



Scottish  
Archery

# Awards Scheme



# Guidebook

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## Introduction

One of the main issues we currently face within archery is a high turnover of membership. Over a 2 year period roughly 60% of members move on. Despite this the sport and clubs are still growing, if we are able to do more to retain members within clubs then the sport and our clubs can grow and thrive.

There are already many awards schemes available to members, the majority of these tend to be based on competition results or scores gained when entering these events. This is no doubt attractive to those members that are competitive and enjoy travelling to record status shoots.

What we are looking to implement is an awards scheme that can be accessed within club time and potentially a lot quicker for newer members. Currently they would need to wait until they were at a standard they perceive to be good enough before entering a competition. It would also mean that members with no interest in going to competitions can still see progression and gain some badges as they progress.

This scheme is designed for outdoor archery, for indoors we would recommend participating in the postal league.

We recognise it may take a number of years for new members to progress through all the award levels and this is by design because we want to provide a long term programme for progression within clubs.

## Aims

The following aims are tied to the overall strategy of retaining more members within the sport.

- More members engaging with a programme
- More members encouraged to progress and stay within the sport and earn awards as they progress
- Create links to higher level events as archers progress to the top level (working up to the 720 distances helps)
- Have an easy format that can be run during club time
- Provide opportunities for potential judges to assist with scoring in a low pressure environment
- Create opportunities for potential TO's to run a simple club/local shoot using the award scheme
- Provide a tool for coaches to help track improvement.

## Levels

As you can see from the picture of the model there are 5 levels within the award based on the colours of the target face (White, Black, Blue, Red, Gold). Within each level there are also 4 progress markers so archers can track how close they are to completing the level they are on.

Awards will be handed out on completion of the full level, archers can track their progress at each progress marker using the progress logbook which can be signed off by a coach/club committee member depending on how each club chooses to administer the awards. There are also certificates at the back of this document that clubs can either print or digitally present to members when they achieve the progress marker scores.

### **Claiming an Award**

Each club should have a set person that fills in the claim form for awards. This should be sent in once a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. If it arrives later it will put into the following month for processing. This way it should be relatively easy for Scottish Archery to administer and send out awards to the clubs without impacting significantly on staff time. If we do end up significantly impacting staff time then we will need to look at setting up a volunteer group to administer the scheme similar to our records group.

For the progress markers within each level clubs may wish to acknowledge this achievement themselves and are free to do so with certificates or anything else that they may want to award.

### **Age group**

This award scheme is designed for all ages. For juniors the recurve distances are progressive in line with the age group 720 distances (50m Cub, 60m Cadet). For archers of any age though it will assist with their development and progression.

### **Club time or competition**

The awards scheme 3 doz round is designed to fit into a typical club session. There is also scope for clubs to use the format for local level non record status competitions if they want to. For example they could offer the opportunity to shoot two of the 3 doz rounds which gives archers 2 opportunities to achieve an award score but it will also allow them to see their 720 round score albeit potentially at shorter distances.

## Awards Scheme Rules

The rules are designed to be relatively simple and should be adaptable for clubs to use within their sessions.

### Rounds

All levels of the award scheme are based on a 3 dozen round using a 122cm face (compound 80cm)

Clubs can decide how many arrows per end works for them. i.e it could be 12 ends of 3 or 6 ends of 6.

If time allows archers should be offered some practice arrows (sighters) as part of the warm up and preparation.

To achieve an award the archer should have recorded 3 scores on or above the target levels below.

**Table 1. Distances**

| Bow/Level | White | Black | Blue | Red | Gold |
|-----------|-------|-------|------|-----|------|
| Recurve   | 20m   | 30m   | 50m  | 60m | 70m  |
| Compound  | 20m   | 30m   | 40m  | 45m | 50m  |
| Barebow   | 20m   | 30m   | 40m  | 45m | 50m  |
| Longbow   | 20m   | 30m   | 50m  | 60m | 70m  |

**Table 2. Score thresholds**

| Bow/Level | White | Black | Blue | Red | Gold |
|-----------|-------|-------|------|-----|------|
| Recurve   | 300   | 300   | 300  | 300 | 300  |
| Compound  | 320   | 320   | 320  | 320 | 320  |
| Barebow   | 250   | 250   | 250  | 250 | 250  |
| Longbow   | 90    | 90    | 90   | 90  | 90   |

### Progress Markers

The club can choose how to acknowledge anyone meeting the progress markers within each award. The club can also decide how best to sign off the logbooks whether that is carried out by a coach or committee member or someone else within the club. We have included certificates for the progress markers so the club can fill them in and present them to archers at club sessions if they wish to do so. This can be done by printing them out or some may prefer a digital copy for social media etc. The progress marker scores can be viewed at the back of this document.

