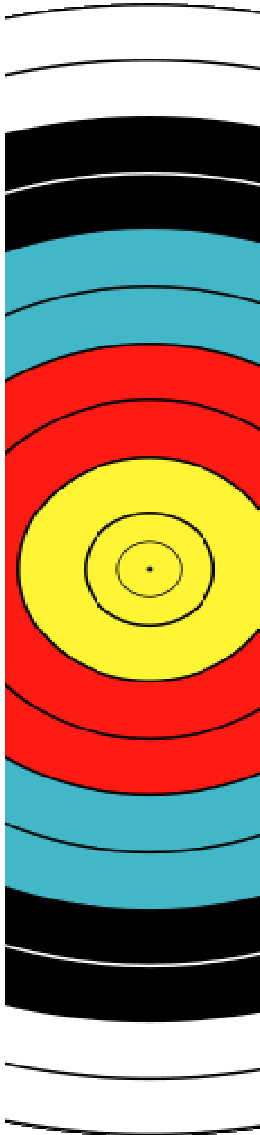




Target



The most common and easily recognisable form of archery, and where it starts for nearly all Archers.

Target is exactly as it sounds, where all archers shoot at a target a set distance away from them with the intention of getting as high a score as they can.

Scoring is carried out based on where the arrows hit the target; with more points on offer the closer to the centre the arrow strikes. There are five different coloured zones on the face of the target (outside to inside; white, black, blue, red and gold) set in a ringed pattern. Each zone is in turn divided into two, giving ten rings of increasing size from the centre outwards.

The maximum score for an arrow is 10 if it lands right in the centre circle of the gold, decreasing to 1 for the very outer white ring. No points at all in the unfortunate event of a miss!

The target itself is 122cm in diameter, meaning that the 10 scoring ring is only 12cm across. Pretty small when it could be up to 100 yds away from you! In Great Britain, there are also rounds with 5 scoring zones instead of 10; 1 for each colour and valued at 9, 7, 5, 3, 1 from gold out to white. Accuracy and consistency are key to target Archery, and there very often will be a difference of just 1 or 2 points between the leaders after a full day's shooting!

A tie will either be decided on the archer with the most 'golds' (10s or in British rounds 9s) or in a nail biting sudden death shoot off! The most recognizable and widely publicised target archery competition takes place every 4 years at the Olympic games, with the best Archers from all over the world competing for the coveted Gold Medal. There are many other tournaments around Britain and the world though, ranging from Beginner or club level to International qualification shoots.