

The COLUM CILLE

3D Archery Competition

2026

Ballywalter Park



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Competition Prospectus

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Lough Cuan Bowmen are very pleased to be able to hold our Colum Cille 3D shoot at Ballywalter Park and that you are taking the opportunity to come along. We hope that you enjoy your day(s), and we look forward to seeing you on the day.

EVENT FORMAT

This year we are slightly changing the format of the shoot. We will not be awarding medals in each of the shooting categories. Rather, we are going to focus on learning and progression and award medal/badges to reflect this. The same course will be set on the Saturday and the Sunday with the purpose of archers trying to learn from and improve on their Saturday performance. Scores will still be uploaded to IANSEO for archers who maybe using the AGB Field awards

As it will have been a while since archers may have shot a 3D competition the shoot will be a good opportunity for experienced and less experienced archers to shoot the course on day 1 and to review and set their marks and crawls, distance estimation etc. The second day they can shoot the same course and be in a position to learn from day 1 and make any necessary adjustments. This will provide a platform for archers preparing for the WA Buttercup 3D in April and the WA Red Kite 3D Northern Ireland Championships in June as well as allowing others to enjoy 2 days of 3D shooting.






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1. Event Details

Location	Ballywalter Park Newtownards County Down Northern Ireland BT22 2PP Website: Ballywalter Park
Dates	Saturday 28 th and Sunday March 29 th 2026
Round	24 Target 3D animal Unmarked round. (24 targets each day)
Status	Open Club Shoot (Non-Status) The shoot will be shot under WA and AGB rules. This will entail AGB bow and age classifications being included.
Chair of Judges	
Tournament Organiser	
Entry Fee	<p>One-day fee: Seniors - £12.00. - €15.00 Juniors (U18. Archers with disability) £7.00 - €10.00</p> <p>Two-day fee: Seniors - £20.00. €25.00 Juniors (U18. Archers with disability) £12.00 - €15.00</p> <p>Family Fee (3 + family members)</p> <p>One Day - £20 - €25.00 Two day - £35 - €45.00</p> <p>Entries to be submitted via google forms. The entry form will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Posted on FaceBook• Club website• IANSEO



1. Event Details

<p>Event Timings</p>	<p>Registration: Registration from: 09:15 am Assembly: 10:00 am</p> <p>Practice area Practice targets will be available.</p> <p>End of Shoot: On completion of shooting each day please proceed to registration area and hand in your score cards. Please ensure your score cards are completed correctly. Failure to do so may result in your score being invalidated.</p>
<p>Event Format</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target groups will consist of 3-4 archers • The course will be 24 targets • Target will be 3D animal. • Shooting pegs will be, Red, Blue, Yellow and White.
<p>Eligibility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All competitors must be members of Archery GB or a World Archery affiliated organisation. • Age for classifications is the age of the archer on the 31st of December THIS YEAR - 2026
<p>AGB Rules of Shooting</p>	<p>AGB Rules of Shooting can be accessed under Member Resources behind sign in on the AGB website </p> <p>The link below will open a PDF of the Rules of Shooting. The relevant information for 3D, Bow categories and Age Classifications can be found in Part 2 Bow Styles and Part 5 Field Archery.</p> <p>https://archerygb.org/files/rules-of-shooting-270625093402.pdf</p>
<p>World Archery Rule Books</p>	<p>The relevant information for 3D, Bow categories and Age Classifications can be found in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archery Book 2, Chapter 4 Competitions, 4.2: https://rulebook.worldarchery.sport/PDF/Official/2022-09-01/EN-Book2.pdf • World Archery Book 4 Field and 3D Archery • https://extranet.worldarchery.sport/documents/index.php/Rules/Rule_Book_versions/2026-01-27/EN-Book_4_-_2026-01-27_Version.pdf