### Frequency

How often the club offers the chance to achieve award scheme scores is entirely up to them, it could be available in every session or it may suit better if it is once a week or once a month.

## **Scoring**

We have provided a sample score card that can be used, ideally archers would mark each others score cards and then sign it at the bottom before submitting to their club. Clubs may wish to have score cards signed by a specific person within the club and are free to implement this in a way that works for them.

## **Application for awards**

Once a month each club has the opportunity to submit details of anyone that has completed an award level to Scottish Archery using the online form provided. Submissions must come through the club and individual applications won't be accepted. The awards will then be sent direct to the club so they can present them at a club night.

## **Claims at competitions**

If you are taking part in a competition such as a WA720 at 70m, you may submit 2 scores from this (1<sup>st</sup> 3 doz and 2<sup>nd</sup> 3doz) as scores towards the Gold badge. As before this will need to come via your club so you will either need to provide your club with a copy of your scoresheet or a link to online results so the claim can be verified.

Clubs may also choose to hold more social competitions specifically for the purpose of shooting award scheme scores. For example Club A may choose to host a short competition for anyone in their area working towards the black level award. Again the score sheet should still be shown to your own club so they can submit any award claims for you.

## **Award Scheme FAQ's**

### **What if no one in my club is willing to take on the role of submitting award claims?**

If you are keen to take part in the award scheme we would recommend you take on the role of submitting claims, it is also a great way to get involved and support your club.

### **I'm a junior and not sure how to collect and submit award claims, could a parent take on the role?**

Yes, this would be fine, even if your parent is not a member of Scottish Archery themselves.

### **I'm already an accomplished archer shooting the Gold level distances, can I go back and claim the other awards?**

This isn't the aim of the awards scheme. We want archers working towards progression at their own level, going back the way would not be in line with this. If you are really keen to have all the awards below the level you are at then the lower levels can be purchased by contacting us.

### **If I achieve the Gold level award what is there for me?**

We are working towards having a higher level award that sits above Gold. At this level you can also earn World Archery awards from entering WRS competitions.

### **How much will it cost for me to take part in the award scheme?**

The scheme is free for members and is essentially a benefit of your membership fee to Scottish Archery. The only exception being where a member wants to purchase the awards for the levels below where they are currently.

### **What about Indoor?**

We are looking ahead to the indoor season in 2021 with a view to having a version of the awards scheme in place by then.

### **What if my club won't allow me the target space/time to take part in the award scheme?**

While this would be unfortunate, most of our clubs have ample outdoor space to allow for someone to shoot 3 doz arrows at their distance level. Some clubs may want to partner on this though if it makes it easier to facilitate. Ultimately if there are any issues or problems we would ask you to get in touch with us.

**The club I am a member of isn't currently affiliated to Scottish Archery, can I take part?**

Unfortunately no. If you are a direct member you would still require to take part at a club that is fully registered. Again this is where clubs may want to come together and allow direct members the opportunity to take part.

**Can I use this as a coaching tool to help archers I'm working with to see their progress?**

Yes we would very much encourage this.

**I can complete the 3 doz quite quickly, is there scope to use the award scheme distances for a 6 doz arrow competition?**

Yes there is, we would encourage local events that are designed to encourage participation. If a shorter distance allows more people to take part then this is great. Even with a 720 round (6 doz) it can be split into two 3doz rounds on the score card so awards can still be claimed.

**What can I do if I'm just not progressing and my scores are stagnating?**

We would recommend getting some advice and feedback from a licensed coach in the first instance. If your club doesn't have anyone then speaking to an experienced archer can also be beneficial. There are also plenty of online tutorials available to assist with developing technique.

