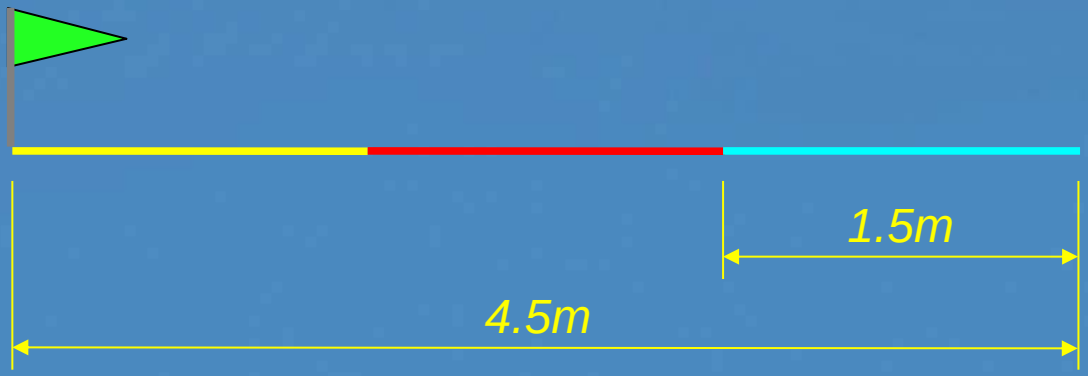
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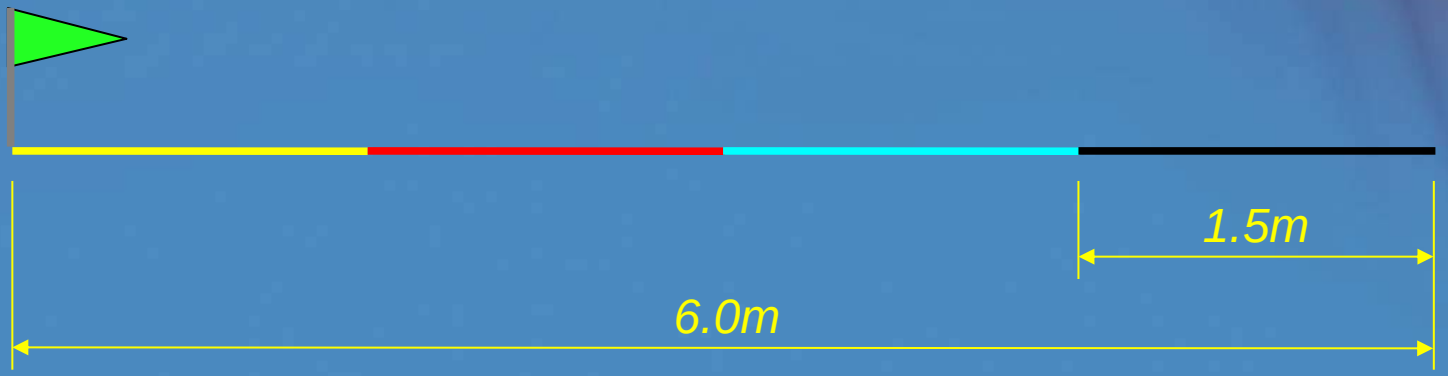
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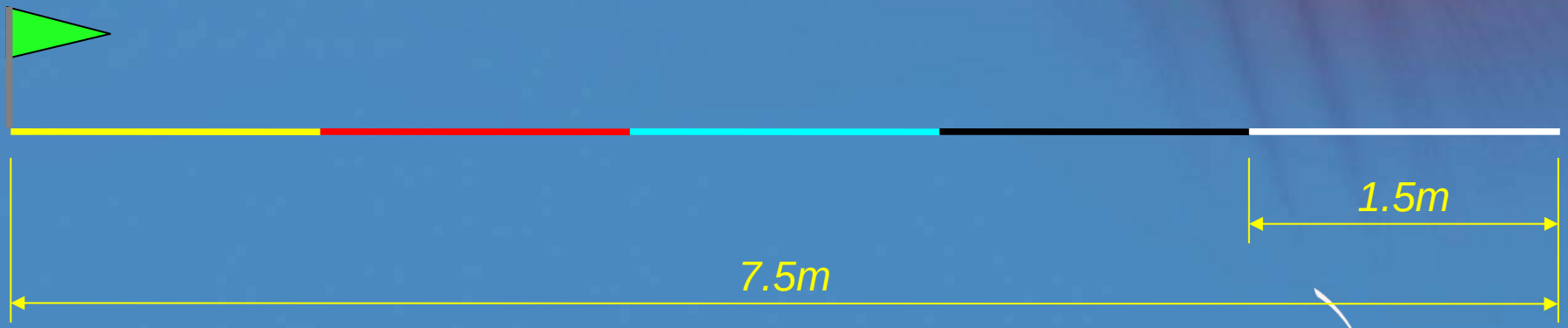
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Scoring Ropes

All ropes used for scoring purposes should be made from a none stretch material.

The scoring zones should be clearly defined along the length of the rope, this is usually done by applying coloured tape to each scoring zone on the rope.

A loop should be incorporated into each end of the rope. One end will go around the clout pole, while a broom stale equipped with a hook can be attached to the other loop to aid drawing the rope round the clout circle when scoring arrows.



