

Clarification on the new Set System and Scorecards

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As of 1 April, archers will have to win three sets to win their matches! You will find below a summary on the new Set System valid as of 1 April 2010 for all outdoor competitions. These articles describing what has been approved at the FITA Congress Ulsan 2009 have been published in the new Rule Book 2010.

How does the set system work?

4.5.1.4 The Olympic Round (Recurve only from 1 April 2011) consists of:

- The Elimination Round, in which the top 104 athletes (mandatory for World Archery Championships) are seeded according to their positions in the Qualification Round (see match play chart Appendix 10 and Book 2, Appendix 1). They shoot a series of matches in groups, each match consisting of the best of 5 sets of 3 arrows or the best of 3 sets of 6 arrows;
- The Finals Round, in which the 8 athletes qualifying from the Elimination Round shoot individual matches, each match consisting of the best of 5 sets of 3 arrows culminating in the Gold Medal match. At World Archery Championships the matches will be shot one after the other. The athletes will alternate shooting 1 arrow at a time;

7.6.1.4.1 In each set an athlete can score a maximum of 60 (for 6 arrows) or 30 points (for 3 arrows). The athlete with the highest score of that end obtains 2 set points; in case of a tied score both athletes obtain 1 set point.

7.6.1.4.2 As soon as an athlete reaches 4 set points (4 of 6 possible) in a 3 set match or 6 set points (6 of 10) possible in a 5 set match, he is declared winner and passes to the next round.

So in practice the following scenarios are possible:

- With 6 arrows best of 3 sets:
 - After first set 2-0; 0-2; 1-1
 - After 2nd set : **4-0**; 2-2; 3-1; 1-3; **0-4**
 - After 3rd set : **4-2**; **2-4**; **5-1**; **1-5**; 3-3 -> tie-break and then end **4-3** or **3-4**
- With 3 arrows best of 5 sets:
 - After 1st set 2-0; 0-2; 1-1
 - After 2nd set 4-0; 2-2; 3-1; 1-3; 0-4
 - After 3rd set 6-0; 4-2; **2-4**; **5-1**; 1-5; 0-6; 3-3
 - After 4th set 6-2, 5-3, 3-5, 2-6; **7-1**; 1-7; 4-4
 - After 5th set 7-3; 3-7; **6-4**; 4-6; 5-5 -> Tie break and end result **6-5** or **5-6**


After I have been eliminated what is the final place?

7.6.6 The final ranking will follow the above procedure, however only the top 8 athletes (teams) will be individually ranked.

7.6.6.1 Athletes eliminated during the 1/8 will be ranked 9th, during the 1/16 will be ranked 17th; etc. according to the stage of the elimination.

7.6.6.2 Athletes eliminated in the ¼ final will be ranked by number of sets won, and if tied by the number of cumulative points shot, in the last match. If still tied they will be declared tied.

The set system will require the use of new scorecards. Download two samples here:

- [Olympic Round Individual Scorecard](#) 
- [Individual Scorecard Final Set](#) 

7.6.4 Scorecards will be signed by the scorer and the athlete, indicating that the athlete agrees with the value of each arrow, the sum total, the number of 10s and the number of X's. If the scorer is participating in the shooting, his scorecard will be signed by another athlete on the same target butt.

7.6.4.1 The organisers shall not be required to accept or record scorecards that have not been signed, do not contain the sum total, the number of 10s or the number of X's which contain mathematical errors. The organisers or officials are not required to verify the accuracy of any submitted scorecard however if the organisers or the officials note an error, they will correct such error and the result as corrected shall stand. Any such corrections must occur before the next stage of competition. Should a discrepancy be found in the sum total, the sum total of the lowest arrow scores will become final.

7.6.4.2 For all Elimination and Finals Rounds scorecards shall be signed by the 2 athletes in the match, denoting that both athletes or archers' agents agree with the value of each arrow, the total sum, the number of X's, 10s and the result of the sets and match. Any information missing on the scorecard will be considered as non-existing.

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