**What if I shoot more than 1 bow type?**

You can earn the awards for all 4 bow types if you want to.





# White Award

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Achieved the progress marker score of

Signed



# Black Award

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Achieved the progress marker score of

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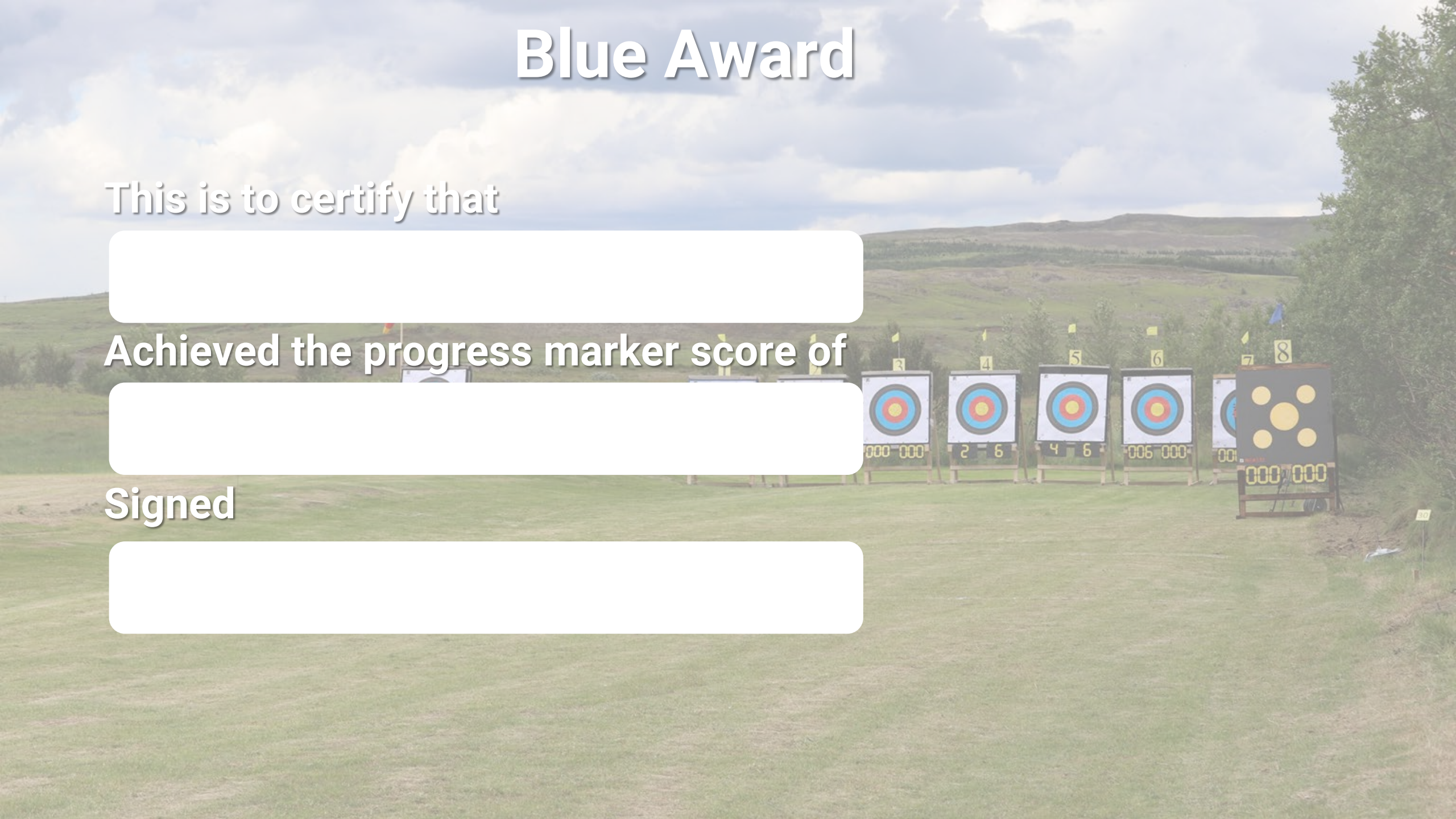
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# Blue Award

