

# *ARCHERY IN THE SCA, AN INTRODUCTION*



“SCA Archery and Thrown Weapons activities are open to participants of all ages.

SCA archers use materials and methods available to period archers. This includes a focus on natural materials such as wood and feathers in our bows and arrows. Archers use recurve bows, crossbows, and longbows. Certain types of modern equipment like compound bows, and accessories like stabilizers and sights are not allowed in our archery activities to keep the playing field more level and medieval.

Throughout the time period that we recreate, archery was used for hunting and in wartime. In addition to shooting at traditional archery ‘bullseye’ targets to score points, SCA archery competitions are often designed to mimic situations faced by medieval archers. These might include shooting at painted targets of charging warriors, or shoots where archers must hit targets representing the small slotted windows on a fortress.” – SCA.org

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## Combat Archery versus Target Archery

- Different rules
- Different equipment
- Different marshals

## Target Archery Bows

- Recurve
- Longbow
- Handbow
- Crossbow

## What Do You Need to Start?

- Bow
- Arrows
- Glove
- Armguard
- Place to shoot
- Target
- Stringer
- Quiver

## Archery Terms

- Parts of a bow
  - Limbs/Prod
  - Riser
  - Shelf
  - Tips
  - Bowstring
  - Serving
  - Nocking point
  - Fistmele (brace height)
  - Draw weight
- Parts of an arrow
  - Shaft
  - Spine/length/weight
  - Nock
  - Fletch
  - Cresting
  - Point
    - Field point
    - Broadhead

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- Bodkin
- Blunt
- Shoots
  - Timed/untimed
  - Bullseye
  - Wand/Slot
  - Advancing Man/Soldier
  - Hostage/Friend or Foe
  - Roving/3D
- Miscellaneous
  - Firing line
  - End
  - Round
  - Butt
  - Cant

## Archery Rankings

- Requirements
  - Shot with SCA legal equipment,
  - On an SCA legal range,
  - On a standard FITA 60 cm target face,
  - At an official SCA event/practice,
  - Under supervision of a warranted Archery Marshal,
  - Scores submitted to the Kingdom Scorekeeper.
- Royal Rounds
  - 6 arrows, untimed, at 20 yards
  - 30 seconds at 20 yards
  - 6 arrows, untimed, at 30 yards
  - 6 arrows, untimed, at 40 yards
- Ranking Requirements
  - Novice – Archer who has submitted three Royal Round scores averaging < 20
  - Archer – Those with an average score of 20 to 39.
  - Marksman – Those with an average score of 40 to 59
  - Bowman – Those with an average score of 60 to 79
  - Bowman Elite – Those with an average score of 80 to 99
  - Grand Bowman Elite – Those with an average score of at least 100

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## Resources

SCA, Archery and Thrown Weapons

<https://www.sca.org/resources/martial-activities/archery-tw/>

SCA Target Archery Marshal's Handbook

[https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/target\\_archery\\_rules.pdf](https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/target_archery_rules.pdf)

Atlantia Target Archery Handbook

[http://archery.atlantia.sca.org/images/Atlantia\\_Target\\_Archery\\_Handbook\\_4-0.pdf](http://archery.atlantia.sca.org/images/Atlantia_Target_Archery_Handbook_4-0.pdf)

Atlantia, Target Archery Scores

<https://scores-sca.org/home/index.php?R=2&>

Atlantia Wikia, Archery [Unofficial]

<https://kingdom-of-atlantia.fandom.com/wiki/Archery>

SCA Target Archery Group [Unofficial]

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/53131951492/>

Caid, Archer's Library

<http://archers.sca-caid.org/library/>