2. Classifications

<p>Awards</p>	<p>Medals will be awarded to participants shooting the recognized WA/AGB bow categories & archer classifications on both days.</p> <p>Medals will be awarded in all categories:</p> <p>1 entry – Gold medal 2 entries Gold, Silver medal 3 entries – Gold, Silver, Bronze Medal</p>																																																																																																																																																																																											
<p>Archer Classification</p>	<p>Classifications for the shoot are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior: – Men and Women • 50+: – Men and Women • Men: –Under 21, Under 18, Under 16, Under 15, Under 15, Under 12 • Women: – Under 21, Under 18, Under 16, Under 15, Under 15, Under 12 <p>Age Classification for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGB are in Part 5 of the Rules of Shooting: https://archerygb.org/files/rules-of-shooting-270625093402.pdf • World Archery are Book 2, Chapter 4 Competitions, 4.2: https://rulebook.worldarchery.sport/PDF/Official/2022-09-01/EN-Book2.pdf 																																																																																																																																																																																											
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World Archery Bow divisions and Classes	World Archery 3D Bow Divisions (Style) and Classes (Age Variations)					
	Gender & Age Group	Peg Colour	Compound Division	Barebow Division	Traditional Division*	Longbow Division**
	50+ Men and women	Red	●			
	50 + Men and Women	Blue		●	●	●
	Men and Women	Red	●			
	Men and Women	Blue		●	●	●
	Under 21 Men and Women	Red	●			
	Under 21 Men and Women	Blue		●	●	●
	Under 18 Men and Women	Blue	●			
Under 18 Men and Women	Yellow		●	●	●	
* Traditional Division Arrows of any type may be used						
**Longbow Division. American Flat Bow included						
WA Book 4 Field and 3D Archery Chapter 22						
WA Book 2 Events Chapter 4 an 8						

3. Procedures

Junior Shooting Groups	Junior archers will be placed in the same target group as their senior family member if shooting. If a senior family member is not shooting, then, Junior members must be accompanied by a parent/family adult member/responsible designated adult and always remain the responsibility of this designated person.
Special Requirements:	Archers with a disability, or other special requirement should contact secretary@loughcuanbowmen.org if there is any matter that they wish to raise.
Safeguarding	Information around safeguarding and behaviour to be found on the LCB website: SAFEGUARDING - CONDUCT
Red Call	If emergency assistance is required in the field. The following procedure will apply. The archers call the target number followed by RED . When the call is heard by other archers, they will immediately stop shooting and repeat the call. Shooting will recommence on a whistle. No one will resume shooting until the restart is signalled.
Dress	It is recommended that competitors wear clothing appropriate to the venue and weather conditions and to wear colours which are clearly visible in woodland. No camouflage.



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Lost Arrows	<p>When searching for lost arrows, please ensure that 1 archer always remains in front of the boss. If a shooting group arrives at the target, please move on, and do not delay shooting. Please record all lost arrows on your scorecard and then record them on the lost arrow sheet at the end of the shoot.</p>
Allergies	<p>Please inform secretary@loughcuanbowmen.org if you have any allergies which may affect you or other archers during the competition</p>
Smoking	<p>No smoking (including e-cigarettes and VAPE cigarettes) is permitted on the course.</p>
GDPR	<p>In submitting your entry to the competition, the following information will be collected and shared with tournament organisers, scoring systems and other competitors to aid the administration of the shoot for example, target lists and results will be published: First Name, Surname, bow style, shooting classification, Email, Club (and ID), University (and ID), Round (unless defined by age), Disabled (Y/N), Disability info. Information collected will be held to assist ANI/club records.</p>
Photography	<p>As this is a Club shoot photography is permitted on the course. However, In line with the recommendation in the Archery GB Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy, those who wish to take photographs at this event are to register with the Tournament Organiser on arrival. No unauthorised photography will be permitted.</p> <p>Photographs may be taken by LCB (designated marshal) and may be used for the club website, social media, magazine and in publicity articles (e.g., AGB magazine, Club Newsletter).</p> <p>If parents/carers have any particular concern about their child/young person being photographed or filmed, they should notify the organisers. Please note in line with the Photographing & Filming Children & Young People in Sport policy we would seek to obtain written permission from the subject and/or their parents/carers to publish images on the internet or in print.</p>
Car Parking	<p>Parking will be available free on site. Please see below.</p>



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Where exactly is Bally Walter Park?