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Distances

Archery GB

The distances for the Clout is:

Gentlemen

Ladies

JB u18

JB u16

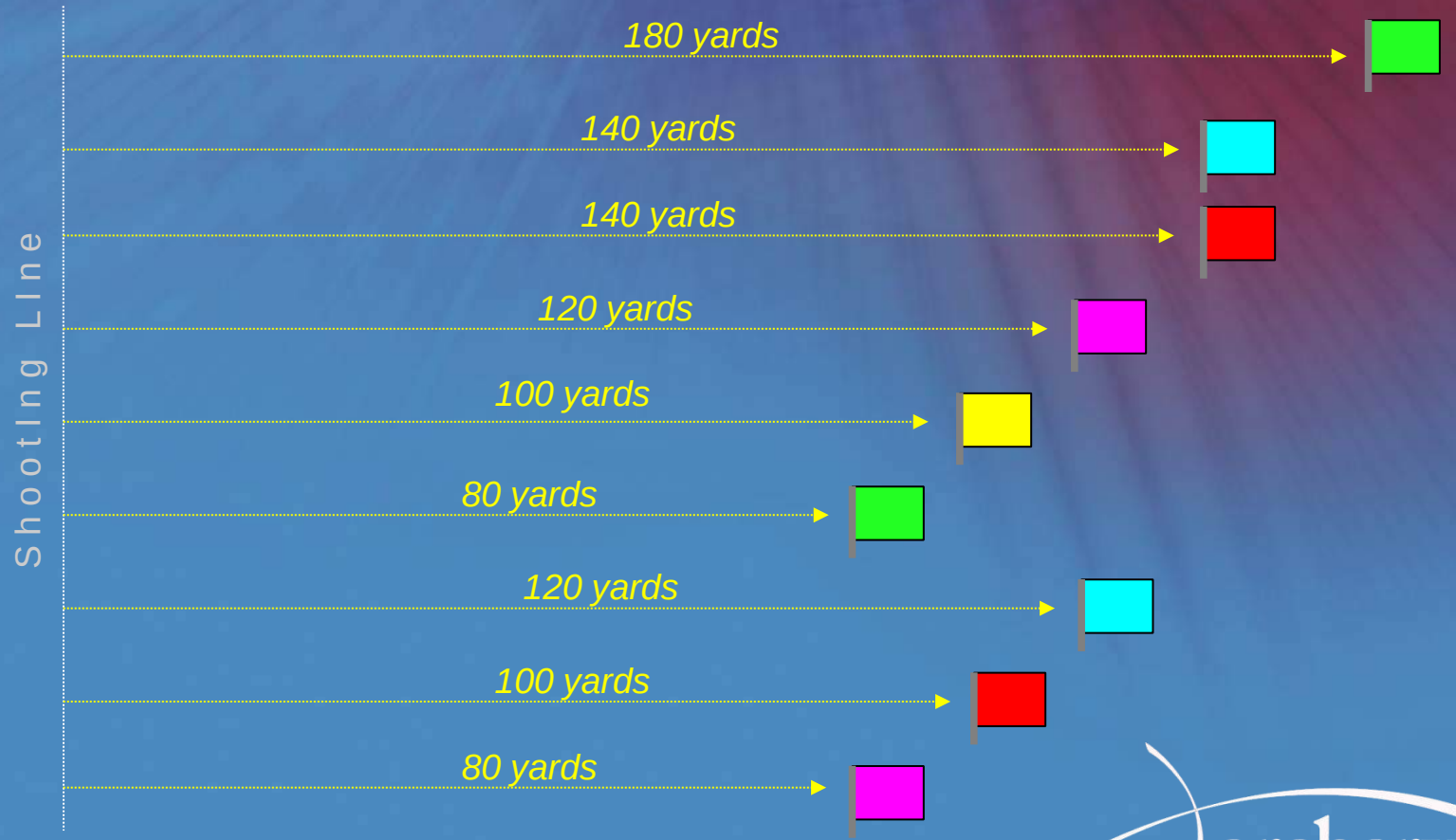
JB u14

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JG u16

JG u14



Distances

World Archery

The distances for the Clout is:

Gentlemen (Compound)

Gentlemen (Recurve)

Ladies (Compound)

Ladies (Recurve)



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Distances

World Archery

World Archery do not recognise Juniors or Longbows in the Clout discipline and therefore there are no set distances

Distances

Archery GB

Archery GB recognise the following distances for National record claims, for both the single & double World Archery and the Archery GB Metric Clouts.

Gentlemen Compound bows	185 meters
Gentlemen Non Compound bows & Ladies Compound bow	165 meters
Ladies Non Compound bows	125 meters
Junior Gentlemen under 18	125 meters
Junior Gentlemen under 16 & Junior Ladies under 18	110 meters
Junior Gentlemen under 14 & Junior Ladies under 16	90 meters
Junior Gentlemen under 12 & Junior Ladies under 14	75 meters

Tolerances

There are no tolerances listed in either the Archery GB or World Archery rule books for scoring zone dimensions for Clout Archery

There are also no tolerances listed in either the Archery GB or World Archery rule books for Clout distances

In both cases it is necessary to use a bit of common sense when checking these dimensions and allow a sensible tolerance

General Guidance

Although the following items are not rules and do not strictly fall under the province of the judges, you should none the less be aware of them.

