

ARCHERY

HISTORY

One of our oldest weapons is the bow and arrow. The bow and arrow was used as long ago as 25,000 to 50,000 years. Primitive man used it for obtaining food and for defense against enemies. Empires rose and fell through the skill and design of the bow and arrow. The value of the bow as a war weapon declined swiftly after the invention of firearms in the sixteenth century. The fun and challenge of archery insured its existence as a sport. King Henry VIII promoted archery as a sport in England directing the establishment of archery societies. The first archery club in the United States was established in 1828 in Philadelphia. In 1879 the National Archery Association was founded and began National tournaments. Archery first became an official Olympic event in 1900, but problems arose in completion because of the lack of universal rules. Universal rules were established and adopted for use in the 1972 Olympics.

TERMS

Anchor point- the place under the chin where the drawing hand stops every time the archer prepares to shoot.

Arrow rest- the place on the bow on which the arrow lies.

Brace- the act of stringing the bow for shooting.

Crest- the colorful decorations on an arrow which distinguish it from another's arrows.

Drawing arm- the arm that pulls the string to the anchor position.

End- a total of 6 arrows, or a prescribed number of arrows shot at one time.

Fistmele- the proper distance between the bow and the string when braced.

Nock- the groove where the string fits at each end of the bow. The plastic tip at the top of the arrow is also known as the nock.

Nocking point- the place on the serving of the string where the nock of the arrow is put for shooting.

Quiver- that which holds the arrows while an archer is shooting.

Rebound- an arrow that hits the target and bounces off when witnessed- it counts 7 points.

Release- the act of opening the 3 fingers from around the string to cause the arrow to fly to the target.

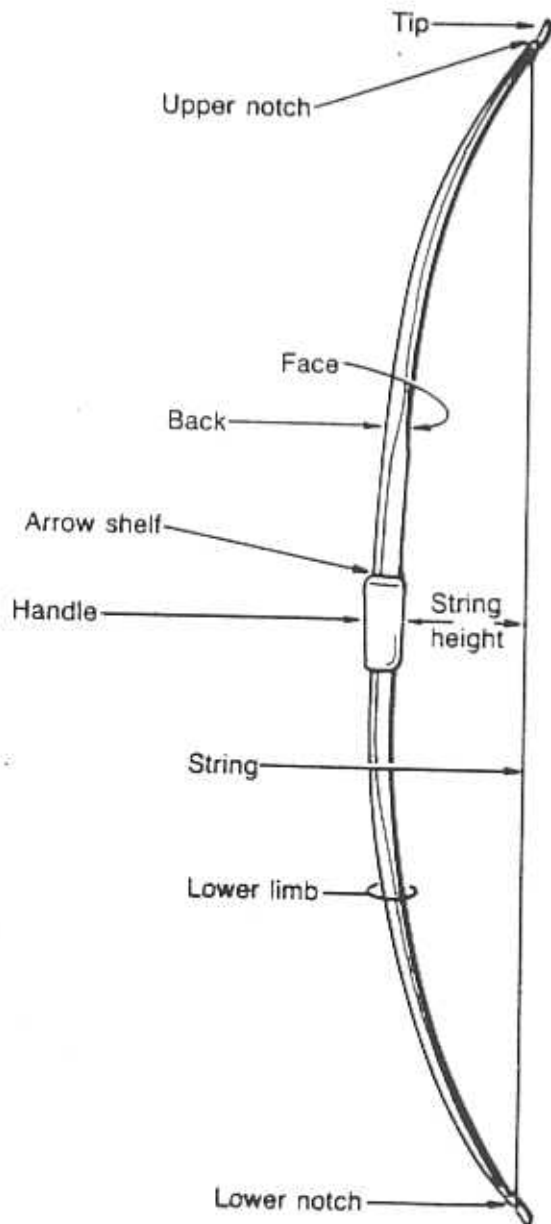
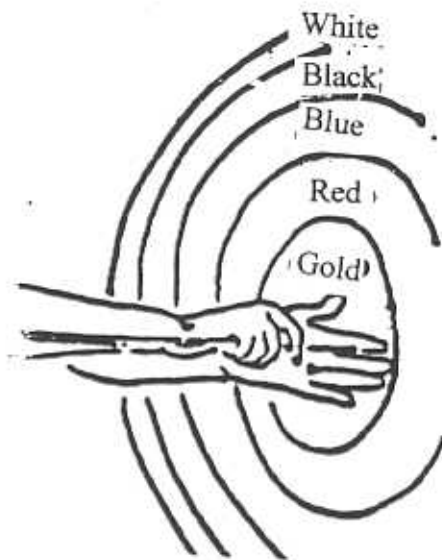
Round- a prescribed number of arrows shot at a prescribed distance.

SCORING

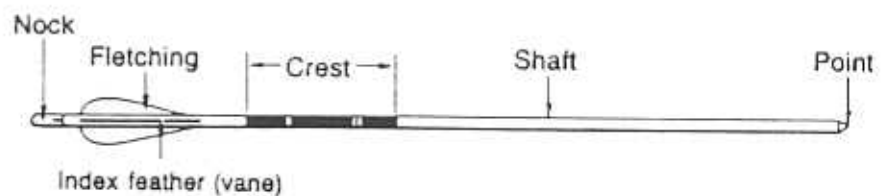
COLOR.....POINTS

White	1
Black	3
Blue	5
Red	7
Gold	9

- Bouncing off the target face- 7 points
- Going through target face-7points
- Petticoat- 0 points
- On the line between two colors-higher point value



A straight-limb fiberglass bow.



Parts of a target arrow.