

RANKING ADMINISTRATOR 2013 REPORT

For the period from October 2012 to the end of September 2013, the activities of the ranking administrator have been to continue to provide an up-to-date ranking list as close to the start of the following month as possible. The ranking data from 2011 onwards is available on the Archery NZ website.

In terms of competitions and rounds shot, for the period October 2011 to the end of September 2012, there have been 89 events, and 1439 rounds shot by archers, an increase from last year's 64 and 1136 respectively. In this case, an event means a round shot on a day, or maybe two events for two rounds shot in the same day e.g. two 72 arrow rounds. Compound and recurve rounds are further separated due to the conversion tables. The 72 arrow incorporation seems to be working well, and I hope everyone is happy with the expanded output in the results tables. This has changed slightly as indicated below, and will change again fairly soon, but more on that in the monthly report in the next month or so. Other highlights for this year include:

1. A conversion between the three major crossbow rounds (TC960, TC900 and the new RMT round of TC480).
2. Processing of the new junior RMT rounds of 72 arrows at 45m, 35m and 20m for JAMA rankings by the expansion of the 72 to 144 arrow conversion table.
3. A change in the way the names are listed to be more 'WA-like', in other words "Joe Bloggs" is now "BLOGGS Joe".
4. Inclusion of a new second column in the tables to show the change in the ranking when compared to the previous month's ranking. This column shows the change in the ranking either as "up XX" where XX is the number of positions that have changed; "down XX" for those positions that have dropped; "same" for unchanged rankings; and finally "new" for new table entrants this month.

Currently, I am working on a far more sophisticated way to handle the rounds shot by juniors as they age, which I hope to have sorted out very soon (by the time you read this at the AGM).

Finally to the organisers of all major tournaments, could I please ask that the results are sent electronically to me after every event (preferably as an Excel or tab delimited file as it is easier for me to process than a PDF), it makes life easier for everyone, as they can see their results immediately, and scores do not get left out. I know of some missing events in 2013, and the results have not been sent to me as yet, so these scores are currently missing from my ranking database. As far as international events are concerned, as Ranking Administrator I continue to monitor these, though if you have shot overseas, please send me a link to, or the results, yourself. Some people do do this for me already, and it is a great help.

I am always open to comments and suggestions to make the ranking system better, so please contact me if you have any ideas.

Good shooting, and all the best for 2014,

Patrick Biggs