The maximum number of Archers shooting at any single clout should be about 20.

The shooting line should be divided into zone's which will comfortably accommodate the number of archers shooting at the individual clout. It is a good idea to have a coloured peg at the start and end of each zone, and that the colour of the pegs matches the colour of the Clout flag. The centre of the zone should be also marked with a vertical line to indicate the centre of the target.

The Clout scoring area's should be located so that they do not over lap each other. In fact as wide a gap as possible, given the confines of the ground, between area's should be aimed for by the tournament organiser when setting out the field.

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Scoring

No person other than the appointed scorers shall enter the target area until all arrows have been withdrawn and placed in their respective scoring groups.

An arrow withdrawn by anyone other than an appointed scorer shall not be scored.

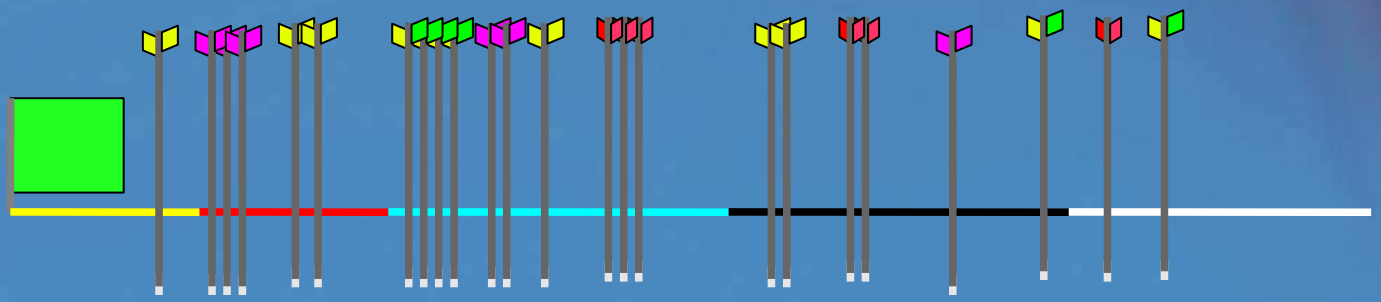
The appointed scorers shall not take any arrows into the target area.

Scoring

Colour Sergeants

The duties of the colour Sergeant is to collect the arrows from within the scoring zone they have been allocated.

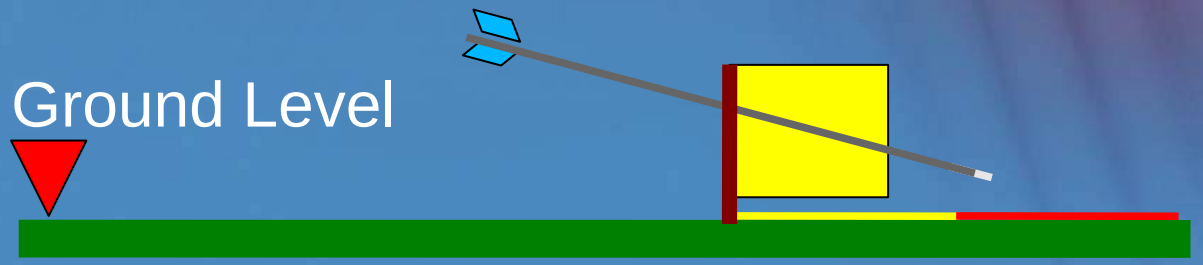
Once all the arrows have been collected they should be laid out in groups, on top of the cord, within the coloured area for the zone they relate too.



