

# Types of Archery

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## Target Archery

This is the most popular form of Archery in this Country and is also an Olympic sport in which the UK has had several successes both individually and in Team events.

Target archery takes place on flat terrain and consists of shooting a round. A round is a certain number of arrows shot at targets over one or more known distances of up to 90 metres/100 yards for men and 70 metres/80 yards for women. There are over 60 officially recognised rounds.

## Field Shooting

Derived from hunting, Field Archery takes place on a course of targets set out in rough terrain (usually woodland). Please note that hunting with archery equipment is strictly illegal in the UK.

Field archery can be likened to golf in that the approach to each target is different from the previous one, and you start at one point and complete a circuit of all the targets over variable terrain.

The shooting distances are either marked or unmarked. If shooting on an unmarked course, you estimate the distance and then set your sight accordingly. Estimating can sometimes be quite tricky as not only are the distances and terrain varied, but also the target sizes. Target sizes vary from 15cm. up to 80cm.

Unlike target archery where you shoot your arrows, score them, then walk back to the shooting line, in Field archery you shoot your arrows from a peg (a stake in the ground), walk to the target to score them, then walk on to the next peg ready to shoot the next target.

## Clout Shooting

Similar to target, except that the archer attempts to drop arrows at long range (180 yards for the men and 140 yards for women) into a series of circular scoring zones on the ground surrounding a marker flag (the clout). The circular zones form a giant target, with the zones nearer the flag scoring higher than those further out.

There are shorter distances for juniors depending on age.

## Flight Shooting

A form of archery that can only take place where space permits since archers compete by shooting for sheer distance. An ideal place is an airfield.

You normally shoot 2 dozen arrows in 6-arrow ends in a flight shoot.

When everyone has shot you all set off looking for your furthest arrow and then you flag it with an identifiable marker. When all arrows have been shot for the day you stand (or sit) by your furthest arrow until the judges get around to measuring it.

There are many different classes that you can shoot in, dependent on the type of bow you shoot and your draw weight.