

Archery GB Handicap and Classification changeover procedures for 2023

This document details the procedure for changing to the new handicap and classification schemes released by Archery GB for 2023 onwards.

Handicaps

The handicap scheme is changing in a number of ways such that old scores and handicaps are incompatible with new ones. Guidance for calculating and updating handicaps with the new scheme is given in SAP 9

Since archers can have 2 handicaps (indoor and outdoor) based on different time frames this changeover will occur in two stages:

Outdoor Handicaps

- On 1st January 2023 all archers will have their outdoor handicaps archived. All archers will be treated as new to the scheme.
- Archers receive a starting outdoor handicap after shooting three eligible rounds, as detailed in SAP 9
- Following this handicaps will be continuously updated with each round shot as detailed in SAP 9
- Handicaps will be re-assessed on 1st January 2024 (and subsequent years) using the best three rounds from the previous season as detailed in SAP 9

Indoor Handicaps

- Indoor handicaps will continue to be calculated using the old handicap scheme and tables for the remainder of the 2022-2023 indoor season.
- Tables for indoor rounds using the new handicap scheme will be released prior to the end of the 2022/2023 indoor season (30th June 2023).
- On 1st July 2023 all archers will have their indoor handicaps archived. All archers will be treated as new to the scheme.
- Archers receive a starting indoor handicap after shooting three eligible rounds, as detailed in SAP 9
- Following this handicaps will be continuously updated with each round shot as detailed in SAP 9
- Handicaps will be re-assessed on 1st July 2024 (and subsequent years) using the best three rounds from the previous season as detailed in SAP 9

Classifications

The outdoor target classification scheme is changing in a number of ways such that old scores and classifications are incompatible with new ones.

Guidance for calculating and updating classifications using this new scheme is given in SAP 7

- On 1st January 2023 all archers will have their outdoor classifications archived. All archers will be treated as new to the scheme, initially being *Unclassified*.
- Archers receive an initial outdoor classification after shooting the requisite scores defined by the new system, as detailed in SAP 7
- Following this classifications will be updated with further rounds shot as detailed in SAP 7
- Classifications will be re-assessed on 1st January 2024 (and subsequent years) using an archer's best three rounds from the previous season, as detailed in SAP 7. Archers then hold this classification for the subsequent season or until improved upon. Archers who have not shot three eligible rounds during the previous season will be re-assessed as *Unclassified* as detailed in SAP 7

- The only exception is archers who achieved Master Bowman or Grand Master Bowman status during 2022. This status will apply for 2023 for the purposes of invitation to the Archery GB Masters Tournament 2023.