Scoring of Arrows

What value would you award to the arrow in the following situation

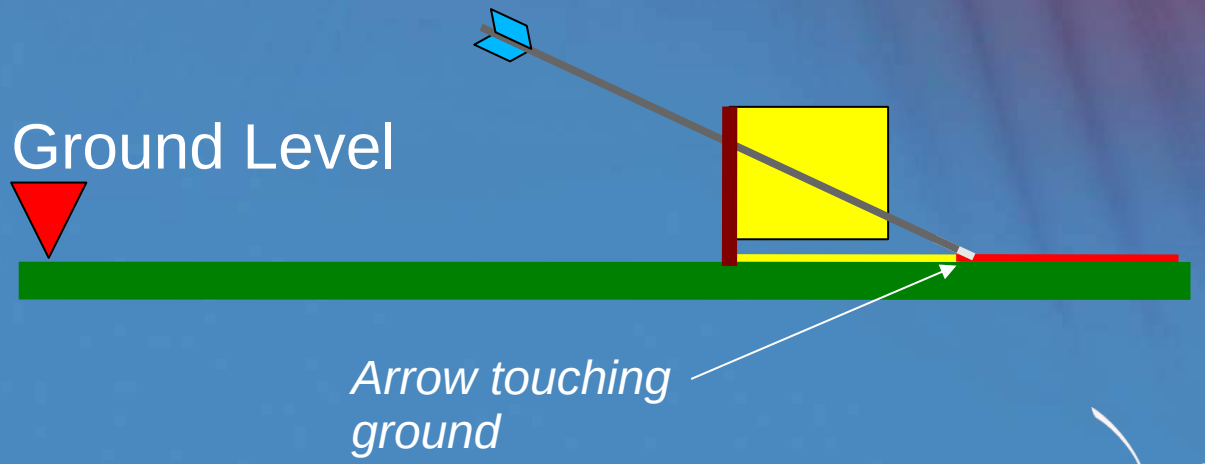
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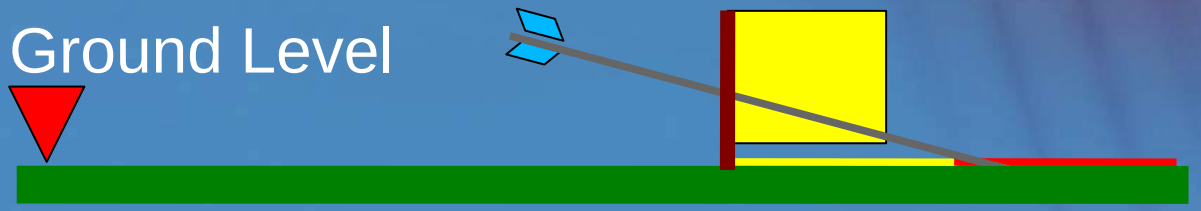
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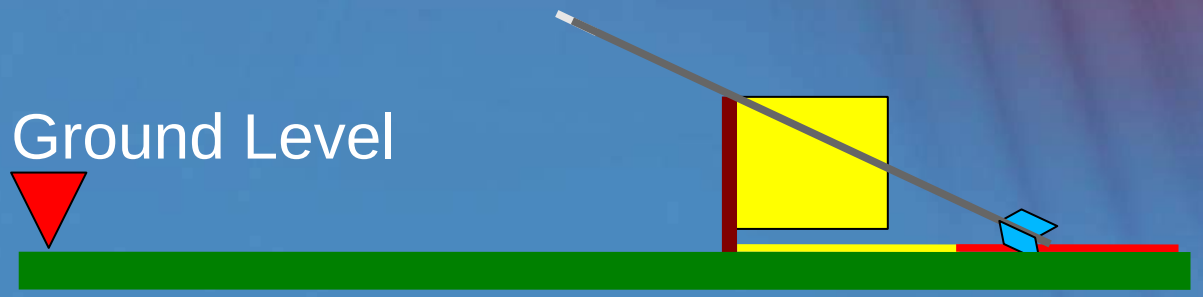
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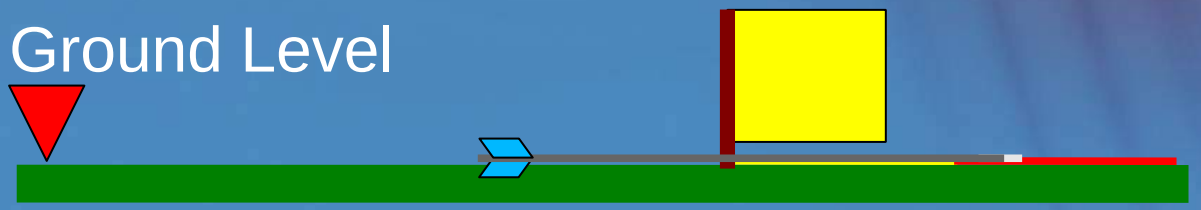
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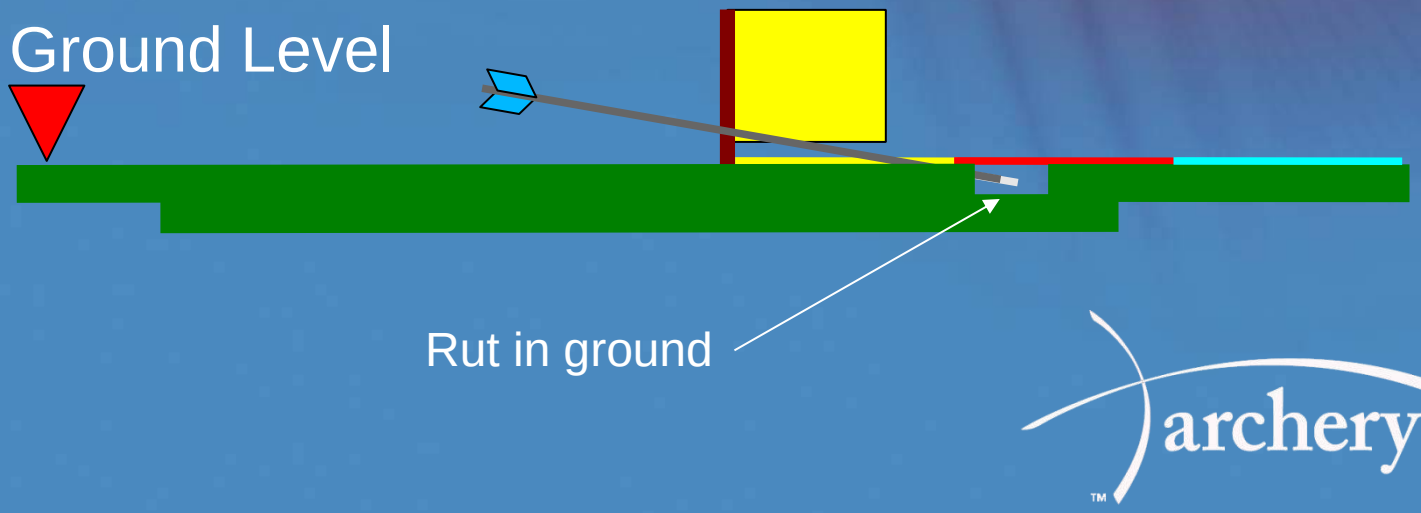
Value ? *4 Points*



