

County of Warwick Archery Association

(AFFILIATED TO ARCHERY GB AND W.M.A.S.)

COUNTY AND VISITORS FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 INCORPORATING THE WMAS FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS UK RECORD STATUS

Date: Sunday 11th October 2026
Venue: Merlin Field Archers. Melbourn Rd, Ashby-de-la-Zouch LE65 1RS
(Map to be issued with the Target List)
Round: WA Marked Field Round
Lord/Lady Paramount: TBC
Chairman of Judges: Andy Stanford
Judges: TBC
Programme: Assembly at 10.00am – Start shooting 10.20am
Practice Targets, registration, and equipment inspection available from 9.00am.

Entries: The closing date for entries is Saturday 4th October 2026 – spaces limited to 96 archers. Entry Fees £15 Senior, £10 Junior. Entry via the Sport80 portal. Late entries may be accepted if space permits. No refunds will be issued for any withdrawals after the 5th October 2026. [Archery GB | Get Involved: Clubs, Competitions & Performance](#)

Archery GB Membership Cards will be required to be shown for insurance purposes.

Archery GB Dress regulations do not apply – please dress appropriately for the weather – bright colour is recommended for a field shoot.

Directions: Will be issued in the week prior to the shoot with the Target List.

Awards: Will be made as follows to Archers who shoot the pegs specified in the table under Shoot Format and Course:

Trophies will be awarded to the 1st CWAA Archer in each of the following categories

- Ladies Freestyle Recurve
- Ladies Compound Unlimited
- Ladies Barebow
- Open Freestyle Recurve
- Open Compound Unlimited
- Open Barebow

Separate medals will be awarded for the CWAA Championships, the WMAS Championships and the Visitors division for non CWAA and WMAS members, in each recognised Archery GB bow type, dependent on the total number of entries in the division.

- 1 to 3 entries - 1 medal
- 4 to 5 entries - 2 medals
- 6 or more entries - 3 medals

Shoot format and course: The course will comprise 24 targets of 2 standard WA marked units (The Merlin course has 28 butts, but only 24 will be used). For those who have not shot there before, Merlin's course is entirely within very sheltered mature woodland with a few gentle slopes, and is entirely suitable for both experienced and novice field archers.

The pegs for each classification and age group for the purposes of the awards will be as the following table:

Group	Recurve Freestyle	Recurve Barebow	Recurve Traditional	Longbow	American Flatbow	Compound Limited	Compound Unlimited	Compound Barebow
Ladies and Open	Red	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Red	Red	Blue
Juniors U18	Red	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Red	Red	Blue
Juniors U16	Blue	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Yellow
Juniors U15	Yellow	White	White	White	White	Yellow	Yellow	White
Juniors U14	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White
Juniors U12	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White

To be eligible for an award, all Juniors may shoot the appropriate peg for their age and bow class, as specified above, or may shoot from a colour of peg that is of greater distance than that specified. For the awards, all Juniors age groups will be taken together within each bow type.

The distances and face sizes for each peg colour will be as per the April 2026 version of the AGB Rules of Shooting, the table from, which is also included in the attached Guidance Notes.

Novices: as we again wish to encourage participation by those who have not yet tried, or are inexperienced at field archery, any Archer, Senior or Junior, may shoot at one of the shorter distance colour pegs than specified above for their group, however if they elect to do so, they will not be eligible for awards. Archers wishing to shoot at a shorter distance should contact secretary@cwaa.org.uk as this information cannot be entered into the entry form.

Butts on the course will be layered foam.

Refreshments: The availability of any refreshments will be confirmed on the Target List.

Drug testing: 'Record Status Shoots will be liable for drug testing and competitors approached to give samples must comply: If they refuse, that refusal will be treated as a positive result. The signature of a Parent or Legal Guardian consenting to a junior archer being tested for drugs is required if they will not be attending (NOTE This must be Parent or Legal Guardian - a senior archer accompanying the child cannot give this consent.). An address should also be provided where they can be contacted in case of problems.

Photography: Forms will be available for completion on the day for registering the name and contact details of anyone wishing to use photographic/filming equipment (including mobile phone cameras).

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR THOSE ARCHERS WHO HAVE NOT SHOT FIELD BEFORE AND GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

On arrival, please register at the Merlin Archers Club House and present your equipment to the Judges for inspection.

There will be practice available from **9.00 am to 10.00** am with targets close to the Car Park.

