

Somerset Postal League

1st of October marks the beginning of the official Indoor/Winter archery season, which means that the Somerset Postal League starts on the same date.

For any new archers unfamiliar with the Postal League, it is a competition run by the Somerset County Archery Association (SCAA) every year, between the months of October and March. All archery clubs in Somerset are invited to enter, and historically WCA have always been active participants. In the 2024-2025 league last season, WCA won all four of the separate categories within the postal league, so it is all to play for this year!

How does it work?

The postal league is based around the Portsmouth and Frostbite rounds, and there is both a senior and junior league for each of the two rounds, for a total of four categories

Portsmouth - Indoors, 60 arrows, shot in 20 ends of 3 arrows, using 10 zone scoring on a 60cm face

Frostbite - Outdoors, 36 arrows, shot in 6 ends of 6 arrows, using 10 zone scoring on an 80cm face

At the end of each month, the records officer tallies up the best Frostbite/Portsmouth score for the month for each participating archer. These scores are then adjusted in a similar fashion to the handicap system used in the club championship, to give an overall score that can be used across different gender, bow type and age categories. The records officer then assembles the 16 top adjusted scores for Portsmouth and Frostbite, and submits these scores to the SCAA. These scores are processed by the SCAA, who then publish a running league table across all of the participating clubs. At the end of March, the final results are tallied up and the club with the highest overall score in each of the four categories is declared the winner of that category.

How do I participate?

Nice and easy! All you need to do is take part in the monthly club competitions, which during the winter season usually consist of Portsmouth and Frostbite rounds. In addition to the competitions, any practice Frostbite or Portsmouth round that you shoot is also eligible for the postal competition - it is run on an honour system so there is no requirement for cross scoring or official competition rules. The only condition for scores submitted for practice rounds is that they should be the first shoot of the day, with only the proper amount of sighters beforehand.

Competition scores are always logged by the Records officer, for practice scores all you need to do is ensure that you either enter the score yourself into Golden Records, or record it on the paper scoresheet which you will find in the blue folder by the indoor range entrance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the records officer at records@wellscityarchers.com, or ask at the club or on the WhatsApp group.

A couple of useful links:

SCAA Postal Competition page:

https://www.somersetarchery.co.uk/postal_competitions/postal_competitions.html

The conversion calculator used for score adjustments:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tis8BneitNdN95gA7xTyKE-rhVPAB0W4r7FvbuWvoaM/edit?pli=1&gid=337560253#gid=337560253>