Scoring of Arrows

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Value ? *5 Points*

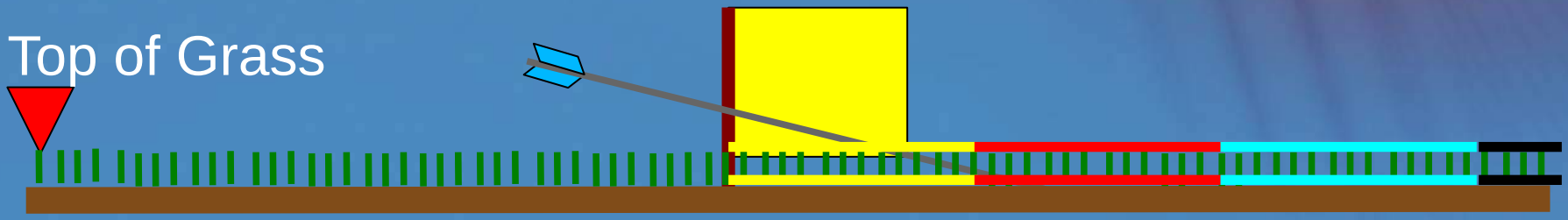


Scoring of Arrows

What value would you award to the arrow in the following situation

Value ? *4 Points*

Push grass down to find where arrow enters the ground



Scoring of Arrows

Which arrow would win the best Clout

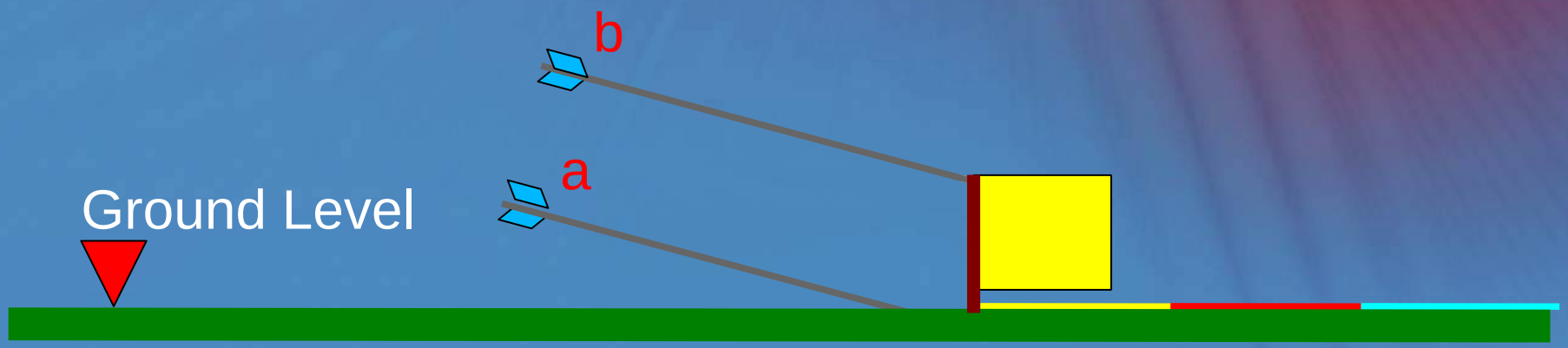
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Scoring of Arrows

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Possible problems



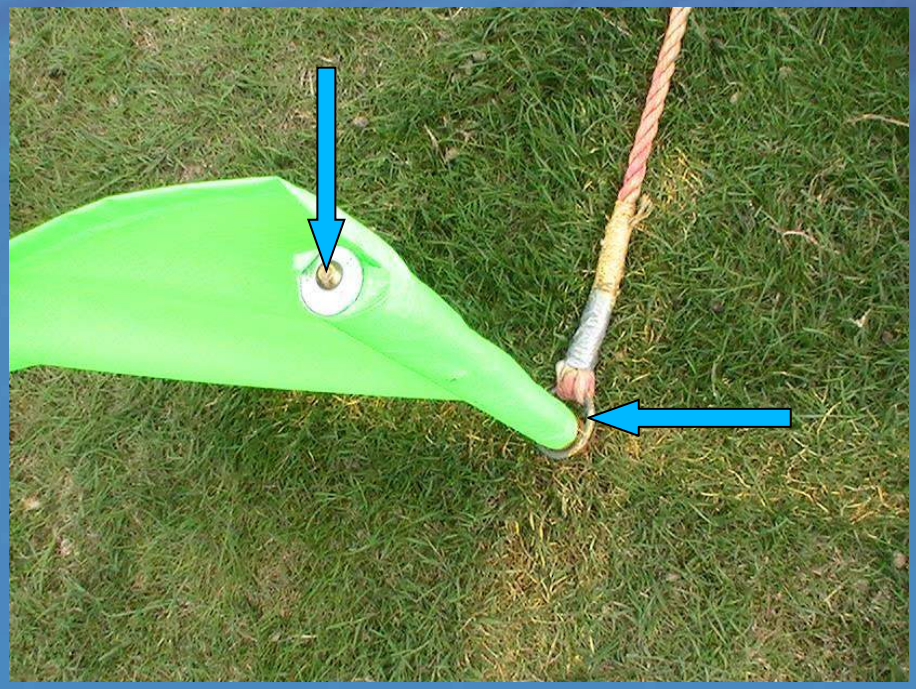
Problem

Rope attachment to clout pole is a metal fixing which could damage arrows or deflect them out of the scoring zone(s).