Archers will be divided into groups of four and allocated to a starting target. Following assembly and introductions, groups will then proceed to starting points and start shooting on the whistle at 10.20am.

You will need to take all the equipment you need with you including spare arrows.

Shoot from as close to as practically possible behind the shooting line (this being an imaginary line drawn through the shooting peg parallel to the target), the colour peg being as appropriate to your Class and Junior Age, as outlined on the entry form or any alternative peg colour that you selected if you have entered as a Novice. The distances will be on the pegs. Please start scoring on the actual target number on your scoresheet. There will be two sets of scoresheets, which are to be completed by two different archers in each group and the target and running totals should be compared and checked by those scoring after each target. Please start your scoring on the assigned target number and have a separate running totals for targets 1 to 14 and 15 to 28.

We will shoot the course as one continuous round with refreshment breaks as you pass the Club House and target 14. The two archers listed first in each group will be the first pair and the second two the second pair. The first listed archer in each pair will stand on the left of the peg and second in each pair to the right. Pairs will alternate shooting first on each target. If there is a group of three then the single archer will shoot from the left of the peg unless they agree otherwise at the start of shooting. Archers shoot from the same side of the peg on all targets.

Three arrows are to be shot at each target. Please note that all arrows are to have the archer's name or initials.

The distances (in metres) and associated target face sizes in centimetres are as follows for each of the two 12 target units:

Number of Targets	Diameter of Field Faces in cm.	Distance in metres			
		White Post(s)	Yellow Post(s)	Blue Post(s)	Red Post(s)
3	20	5 - 7 - 10	5 - 10 - 15	5 - 10 - 15	10 - 15 - 20
3	40	10 - 12 - 15	10 - 15 - 20	15 - 20 - 25	20 - 25 - 30
3	60	15 - 20 - 25	20 - 25 - 30	30 - 35 - 40	35 - 40 - 4
3	80	20 - 25 - 30	30 - 35 - 40	40 - 45 - 50	50 - 55 - 60

The 80cm and 60 cm faces will be a single face on the butt, the 40 cm will have 4 faces arranged in 2 columns of 2, and the 20cm faces will be arranged as 4 columns of 3.

On the 40 cm faces the first archer up on the left shoots all of their arrows at the top left face, the first archer up on the right shoots the top right face, the second archer on the left shoots the bottom left face, and the second archer on the right shoots the bottom right face. On the 20 cm faces the first archer on the left shoots one arrow into each of the first column of faces, in any sequence, the first archer up on the right, the third column, the second archer up on the left, the second column and the second archer up on the right, the fourth column. Where an archer has 2 arrows in their column of 20 cm faces, the lower value is to be scored.

Please try to resolve any questions of line cutters, bouncers etc within your group (for bouncers, shoot another arrow) and if agreement cannot be reached, call one of the Judges. There are two score sheets per group and in case of discrepancy the lower score will prevail. Please check that the running totals on the two sets of score cards as you score each target to avoid problems at the end of the shoot. Correct any mistakes on individual arrow values before the arrows are drawn and both archers and scorer are to initial the changes which should be validated by a Judge when you next see one on the course. Scoring:

Inner yellow zone	Score 6
Outer yellow zone	Score 5
Inner black zone	Score 4
Next black zone	Score 3
Next black zone	Score 2
Outer black zone	Score 1
Miss	Score 0, mark M

In case of a lost arrow, search for a few minutes then move on. You can also search after the event. Do not stray too far from the target or you may enter the overshoot area from another target. Always leave an archer in front of the target whilst searching, to stop the next group from shooting before the target is clear. Do not overtake the group in front. If any equipment or arrows are found, please hand these in to the organisers at the first suitable opportunity.

Please do not retrace your footsteps, only leave the course at a safe point following the direction arrows. At certain points on the course there may be safety warning signs and safety barriers or ropes, which archers should not cross.

In case of equipment failure, the other archers in the group should shoot and score and then you may have up to 30 minutes to resolve your problem. Other groups may shoot through. Re-join as soon as practical to shoot your remaining arrows and then your group should continue round the course.

Only take a break as you pass the Refreshment Areas at Target 14 and between Targets 24 and 1.

At the end of the shoot please complete all parts of the score sheets, check, sign, and hand in both copies to the Organiser as soon as possible to minimise any delay in completion of the results. As noted above, in the event of discrepancy between the two score sheets, the lower score will be taken for the results.

Enjoy your shooting.