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Achieved the progress marker score of

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# Red Award

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# Gold Award

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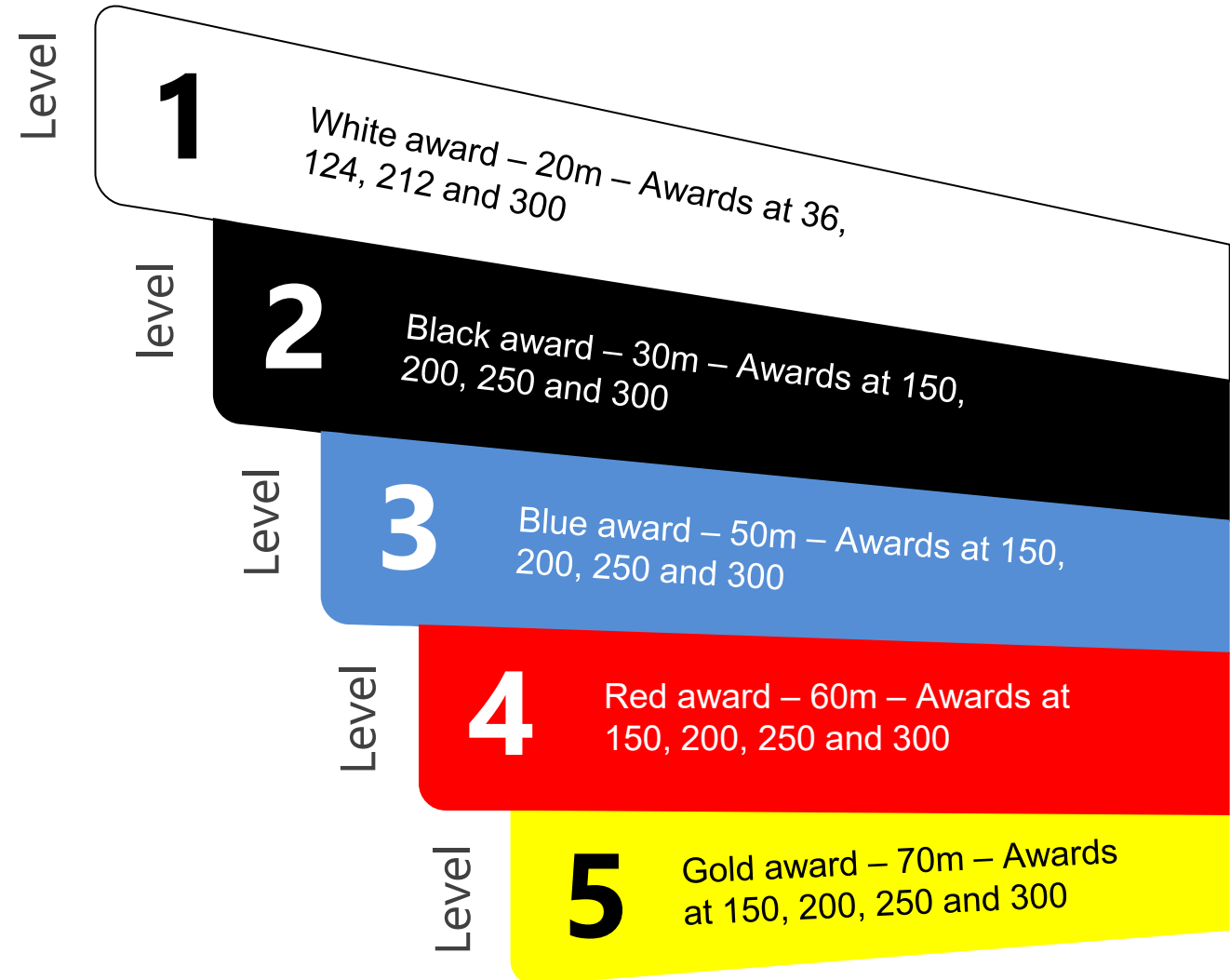
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# Scottish Archery Awards scheme - Recurve

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## Levels

Archers have the opportunity to shoot at the level relevant to them and gain progress awards as they develop. All rounds are based on 3 doz arrows.