Remedy

This rope should be replaced if possible, or remove it from the post between scoring ends.

Possible problems



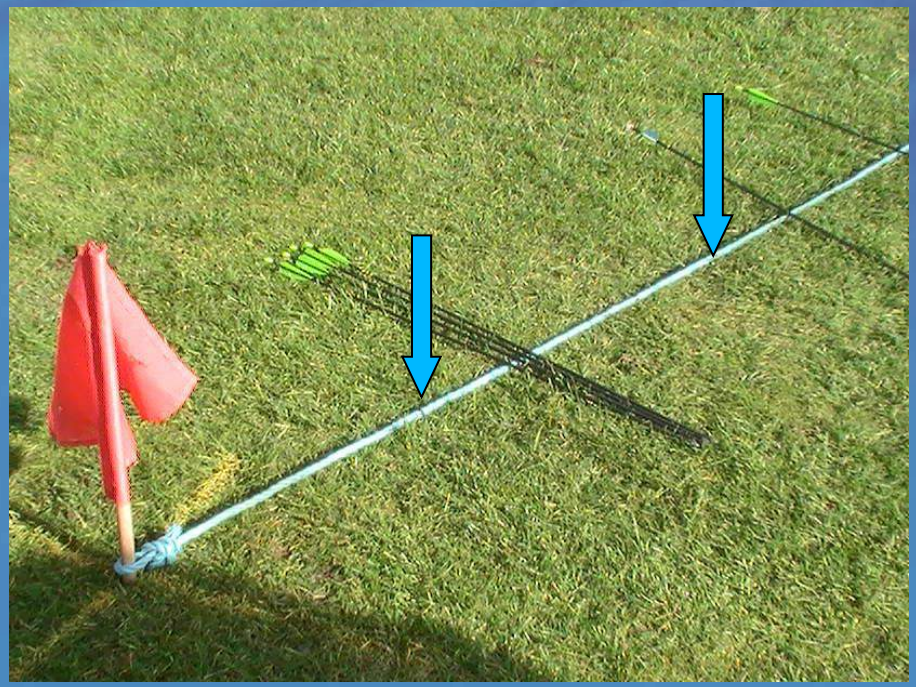
Problem

Rope attachment to clout pole is a metal fixing & the pole looks to contain a metal bar, both of which could damage arrows or deflect them out of the scoring zone(s).

Remedy

Replace the pole & either replace the rope if possible, or remove it from the post between scoring ends.

Possible problems



Problem

The rope only has a black mark to indicate the division between scoring zones.

Remedy

Replace the rope if possible, if not, be vigilant during scoring for possible miscalls. Advise organiser of correct procedure for marking rope.

Possible problems



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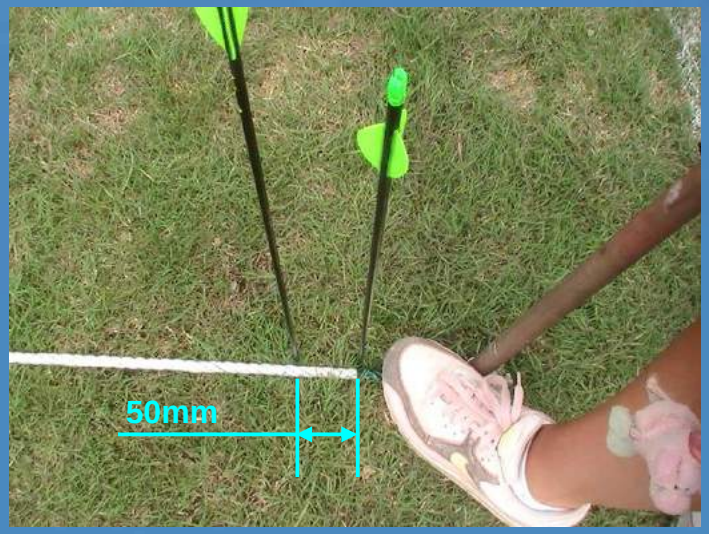
The archers are within the scoring zone collecting arrows, but still have arrows in their quivers.

Remedy

Tell the archers to come out of the scoring zone and remove the arrows from their quivers. Once this is done they may return and continue scoring.

Possible problems





Problem

The extent of the rope with no pressure on is marked by an arrow. When pressure is applied the rope stretches (about 50mm in this case).

Remedy

Replace the rope. If this is not possible you must determine the best way to check that the rope is not stretched while arrows are being collected.

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Clout Sights

Due to the distances shot in clout very few archers can shoot using a conventional sight arrangement, which means most of the sights you will see on a shooting line are custom built to suit the individual archer.

This can mean that some sights push the boundary of what is legal, so you need to check each sight carefully at equipment inspection for any discrepancies.

