

SUSSEX COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION – ALBION LEAGUE

Introduction

The Sussex County Albion League was formed in the early 1970s with the main purpose of enabling archers of all standards to meet together in friendly competition between clubs in line with the GNAS's motto of "Union Trueheart Courtesie", as well as giving the opportunity for archers to visit other grounds during the season.

In 1993 two postal leagues were added – a Junior League, which would enable juniors of all ages to shoot with the adults during an Albion League match, and a Longbow league.

Archers whose scores are used in any of these leagues must be affiliated to both the club and SCAA as their first choice.

The Rules for each league

The rules for the three leagues are as follows. Any dispute concerning the application of any of these rules shall be advised in writing to the Albion League Secretary for decision by the Executive Committee.

1. The Sussex County Albion League

The league will consist of a number of divisions with each division consisting of not more than four teams. Each team will shoot against each other once with a promotion and relegation system applying to the top and bottom team in each division, as applicable. Entry or re-entry to the league will be at the lowest division.

By the end of January each year clubs must advise the Albion League Secretary (ALS) if they wish to join or withdraw from the league (see para 1.3 below). Any change of Club Organiser must also be advised.

By the end of February the ALS will advise clubs of their division and the appropriate club contacts. Unless otherwise advised (see 1.2 above) it will be assumed that all clubs taking part the previous year, and their club contacts, remain the same.

Clubs taking part in this league should be prepared to shoot their matches on any Sunday in the months of May to September (inclusive) except for when the Sussex Championships, Intercounty matches and their own club championships are being held. The club organisers are responsible for agreeing the date and venue of each match and these must be advised to the ALS by the end of May at the latest. It is suggested that each organiser should offer at least three dates to their opposite number who should accept one.

The host club will be responsible for:

- (a) Ground layout
- (b) Supplying a Field Captain.

The host club should also contact the visiting club at least seven days before a match to obtain information about the approximate number of visiting archers and any other special needs e.g. juniors shooting Windsor rounds, so that sufficient provision for target space can be made.

1.6. Postponement of a match may only be made in exceptional circumstances e.g. ground becoming unavailable on the agreed date for any reason and the match should be rearranged as soon as possible. The ALS should be advised immediately.

1.7. Should a visiting club not present themselves or either club cancel (but see para 1.6 above), the match will be awarded to the other club provided they shoot the round and advise the ALS of the result.

1.8. Once a match commences but is abandoned before the end, e.g. because of adverse weather conditions, the result will be determined by the scores at the end of the last complete dozen arrows (see also para 1.9).

1.9. The results of a match will be determined by the four highest scores for each club. Archers shooting compound bows will have their scores reduced by 100 points (or 11 points per dozen arrows shot if a match is abandoned (see para 1.8)). Archers shooting Barebow will have their scores increased by 180 points (or 15 points per dozen arrows shot if a match is abandoned (see para 1.8)).

1.10. All clubs must ensure that the results of the “home” and “away” matches are advised to the ALS within one month of the match being shot. Draft Result forms are available. Any results not being received in time will be discounted.

1.11. The league tables will be determined thus:

- 3 points for a win
- 2 points for a draw
- 1 point for a loss
- 0 points for not shooting

If teams have identical scores then the GNAS rule applies to Hits and Golds in determining the winner of the match. If at the end of the season two or more clubs have identical points then the league order will be determined by the match results involved. If this fails then the aggregate difference in scores between the clubs will be used.

2. SUSSEX COUNTY JUNIOR POSTAL LEAGUE

2.1. This league will be open to any Club or Junior Section where the Senior Club is a member of the Sussex County Albion League.

The rounds to be shot will be Windsor, Short Windsor or Junior Windsor, dependent upon age and irrespective of sex, as follows:

- Windsor - any archer under the age of 18 years.
- Short Windsor - any archer under the age of 16 years.
- Junior Windsor - any archer under the age of 14 years.

2.2. All matches must be shot at the time and place of the senior club's Albion match.

2.3. A club can have up to two teams.

2.4. Club results for a match will be determined by the two highest scores for Team A and the next two highest scores for Team B irrespective of which rounds were shot.

2.5. Once a junior's score has been included in that of the club's senior Albion Team, he or she is no longer eligible to be included in the Junior Postal League for that season.

2.6. Results must be despatched to the ALS at the same time as the Senior League results. Individual scores should be included.

2.7. Postponement can only occur if the Senior Albion League match is cancelled.

2.8. A junior shooting a compound is to have 100 points deducted. A junior shooting Barebow will have their scores increased by 180 points. (see also para 1.9 of Senior Albion League rules).

2.9. Due to possible disparity of the number of clubs in divisions, the number of match results included in final total will be one less than the number of clubs in the smallest division. If clubs have shot more matches, their highest scores will be used. The first three teams will be awarded medals.

2.10. If a three way match is organised then this score will be counted twice.

3. SUSSEX COUNTY LONGBOW ALBION POSTAL LEAGUE

3.1. This league is open to all longbow archers whose club is a member of Sussex County Albion League.

3.2. This Albion round will be shot at the same time and place as that of the Senior club's Albion match.

3.3. Up to two longbow archers make a team and their individual scores must be sent to the ALS at the same time as the Albion League match results.

3.4. At the end of the season the winner of this league will be determined by the club team which scores the highest aggregate score for the marches shot. If two or more teams have the same aggregate score then GNAS rule will apply to Hits and Golds in determining the winning team.

3.5. Due to possible disparity of the number of clubs in divisions, the number of match results included in final total will be one less than the number of clubs in the smallest division. If clubs have shot more matches, their highest scores will be used.

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