## Mamluk Archery Clinic August 2022

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Walthamstow





#### MAMLUKARCHERY CLINIC HANDOUT

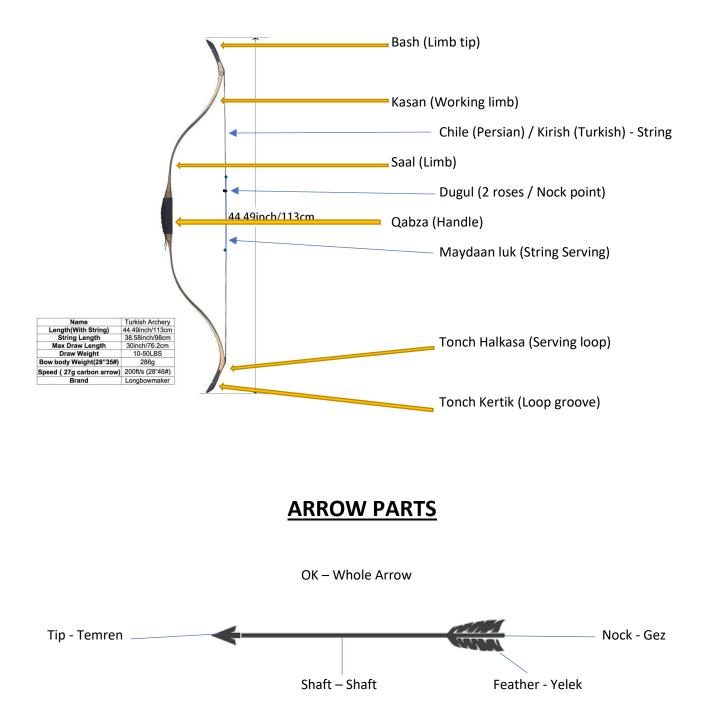
Companion S. **Sa'ad ibn Abi Waqqas** is the founder of Islamic Archery and the first to shoot an arrow in the way of Islam. He is the figurehead and Ustadh al-Ramy.

**Taybugha Al-Yunani** (from modern day Lebanon) is the Grand Master because he achieved all 114 levels of competency in archery and horseback archery.

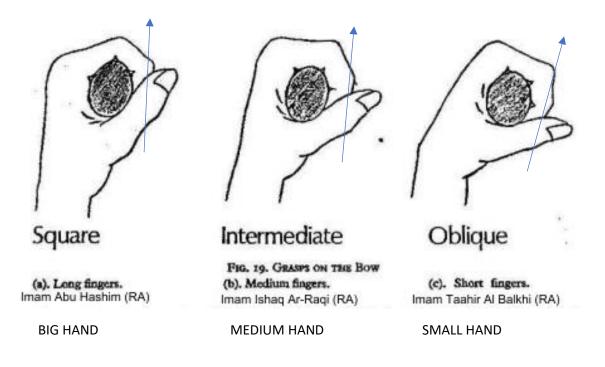
### **3 SCHOOLS OF ARCHERY**

NAME	NOTES	TECHNIQUE	OTHER
ABU HAASHIM AL-MAAWARDI CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER - 1	Learned from daughter of S. Sa'ad ibn Abi Waqqas. Did not get to meet the Sahabi.	Feet straight, sideways on to target 90°. Anchor point is the chin. Abu Hashim Al Mawardi	Push and Pull method
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ABU ISHAAQ AL-RAQQI CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER - 3	From Raqqa in Northern Syria	Feet are 45° to target. Anchor point is side of mouth. Ishaq Al Raqqi	Push and Pull method
ABU TAAHIR AL-BALKHI CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER - 2	From Balkh	Feet facing the target. Anchor point is eye line. Thahir Al Balqi	Push and Pull method