The following slides show a variety of legal and illegal sights

Clout Sights- Legal Recurve





Clout Sights – Legal Recurve



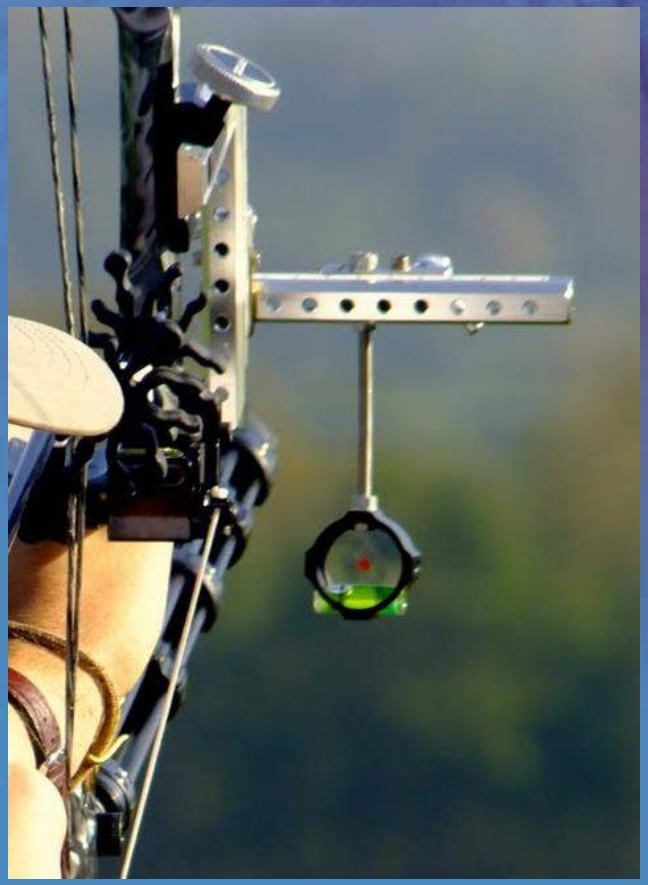


Clout Sights – Legal Recurve



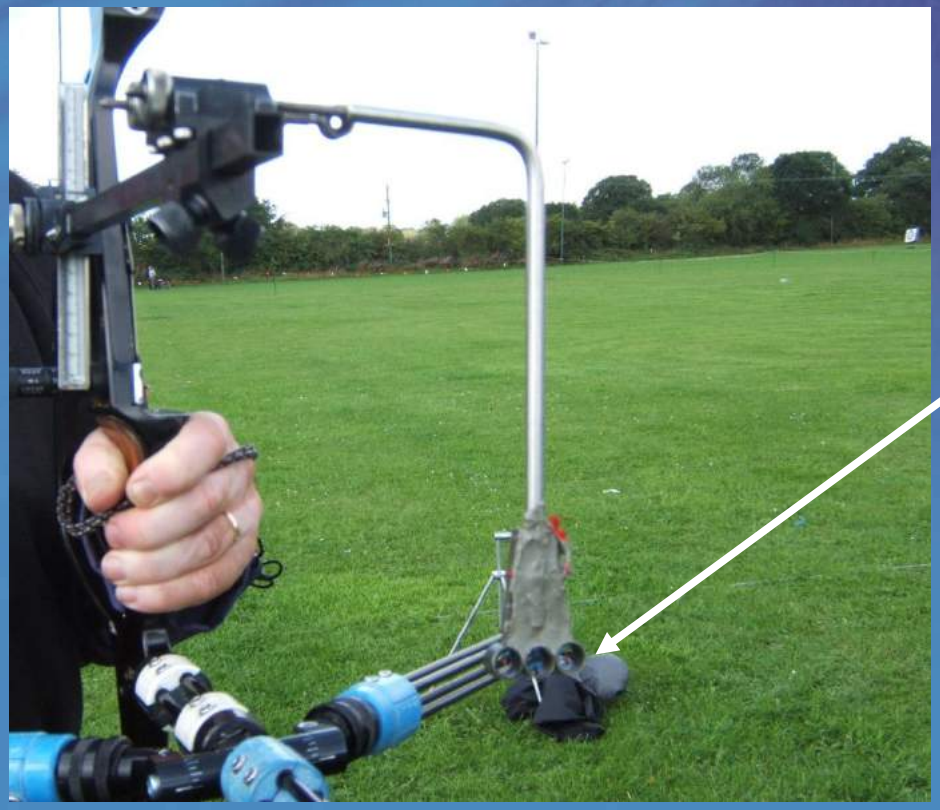
Clout Sights – Legal Compound







Clout Sights – Illegal Recurve



3 Sighting Points

Clout Sights – Illegal Recurve



Two sight points

Clout Sights – Illegal Recurve

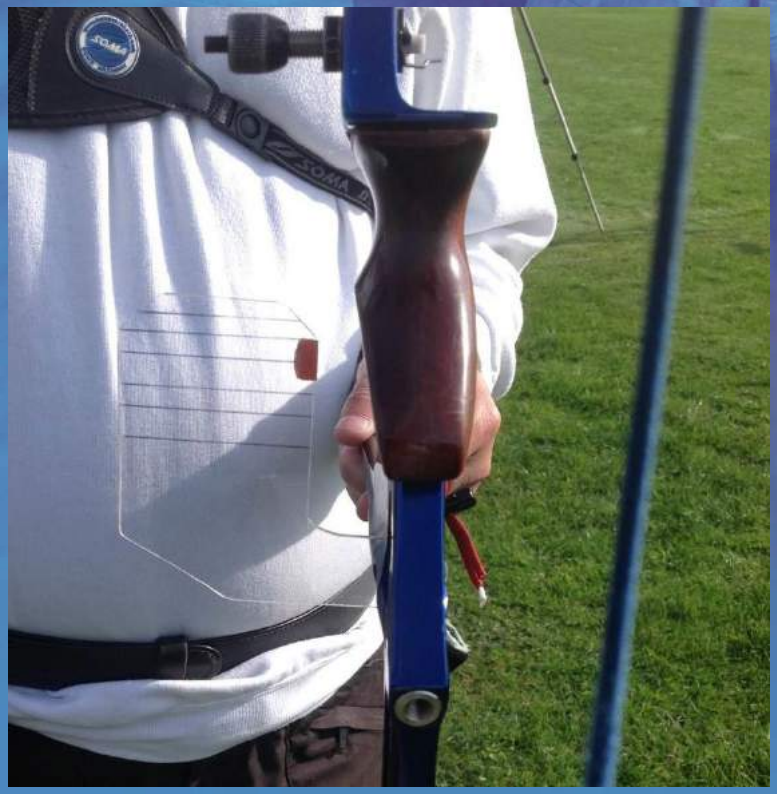






This sight contains two mirrors which create a prism
This is illegal for use on a Recurve but is legal on a Compound

Clout Sights – Illegal Recurve



Sight contains full length lines which act as multiple sight marks and can also aid levelling

Tassels

The Tassel Award for Clout archers has been in operation for some years now. First introduced in 1996 within the boundaries of Northern Counties and later adopted by Archery GB nationally. Although the scheme is nationally run, Northern Counties Archery Society administers the scheme and issues the awards.



Tassel Award qualifying scores for Archery GB Clout rounds

Badge	Longbow	Barebow	Recurve	Compound
White	25 - 49	50 - 74	75 -124	75 -124
Black	50 - 74	75 - 99	125 - 174	125 - 174
Blue	75 - 99	100 - 124	175 - 199	175 - 224
Red	100 - 124	125 - 149	200 - 224	225 - 274
Gold	125 - 149	150 - 174	225 - 249	275 - 299
Purple	150 +	175 +	250 +	300 +

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Tassels

Northern Counties introduced a Metric Tassel on the 1st January 2009 which will run on a similar basis to the existing scheme.

Tassel Award qualifying scores for Metric Clout rounds

Badge	Longbow	Barebow	Recurve	Compound
White	75 - 124	125 - 174	175 -224	175 -224
Black	125 - 174	175 - 224	225 - 274	225 - 274
Blue	175 - 199	225 - 249	275 - 299	275 - 299
Red	200 - 224	250 - 274	300 - 324	300 - 324
Gold	225 - 249	275 - 299	325 - 349	325 - 349
Purple	250 +	300 +	350 +	350 +

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Six Clout Badge

From the beginning of 2010 a 6 clout badge can now be claimed for any archer achieving a six clout end at a World Archery or Archery GB Metric clout.



