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# A Guide to: How to Become a Judge

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## Why Judge?

The sport needs Judges to ensure that competitions are run safely and fairly. Like all other sports, a team of officials is required to make sure the result at the end of the day is correct and to help the competitors have a good day out! Archery is a friendly sport, and judging is a way of participating.

## How to train as a Judge

In the UK there are several tiers of judging, supported by a programme of training and improvement at each tier. Through the programme, you can reach national levels of judging in archery and could even go on to judge at international events such as the Olympic Games. Judge training starts at Candidate or Youth Judge level and goes up to National level. After this there are opportunities to qualify as a Continental Judge and then as an International.



**Fig. 1** the judging pathway

## What do the different tiers mean?

Each tier provides judges with different opportunities, based on experience and skill. The entry tiers into judging are designed to help people learn and develop judging skills. Youth, Candidate, and County judges work as part of a larger team of Judge's that is headed by a Regional or National Judge. Regional Judges can be the senior official at British National Record Status events, where British records can be broken. National Judges can be the senior official at an event in the UK where world records can be broken.

## How do I get involved? (Youth Judge)

A judge training workshop is available to anyone who wants to become a Youth Judge. To be eligible, you need to be aged 16 – 25. The workshop will introduce you to the basic skills you need to start officiating at tournaments. When you get started, you will be assigned a supporting mentor to help you. Once you have gained some experience, there will be opportunities for you to progress to a County or Regional Judge.



## How do I get involved? (Candidate Judge)

You first need to contact the Regional Judge Liaison Official in your area to register as a Judge. They will introduce you to a mentor and another judge who will support you through the first tournaments you attend. A judge training workshop is also available to introduce you to the basic skills you need. Once you have gained some experience, there will be opportunities for you to progress to a County or Regional Judge.

## How long does it take to qualify?

From the initial registration as a Candidate Judge, it usually takes a minimum of 12 months experience and practice before you are ready to take an assessment to become a County Judge. The assessment is designed simply to ensure that you understand the rules of shooting and to see you officiate on the field of play.

## How much does it cost?

There is a tuition fee to attend the workshop and you will need to supply your own judging equipment, including stop watch, whistle and magnifying glass. Once you are settled as a Judge you will need to buy the standard judge uniform. This costs approximately £100.



## How much time do I need to give to judging?

It is possible to combine both shooting and judging, but not at the same event! The amount of time you give to judging is entirely dependent on you. Most judges are active for a minimum 12 days a year and many others do more. It's also important to attend the annual Regional and National Judge conferences as part of your on-going development.



## Will I get paid for judging?

Judges don't get paid but do receive re-imbursement from the tournament organiser for expenses they incur, In addition, the tournament organiser will ensure that the Judges are 'fed and watered' during the event, and pay for overnight accommodation should it be required, such as during a two day event.

## Who do I contact?

To be put in touch with your Regional Judge Liaison Officer please contact the Chairman of the Judges Committee at [chair.judges@archerygb.org](mailto:chair.judges@archerygb.org) or call Archery GB's Membership Services on 01952 677 888.

Further information about judging can also be found at [www.archerygb.org/judge](http://www.archerygb.org/judge)



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