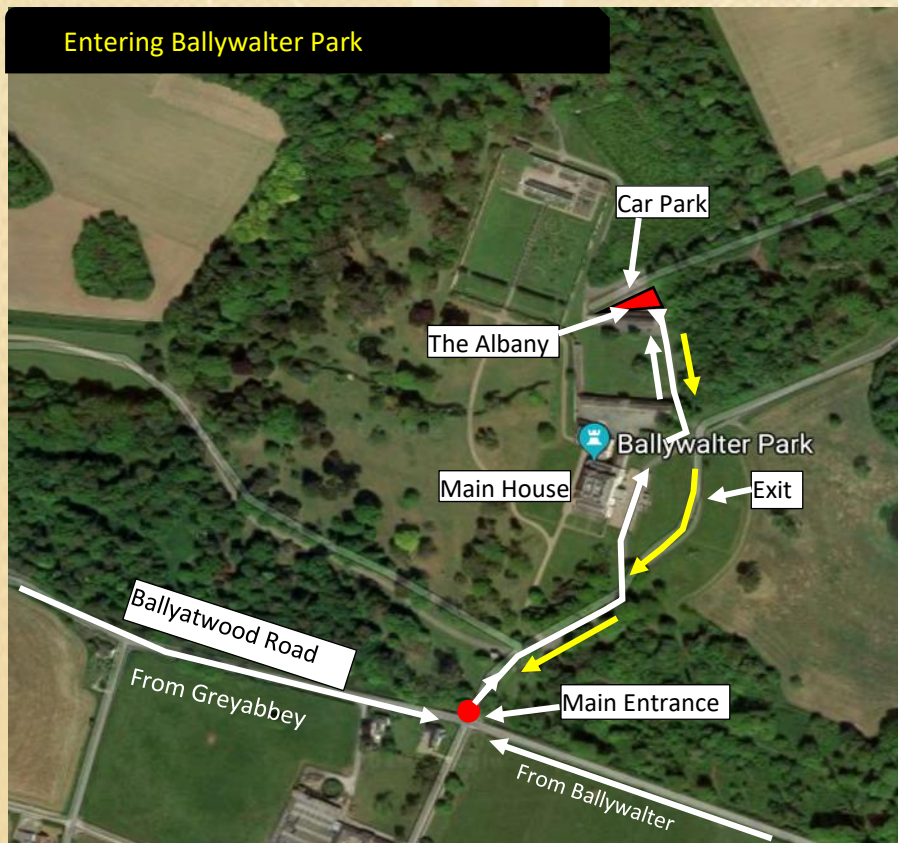


Ballywalter Park is approximately 10.5 miles from Newtownards travelling via Greyabbey.

From Bangor (via Carrowdore) it is approximately 13.5 miles and 16.5 miles following the costal route.

Travelling from Downpatrick via Strangford using the ferry it is approximately 22 miles. If using this route check that the ferry is operating.

Entering Ballywalter Park



Enter Ballywalter Park through the main entrance on the Ballyatwood Road. Bear right and proceed towards the main House, **observing the speed limits** in the estate. Proceed across the front of the House and at the bottom of the incline, turn left towards the Albany. Continue to the end of the lane and the car park will be on your left.

On leaving the estate, please take the lower road in front of the House.



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Car parking at Ballywalter Park

Car Parking


On entering the car park, please follow the directions of the marshal.

Please do not park on the grass verges.

Once you have your equipment set up, register for the shoot and a Judge/Field Marshal will direct you to the practice area.

 Registration

 Car Parking

 Practice area



Access to the course.

Once assembly is complete a Judge/Field Marshall will take you to your starting target.





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About - Lough Cuan Bowmen

Lough Cuan Bowmen is an archery club based in Newtownards, Co. Down. The Club was founded in 1986 and promotes archery as a competitive and recreational sport.

We practice both field and target archery and as a club our archers host 'have-a-go' events for Youth groups, Corporate Events, Church Groups, Schools, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and Local Fairs. We run frequent classes for beginners who want to experience the sport of archery under the supervision of a qualified coach.

Find out more - Lough Cuan Bowmen

You can find out more about the club at:



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