

The New Archery NZ tournament results template – effective 1-Jan-2017

This short article for tournament organisers highlights some of the key facts about the new tournament results template and how it should be used. Hopefully it will not prove too arduous, and it is part of a greater plan I have for the ranking system (that will take years to come to fruition, so a little bit at a time). The information in this article will also appear verbatim on the ArcheryNZ website, and there are more practical instructions in the Excel results template itself.



The Excel file:

The template is an Excel document consisting of 2 sheets:

- 1) an instructions sheet; and
- 2) the results themselves.

So, here is a brief explanation of the sheets:

Instructions sheet:

It does what it says really. I provide instructions on how the results sheet is to be used and filled in correctly. There are explanations of mandatory fields that must be filled in, and also the way rounds are to be described (including the first distance shot – this is extremely important).

The results sheet itself:

The top of the sheet has information such as event name, date, location and event type. Please fill these in. The main part of the sheet of course is the archer results. Mandatory columns must be filled out for each archer. There are two colours for the mandatory columns – yellow and blue. The “yellow” columns are free text, and must be filled out according to the instructions sheet. The “blue” columns must also be filled out, but they must conform to the abbreviations listed below the grey line at the bottom of the sheet. Failure to fill out these fields correctly will result in the results sheet being returned to the organisers for editing and resubmission. Yes, there will be copying of say the round shot, but again for absolute clarity, it has to be like this from now on. I have found “guestimating” the round shot is my biggest cause of comments (and subsequent error correction) from archers once the rankings are posted. No more in 2017.

There is an example line of data to get you going that can either be ignored or deleted. Summation formulae have also been included in that example line for copying and pasting if so wanted. It is not necessary to do that however.

Submitting results:

If your tournament is huge, please add in more lines above the grey line for more results rows. The current template allows for 3 events across a tournament – say one 1440 round on one day, and two 720 rounds the next. If you have any more than that for your tournament (like 2 days of double 720s), I would request that 2 results files are submitted instead, rather than adding on to the template. As usual, please, please, please send your completed results file to me as well at the usual email address: rankingadmin@archerynz.co.nz, as well as the others listed on the Tournament Completion Form.

For the purposes of ranking, the ranking round results from matchplay tournaments need to be in this format on the new Excel template. Talking of which, tournament organisers are still free to provide tournament results in other ways, say for the ArcheryNZ website, but I say again, I will no longer accept these other formats for ranking.

IanSEO format:

The only other results format acceptable from January 2017 is plain tab delimited text output from the IanSEO database system. I cannot state this strongly enough that for me as ranking administrator from 1 January 2017 under no circumstances are PDFs acceptable for tournament results for the purposes of rankings. I will email back tournament organisers to ask for the results in Excel format, or plain tab delimited text, and I will no longer manually process PDF results. This is the way it is from now on, due to increased workloads for me, and a slight change in my work direction in 2017.

Summary:

I really hope this new format works for everyone. There will be teething issues with the new system, and the template will undergo some modification of that I am sure. So, in the early part of 2017, please let me know if there are problems with it, whether you have improvements to it, and we shall work to sort them out to benefit everyone. I expect to have automatic parsing of these Excel files as my next step, and that will only work when people are happy with the format, and an agreed upon format has been reached. The template will go onto the downloads page of the website before the end of the year.

All the best for 2017.

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