

Running a knockout or a league with TargetAce

An organiser's guide: take entries, make the draw, and follow the matches.

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What they are

Knockouts and leagues are head-to-head tournaments for your club's members. Archers enter in the app, TargetAce makes the draw or the fixtures, and each match is shot between two archers in the app.

- A **knockout** is a bracket: win and you go through, lose and you are out. It ends with a final, and a bronze medal match if you want one.
- A **league** is everyone against everyone, once or twice, with a table.

Both are free for every club; a club on the free plan can run two at a time with up to 16 archers in each, and Club Plus removes those limits. Up to 64 archers can take part in one.

What you need

- To be an organiser of your club in TargetAce, and signed in at targetace.app/console. (You can also make one in the app, from your club's page.)
- Members need the TargetAce app, and to have joined your club in it.

1. Create it

In the console, open **Knockouts and leagues** on the menu, under Members' competitions, and press **New knockout or league**.

Knockouts and leagues

For your club's members only. Head-to-head tournaments: a knockout bracket, or a league where everyone meets everyone. Members enter in the app; you start it when the entries are in, or give it a start date.

New knockout or league

Name	Format	Status	Winner	Actions
New Year Cup	Knockout	Taking entries Starts 19 Nov 2026		Cancel
Winter League	League	Running		Cancel
Autumn Cup	Knockout	Running		Cancel

Knockouts and leagues, under Members' competitions.

Fill in the form:

- **Name:** for example Autumn Cup.
- **Format:** Knockout, or League (everyone plays everyone).
- **Entries:** anyone in the club can enter, or an organiser approves each entry.
- For a knockout, the **Draw:** at random, or in the order archers entered. And whether there is a **bronze medal match**.
- For a league, whether everyone plays everyone **once or twice**.
- **Starts on** (optional): on this day entries close and the fixtures are made by themselves. Leave it empty to start it yourself when the entries are in.
- **Time to play each round:** each round or matchday has a play-by date this far after the one before.

New knockout or league

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Name

For example: Autumn Cup

Format

Knockout

Entries

Anyone in the club can enter

Draw

Random draw

☐ Bronze medal match

How the draw is made: archers are put in order, at random or as they entered, and placed in a bracket. When the entry isn't 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 or 64, the first in that order get a bye through round one. Winners go through, and the first two in the order can only meet in the final.

Starts on (optional)

dd/mm/yyyy

Entries close and the fixtures are made by themselves on this day. Leave empty to start it yourself when the entries are in.

Time to play each round

Two weeks

Each round or matchday has a play-by date this far after the one before.

About it (optional)

Members enter in the app.

Create

A new knockout: the draw, a start date and the time for each round.

Press **Create**. It is now taking entries.

2. Take entries

Members open your club in the app, tap the knockout or league and enter. Its page in the console lists who has entered.

New Year Cup

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Taking entries Knockout

Exports and printing

Export entries (CSV)

Archer	Bow
Ailsa Baird	Recurve
Morven Innes	Recurve
Ruaridh Haldane	Recurve

Start date

Entries close and the fixtures are made on 19 Nov 2026. With fewer than two entries that day, the date is dropped and you start it yourself.

Starts on

19/11/2026

Save date

How the draw is made: archers are put in order, at random or as they entered, and placed in a bracket. When the entry isn't 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 or 64, the first in that order get a bye through round one. Winners go through, and the first two in the order can only meet in the final.

Close entries and make the draw

Taking entries: who is in, and the start date.

When the entries are in, press **Close entries and make the draw** (or, for a league, make the fixtures). If you gave it a start date this happens by itself on that day. With fewer than two entries on the day, the date is dropped and you start it yourself later.

Starting it cannot be undone, and nobody can enter afterwards.

3. How the draw and the fixtures are made

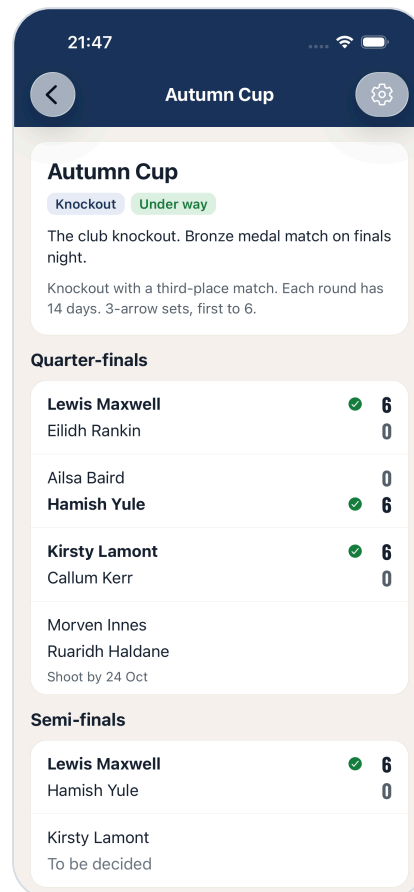
A knockout. Archers are put in order, at random or as they entered, and placed in a bracket. When the entry is not 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 or 64, the first in that order get a bye through round one. The first two in the order can only meet in the final.