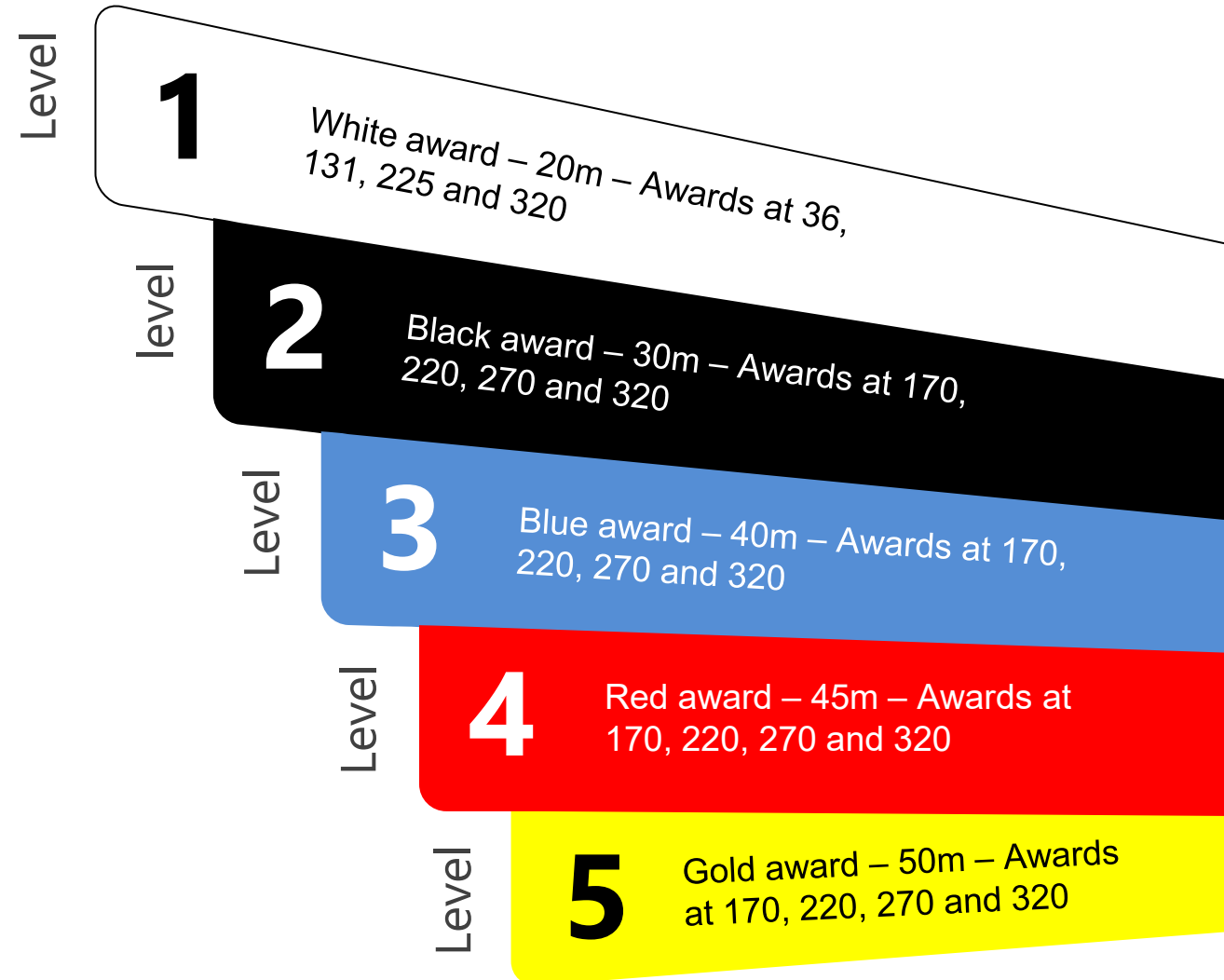


# Scottish Archery Awards scheme - Compound

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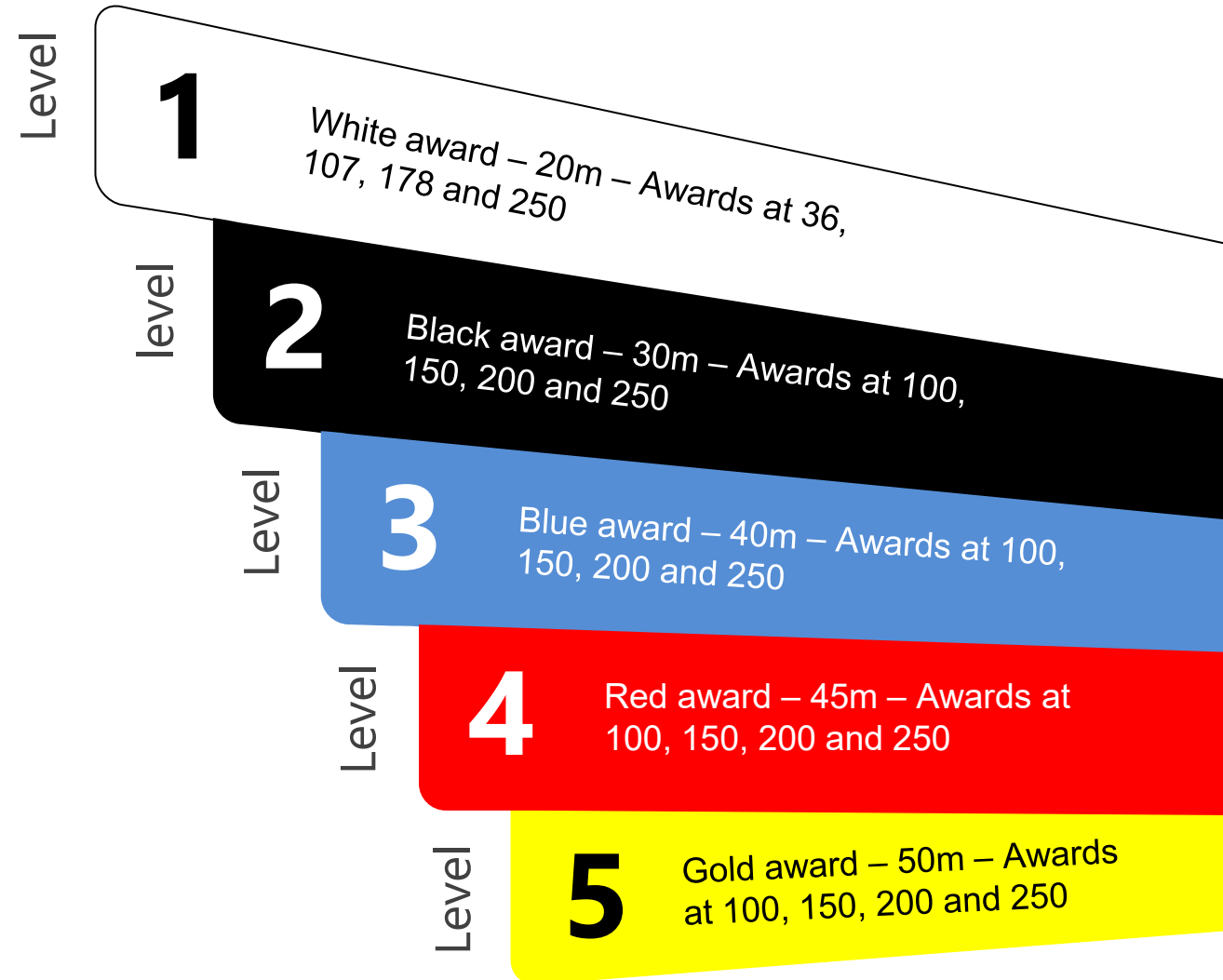


# Scottish Archery Awards scheme - Barebow

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## Levels

Archers have the opportunity to shoot at the level relevant to them and gain progress awards as they develop. All rounds are based on 3 doz arrows.





# Scottish Archery Awards scheme - Longbow

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## Levels

Archers have the opportunity to shoot at the level relevant to them and gain progress awards as they develop. All rounds are based on 3 doz arrows.

