

# NOVICE & DEVELOPMENT CLASS RULES 2024

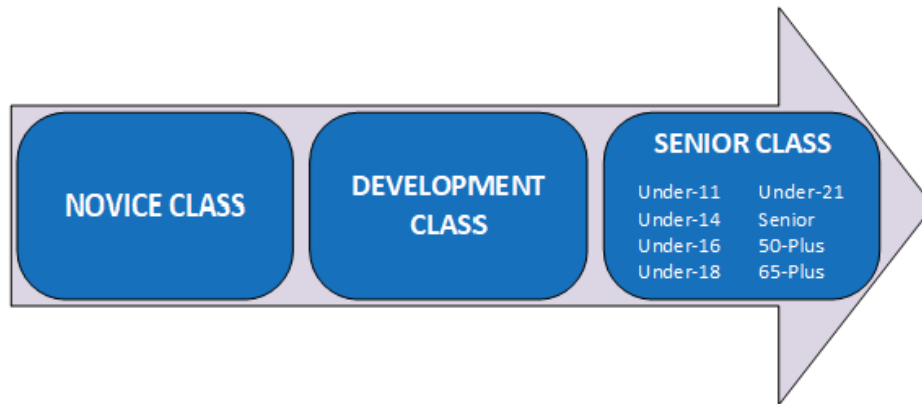
Archery NZ has refined the rules for the Novice and Development classes, to enhance participation in competitions and tournaments by archers new to the sport. Novice archers are those new to archery, and archers in the Development Class are early in their progression of the sport.

The two class levels are designed to achieve several goals:

- Create a pathway for archers;
- Allow all archers to aspire to and meet tangible targets in their archery;
- Create a more level playing field for archers new or early in their development in the sport; and
- Assist in the development and growth of archery into a mainstream sport in New Zealand.

## Rules

1. Archers are eligible to compete in the Novice class if they have completed an archery Beginners/Learn to shoot course or started archery within 18 months of the end of the current membership year (30 September), with automatic progression to Development Class in the following membership year.
2. Eligibility to compete in the Novice class is limited to one season. Novice archers will automatically progress to the Development Class in the following membership year.
3. Progression from Development to Open/other age classes will occur immediately after the archer has attained a single score equal to or higher than the identified Merit Score for the division (see below for scores) in competition.
3. Archers may choose to compete in 'higher' classes but not lower, e.g. Novice archers may choose to compete in the Development Class, or Open/other age classes directly.
4. Merit scores may be attained at registered minor or major tournaments.
5. Scores from previous seasons will be acknowledged. Therefore, if an archer has previously achieved a merit score in a given bow discipline, they will not be eligible for the development class for that discipline.
6. Existing full members may shoot in Novice or Development classes if they meet eligibility criteria.
7. An archer can be eligible for different classes for different bow divisions (Compound, Recurve, Barebow, Longbow).
  - A) An archer that competes in the Open or other age class for one bow-type division may compete in the Development class for a different division, provided they have not previously attained a score above the Merit score for that bow division.
  - B) An archer that competes in the Open or other age class for one division may not compete in the novice class for any division.
8. The required scores will be the same for all ages and genders within each discipline.



Archery Progression Pathway: Archers may elect to skip steps and compete in 'higher' classes.

**SHOOTING INFORMATION FOR NOVICE CLASS - same as the Under 14 age class for all rounds**

	WA 1440	WA720 (72 arrows round)
	Distance and Target Size	Distance & Target Size for Ranking & Match Play
RECURVE	40m 122cm 35m, 122cm 30m, 80cm (10-1) 25m, 80cm (10-1)	35m, 122cm
COMPOUND	40m 122cm 35m, 122cm 30m, 80cm (10-1) 25m, 80cm (10-1)	35m, 80cm (10-1)
BAREBOW TRADITIONAL LONGBOW	25m, 122cm 20m, 122cm 15m 80cm (10-1) 10m, 80cm (10-1)	20m, 122cm

	CLOUT	FIELD 3D PEG	FIELD TARGET PEG	WA 18m INDOOR Target Size
RECURVE	80m	Blue	Yellow	40cm
COMPOUND	80m	Blue	Yellow	40cm (inner 10 scoring)
BAREBOW TRADITIONAL LONGBOW	80m	Blue	Yellow	40cm

**SHOOTING INFORMATION FOR DEVELOPMENT CLASS**

	WA 1440		WA720 (72 arrows round)	
	Distance and Target Size	Merit Score for progressing to Open/Youth age class	Distance & Target Size for Ranking & Match Play	Merit Score for progressing to Open/Youth age class
RECURVE	55m 122cm 45m, 122cm 35m, 80cm (10-1) 25m, 80cm (10-1)	1040	50m, 122cm	530
COMPOUND	55m 122cm 45m, 122cm 35m, 80cm (10-5) 25m, 80cm (10-5)	1200	50m, 80cm (10-5)	540
BAREBOW TRADITIONAL LONGBOW	40m, 122cm 30m, 122cm 30m 80cm (10-1) 25m, 80cm (10-1)	840 Barebow 770 Traditional 700 Longbow	35m, 122cm	450 Barebow 420 Traditional 390 Longbow
	CLOUT	FIELD 3D PEG	FIELD TARGET PEG	WA 18m INDOOR Target Size
RECURVE	120m	Blue	Blue	40cm
COMPOUND	145m	Blue	Blue	40cm (inner 10 scoring)

BAREBOW TRADITIONAL LONGBOW	80m	Blue	Yellow	40cm
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### **ADJUSTED SCORES FOR DEVELOPMENT CLASS ELIGIBILITY**

Existing archers who have shot one or more scores higher than the below, are not eligible for entry to the Development class.

WA 1440 Round					
	90m 1440 Round	70m 1440 Round	60m 1440m Round	55m 1440 Round	40m 1440 Round
RECURVE	770	860	970	<b>1040</b>	1140
COMPOUND	1000	1080	1150	<b>1200</b>	1260
BAREBOW	410	480	590	690	<b>840</b>
TRADITIONAL	360	420	520	620	<b>770</b>
LONGBOW	320	370	470	560	<b>700</b>

Compound 72 Arrow Round (80cm target)			
	50m Round	45m Round	35m Round
COMPOUND	<b>540</b>	570	630

RECURVE/BAREBOW/TRADITIONAL/LONGBOW 72 Arrow Round (122cm target)					
	70m Round	60m Round	50m Round	45m Round	35m Round
RECURVE	370	440	<b>500</b>	530	590
BAREBOW	180	240	310	350	<b>450</b>
TRADITIONAL	150	210	280	320	<b>420</b>
LONGBOW	130	180	250	290	<b>390</b>

Note: **Bold scores** indicate the standard distances for the Development Class.