Three Clout Badge

This award is for shooting three consecutive arrows, during competition, into the CLOUT.

The award is open to Longbow Archers and may be claimed at any WA or AGB metric Tassel



Clout Classifications

To gain a classification an Archer must shoot three rounds of, or better than, the qualifying scores as laid down by the NCAS.

Claims for Bowmen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class in all disciplines will be administered by the club.

Master and Grand Master Classifications can only be achieved at a Tournament holding Tassel award status.



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Clout Classifications

Archery GB Clout

CLASS	LONGBOW	BAREBOW	RECURVE	COMPOUND
3rd	15 – 39	40 – 89	65 - 114	75 – 124
2nd	40 – 64	900 – 114	115 - 164	125 – 164
1st	65 – 89	115 – 139	165 – 189	165 – 209
Bowman	90 – 114	140 – 164	190 - 214	210 – 234
MB	115 - 139	165 – 189	215 – 239	235 – 259
GMB	140 +	190 +	240 +	260 +

Clout Classifications

World Archery/Metric Clout

CLASS	LONGBOW	BAREBOW	RECURVE	COMPOUND
3rd	65 – 114	115 – 164	165 - 214	165 – 214
2nd	115 – 164	165 – 214	215 - 264	215 – 264
1st	165 – 189	215 – 239	265 – 289	265 – 289
Bowman	190 – 214	240 – 264	290 – 314	290 – 314
MB	215 - 239	265 – 289	315 – 339	315 – 339
GMB	240 +	290 +	340 +	340 +

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National Records

Can an Archer claim a record for a single Clout using the second round of a double Clout ?

Archery GB Clout

No – Only the first Clout and the double Clout are eligible for record claims.

World Archery Clout

Yes - 708. UK Records.

UK records will be maintained for single and double World Archery Clout and Archery GB Metric Clout rounds shot one way. Shooting may be in accordance with either the Archery GB shooting regimes specified in these Rules of Shooting or the World Archery shooting regimes. **The round need not be the first round of the day.**

Thank you

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