



## SOUTHERN COUNTIES ARCHERY SOCIETY



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Dear Colleagues,

As from the 1st April 2016 the new Archery GB Rule Changes come into effect. The new bits are highlighted in blue. They are

1) Rule 304 (e)

Amended to allow for "other" metric rounds to be shot in 3 or 6 arrow ends.

“(e) Composition of Ends

(i) For all Imperial rounds, the Long Metric rounds and the two longest distances of the **Metric I-V rounds**, six arrows shall be shot at an end.

(ii) For other Metric rounds either three or six arrows may be shot at an end.”

2) Rule 304 (f) (ii)

Amended to allow the use of timing control systems (lights and countdown clocks) alongside audible timing signals for all rounds shot under Method 2 timing.

“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.** The sequence and arrangements are as follows:

a. Two audible signals for archers in the first detail to take their positions on the shooting line. **Lights are to show RED**

b. After 10 seconds one audible signal for shooting to commence. **Lights are to show GREEN.**

c. After 3 minutes 30 seconds (if 6 arrows are to be shot) or 1 minutes and 30 seconds (if 3 arrows are to be shot), **lights are to show YELLOW**, indicating there are 30 seconds shooting time remaining.

d. After 4 minutes (if 6 arrows are to be shot) or 2 minutes (if 3 arrows are to be shot), or earlier if shooting line is clear, 2 audible signals indicate that the archers remaining on the shooting line shall retire and the next detail take their place. **Lights are to show RED**

- e. After 10 seconds one audible signal for the second detail to commence shooting. **Lights are to show GREEN.**
- f. And so continue until all details have shot when 3 audible signals shall indicate that archers are to move forward to score and collect arrows. **Lights are to show RED**
- g. An arrow shot before or after the allotted time will be considered as part of that end and will cause the archer to lose the highest scoring arrow of that end which will be scored as a miss.
- h. The time allowed for an archer to shoot each make-up arrow shall be 40 seconds”

So if a competition is being shot Method 2 then traffic lights and/or countdown clocks can be used, but they do not have to be.

All Record Status Indoor Shoots must be shot to Method 2, but for Record Status Outdoor shots either Method 1 or Method 2 can be used.

### 3) Rule 308

Amendments to introduce new 72 arrow single distance metric rounds for Juniors.

Table 3-2A has been added detailing the new rounds.

There are also changes to Table 3-4 and Rule 308(b) and 308(c).

### 4) Rule 504 (p)

A new rule for Field Archery which is included to clarify that where both unmarked and marked rounds are to be shot on predominantly the same course, the unmarked round must be shot first.

**“At any event where both an unmarked round and a marked round are being shot on predominately the same course, the unmarked round is to be shot first.”**

The official information from Archery GB can be found here -

<http://www.archerygb.org/news/6966.php#.VwVf4s72bIV> and a new version of the Rule Book can be found here -

[http://www.archerygb.org/documents\\_governance.php?folderid=2708&includeref=doclist1198](http://www.archerygb.org/documents_governance.php?folderid=2708&includeref=doclist1198)

Please make sure you update any electronic or paper version that you have of the Rule Book.

If you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to contact me, Graham or Hannah

Kind regards  
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