

Field Archery - Introduction of shorter target distances ("Pegs") to encourage participation.

Background:

In Field Archery, the distances being shot are arranged depending on the target face size being shot, and whether the Field Course is a "marked" (i.e. distances are known) or "Unmarked" (distances are unknown) round.

The shooting positions that competitors shoot from are arranged by colour to determine who shoots (bowstyle/age) from which coloured ground marker or peg.

It has been recognised, from historic practice that introducing some new shooting position colours and shorter distances encourages greater participation at all ages.

With the above in mind, Archery GB are to introduce into the Rules of Shooting some new ground marker colours. These will be available to be used at Tournament Organisers discretion and will not have any records or badge schemes attached to them.

To ensure that no advantage is gained by having these additional shooting positions and to enable events to utilise this format, rules need to be implemented and applied.

Below is a set of recommendations that would allow the use of these additional shooting positions which will be identified with ground markers that should ensure that all can participate without giving advantage / disadvantage to others.

Additional shooting position options

- Standard pegs (ground markers may be used) that should be placed are for Red and Blue shooting positions only
- White pegs are a standard peg, but only included if Juniors are shooting this peg or Novices have requested that peg and the Tournament Organiser is able to include these shooting positions
- Yellow, Green and Pink shooting positions are optional and may be used where the entries require and the Tournament organisers wishes to include.

These **3 additional shooting positions** shall be marked by the appropriately coloured flat ground marker of no more than 25mm height and 15cm squared and **positioned on the ground in such a way that they are not easily visible from the Red and Blue pegs** or ground markers

The ground markers should be secured with one or more pegs protruding not more than 35mm from the ground

All additional shooting positions, (Yellow, White, Green and Pink) should be shot after all archers shooting red and blue have completed and the additional shooting positions would be shot in the following order:

Yellow, White, Green, Pink

Advancement to longer distances / pegs

Novices and Juniors should be able to start Field archery at whatever shooting position they feel comfortable with. While an individual should make the decision when to advance to the longer pegs,

it is recommended that this is done when a score of 200+ is being achieved on any single round shot. The archer should, once a 200+ has been scored, move to a longer (or maximum shooting position) the next time a shoot is entered (for clarification advancement to the next colour is done at the next event, and not within the same event if it is a two day event).

Competency

Field Archery consists of shooting at targets laid out over mixed terrain and may require persons to be able to ascend and descend significant slopes on slippery ground un-aided whilst carrying all shooting equipment. The archers must have a full understanding of the rules of shooting and be able to judge distances, set sight marks and shoot unaided in a safe manner. For young participants, a parent, guardian or responsible adult will be required to accompany the young archer, however this is for safeguarding requirements only and the parent / guardian is not allowed to provide assistance in any form on record status or Arrowhead tournaments

Peg positions

Existing Pegs

Shooting position	Style / age category	Unmarked round distances	Marked round distances
Red	Sighted Bows	10-15 15-25 20-35 35-55	10-15-20 20-25-30 35-40-45 50-55-60
Blue	Bows without sights	5-10 10-20 15-30 30-45	5-10-15 15-20-25 30-35-40 40-45-50

Adjusted Shooting position

Shooting position	Style / age category	Unmarked round distances	Marked round distances
White (adjusted)	U15 unsighted U12 Novices Adults	5-10 5-15 10-20 15-25	5-7-10 10-12-15* 15-20-25 20-25-30

New shooting positions

Shooting position	Style / age category	Unmarked round distances	Marked round distances
Yellow (as per current Arrowhead pegs)	Advanced novices	5-10 10-15 15-25 20-35	5-10-15 10-15-20 20-25-30 30-35-40
Green	Under 10's	5-7 5-8 5-10 10-15	5-6-7 7-8-9 9-10-12 10-12-15
Pink	Under 8's	5 6 8 10	5 6 8 10