A league. Everyone meets everyone, arranged into matchdays so that each archer has one match a matchday. With an odd number of archers, one rests each matchday. Played twice, the second half repeats the first with the sides swapped.

Every round or matchday has a play-by date.

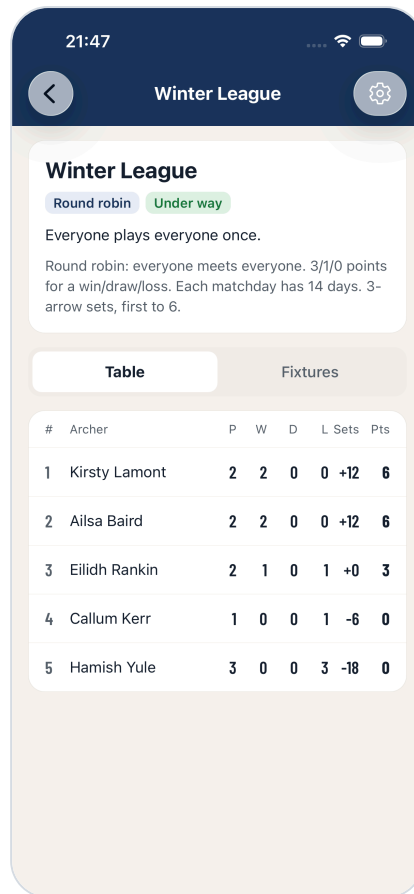
4. Matches

A match is shot head to head in the app, in sets, both archers scoring on their own phones. Either archer starts it from the knockout or league's page in the app when they are both ready, and the result is recorded when the match ends.



A knockout in the app: each round's matches and results.

- A knockout match cannot end level: a tie goes to a shoot-off.
- In a league a win is worth 3 points, a draw 1 and a loss 0. The table is ordered by points, then wins, then sets won and lost.
- An archer who **withdraws** gives their remaining opponents a walkover, so nothing gets stuck.
- An organiser can **decide a match** that cannot be shot, as a walkover, from the match in the app.



A league in the app: the table, and the fixtures.

If one archer starts a match and the other never joins it, the match is called off after an hour and can be started again. It cannot be claimed as a win.

5. Follow it

The knockout or league's page in the console shows every round, with each match's result or its play-by date.

Autumn Cup

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Export results (CSV)
Export matches (CSV)

Quarter-finals

Match	Result
Lewis Maxwell v Eilidh Rankin	Lewis Maxwell won (6-0)
Ailsa Baird v Hamish Yule	Hamish Yule won (0-6)
Kirsty Lamont v Callum Kerr	Kirsty Lamont won (6-0)
Morven Innes v Ruaridh Haldane	To play by 24 Oct 2026

Semi-finals

Match	Result
Lewis Maxwell v Hamish Yule	Lewis Maxwell won (6-0)
Kirsty Lamont v To be decided	Waiting for the earlier round

Final

Match	Result
Lewis Maxwell v To be decided	Waiting for the earlier round

Bronze match

Match	Result
Hamish Yule v To be decided	Waiting for the earlier round

A knockout under way: results, and matches still to play.

A league's page has its table as well.

Winter League

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Exports and printing

Export table (CSV) Export matches (CSV)

Table

#	Archer	Played	W	D	L	Pts
1	Kirsty Lamont	2	2	0	0	6
2	Ailsa Baird	2	2	0	0	6
3	Eilidh Rankin	2	1	0	1	3
4	Callum Kerr	1	0	0	1	0
5	Hamish Yule	3	0	0	3	0

Matchday 1

Match	Result
Eilidh Rankin v Hamish Yule	Eilidh Rankin won (6-0)
Ailsa Baird v Callum Kerr	Playing now

Matchday 2

Match	Result
Hamish Yule v Kirsty Lamont	Kirsty Lamont won (0-6)
Ailsa Baird v Eilidh Rankin	Ailsa Baird won (6-0)

Matchday 3

Match	Result
Kirsty Lamont v Callum Kerr	Kirsty Lamont won (6-0)

A league under way: the table and each matchday.

- **Export results** or the league **table**, and **Export matches** (Club Plus): spreadsheets of the standings and of every match.
- **Cancel**: stops it. Matches not yet played are void. This cannot be undone.

When the last match is played the winner is shown on the Knockouts and leagues page, and on the club's page in the app.

6. On your website

Your club's page on targetace.app, and the widgets for your own website, can show the bracket or the table live.

If something isn't working

- **A member can't enter.** It may already have started, or (on the free plan) be full at 16 archers.

- **A match is past its play-by date.** Nothing happens by itself: remind the two archers, or decide the match as a walkover in the app.
- **The start date passed and nothing was drawn.** There were fewer than two entries that day, so the date was dropped. Start it yourself when the entries are in.

Still stuck? Email info@lastcandlestudios.com.