

# Proposal– RMTs and Merit Pins

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18/8/14 and 30/10/15

A while back everyone was asking “what can we do with RMT’s?” At the last AGM, everyone was asking “what can we do with the old Merit Star pins?” This proposed rule change aims to resolve those two questions.

## **Rationale:**

To clarify the existing Merit Pin structure, make pins more achievable for a broader range of archers, and remove Merit Stars as they are duplicated in the Merit Pin system.

Registered Minor Tournaments can be any normal archery round as in the shooting rules, but often clubs don’t know about this, as the current registration form seems to restrict clubs to only 1440 or 720 rounds. RMTs are easy to put on, and require very little structure, which is great for a lot of clubs around the country who may not be able to afford to put on a bigger major tournament. They are free, the only requirement is that two Archery NZ senior members must be present to act as DOS and witness all scorecards, and there is no requirement for a judge to be present. Timing and lights are not required. Archery NZ Merit pins and perfect pins can be claimed at these events.

Archery NZ clubs do a great amount of work for beginner archers, and competition level archers, but apart from club shoots, or club achievement rounds, there is little incentive for those novice to mid-range intermediate archers to strive for improvement. The Merit pin system has fallen by the wayside, even though it is a very good system to help archers improve, and help those who only want to shoot at their own club feel like they can get something for their time and achievements, even if they never do tournaments.

Many of the shoots listed in the rules are short-range shoots, which are accessible to a wide range of archers, but most especially the mid-range intermediate archers who may not be able to make the longer distance or whole day shoots.

This allows novice archers to feel more invested in Archery NZ because they’re getting something out of it. This also means that League shoots (Canadian 900) might possibly be RMTs too, which might lead to more archers attending those shoots, and perhaps more investment in the League itself. This leads to more involvement in Archery NZ, and allows those who just want to be social shooters a chance to do a shoot, at home, without all the bells and whistles, and be able to claim something out of it at the end.

With this I propose the following, and also to drop the current requirement for “3 scores for a pin” to just one score, especially based on the current amount of shoots being registered. This will feel more achievable for many archers, and hopefully get them to strive for the next pin, and the next pin.

One other note is that we should probably think of having the Merit Pin system administration moved to the RMT administrator to administer and distribute upon receiving a claim form (and perhaps we could create a new claim form, eg RMT Merit Pin claim form). This relieves pressure on the registrar, and allows the RMT administrator to get more responsibility and involvement in the minor tournaments, but that’s probably phase two.

## Amendments to the Shooting Rules regarding Merit Pins:

### **EDIT A:**

*A simple amendment to the rules because the rules are in the Tournament Regulations, NOT the Administrative ones.*

#### 4.4 Criteria

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### **EDIT B:**

*Change three arrow to Merit Pin, so that it doesn't matter what the design looks like. Also reduce the number of times the pinscore must be shot in order to allow more archers to achieve the score and move up the levels faster, thereby gaining more traction among intermediate or novice archers.*

#### 5.1 Three Arrow Pin

The three arrow pin is awarded for any three scores achieved at that level. The scores may be from any of the rounds listed. A separate pin is awarded for each of recurve, compound and crossbow.

Change to:

#### **5.1 Merit Pin**

**The Merit pin** is awarded for any **one score** achieved at that level. The scores may be from any of the rounds listed. A separate pin is awarded for each of recurve, compound and crossbow.

### **EDIT C: Remove clause**

*Remove Merit Stars, as the 1440 scores are also listed as Merit pin scores. If an archer wishes to shoot a 1440 RMT or major tournament, and claim a merit pin, they can already do so. Having Merit Stars simply doubles up the amount of work the pin registrar has to do. JAMA archers can already win JAMA pins, and if you are at a major tournament, you can win World Archery Stars. You can also claim 1440 Merit pins at any major event, so it seems like twice the amount of work to have stars as well.*

#### 5.2

The AGM approved the reintroduction of the "merit stars" which may be won only for the appropriate 1440 round at RMTs (recurve and compound ANZ stars for 800, 900, 950, 1050, 1150, 1250, 1350, 1400). Arbalists could win Merit Stars for 1440s of 1000, 1100, 1200 and 1300. The badges are being designed and will be available later in the year.

#### **EDIT D:**

*Remove the under review as it has been there for two years now, and simply try the scores out. Also change three scores to one score for the same reason as edit B. Because so few indoor shoots are done throughout the year it would take a very long time to get a pin.*

#### 8.7 Indoor Pin Scores – Under review

Any three scores may be used to qualify for an indoor merit pin. The same score applies to every class of equipment except crossbow where the scores are in brackets.

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#### **EDIT E:**

*Field Merit scores. Same rationale as D – remove the under review. Change three scores to one, and then for gold level, change nine to three. There used to be many more field shoots out there, but we need to update this to match, as World Archery field rounds are now few and far between. Hopefully this encourages more rounds to be shot as RMTs. Remove the word “Stump” and replace with “pin” because we may not be able to replicate the old stump design.*

#### 9.11 Merit Scores – Athletes’ commission to review

Junior Merit pin scores for all divisions are the same as the women’s. The merit pins are a silver stump and a gold stump. To obtain a silver stump 3 (three) scores from any rounds are needed. To obtain a gold stump 9 (nine) scores are needed from 3 different rounds. The silver stump scores can be used to make up the nine.

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## **Amendment to the Tournament Regulations**

### **EDIT F:**

*A minor edit – to remove the word “and star” from the tournament rules as proposing removing the stars completely.*

#### 1.3 Minor Tournaments

A minor tournament is a properly organised and controlled shoot, where the following Association awards may be won:

- i. Merit Pins and Stars

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- i. Merit Pins

## **Amendment to the RMT Registration form:**

### **EDIT G:**

*An edit of the RMT registration form so that the clubs can feel confident to register a minor tournament with any of the rounds in the Merit Pin area in the shooting rules.*

Remove the line that has check boxes for ANZ rounds, and replace with ANZ Round: and allow the registrant to write down any round as of the Shooting Rules under 5.1, 8.7, 9.11, 12.16

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