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Until further notice, the following blow acknowledgment standards for Combat Archery remain in effect:

This is meant to describe the Society-wide standard on how to call a good arrow or crossbow bolt hit in heavy SCA combat. It doesn't apply to siege weapons or other missile weapons.

Any missile that hits a legal target area that is noticed by the fighter hit by it, that hits with proper orientation and was not impeded nor skipped off any other person or object shall be considered good.

1. Just like in hand-to-hand combat, the fighter who is struck makes the determination. It is on the fighters honor to accept these shots.
2. "Notice." This can mean a lot of things, and is meant to. It can mean that you felt the blow, saw the blow, heard the blow or you inquired about the blow and using that information determined that the hit was good.
3. Due to the restrictions that have been placed on combat archery missiles (i.e. limited maximum draw weight, arrow construction and other safety considerations), missiles shall not be required to hit with a minimum sufficient force in order for the blow to be considered effective.
4. Reminder, since arrow shots are designed for someone in minimum Society Armor, those fighters in plate need to calibrate themselves for missile weapons.