#### **BOW PARTS**



#### **QABZE (HANDLE/GRIP) POSITION**

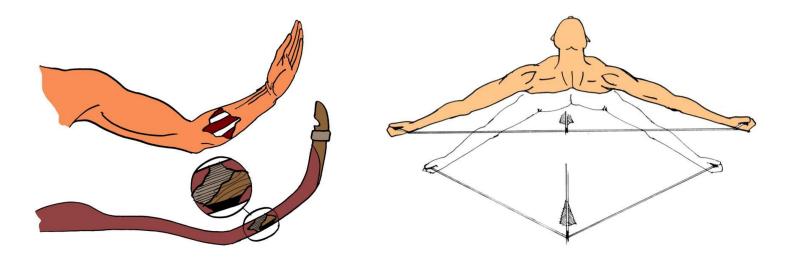


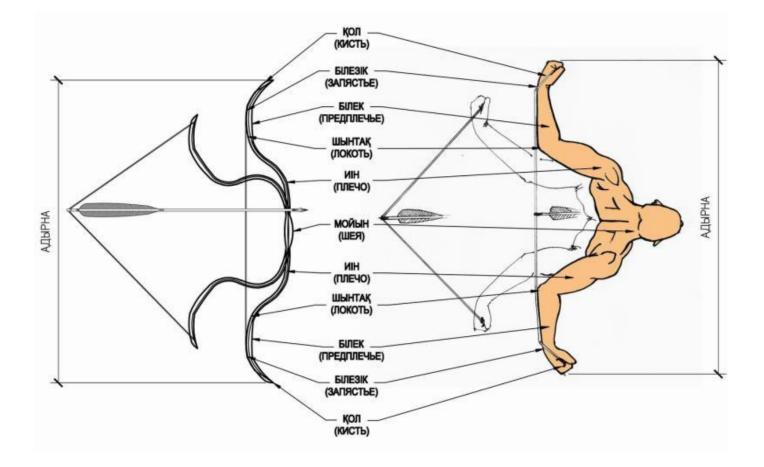
#### **BOW MATERIALS**

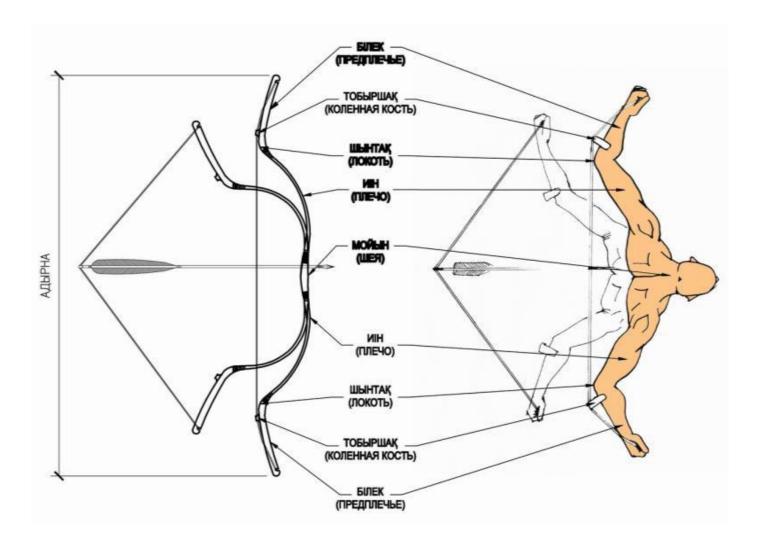
Back - Sinew (Ligament) / Middle - Wood / Belly - Horn / Glue - Fish Bladder

Traditionally a bow takes upto 1.5yrs to make and is kept with limb tips touching while drying. Then over 2 months the bow is slowly opened up and strung before shooting.

Similarities of the bow and the human body in shape and constitution. Human body is made of Bone, Sinew, Muscle and Blood.







A bow is a sacred item so must be handled with respect. We 'give' a bow while holding the handle/qabza with hand on top, we 'receive' the bow from the qabza/handle with hand beneath.





NAME	MEANING	REASON	OTHER
IFLAAT	Follow through of String hand 3 fingers remain clenched, index and thumb like 'Hilal' Crescent moon Elbow behind head and level with shoulders	<ol> <li>Release of Kinetic energy</li> <li>To avoid bad forward release</li> <li>More arrow speed when releasing back</li> </ol>	
KHATRA	Follow through of Bow hand	<ol> <li>Arrow does not touch bow or hand</li> <li>More speed</li> <li>Release of Kinetic energy</li> </ol>	Abu Haashim has 'Fatha bi shimaal', open with left hand. Bow swings round to release hand shock due to having larger bow.
FERKE (Arabic name)	Twisting of the string at full draw	More power by pulling limbs closer together	Only used by Taahir al-Balkhi because he was not tall and had short draw.

SHOT TYPE	BODY POSITION	OTHER
FRONT SHOT	Lean on left leg standing in stirrup Right foot open pointing away from horse. Right leg is light but pressing onto horse Upper body in line with target	
SIDE SHOT	Feet balanced in weight Standing in stirrups Upper body in line with target	NEED IMAGE
BACK SHOT	Turn around to target Lean on right leg while standing in stirrup Left foot pointing away from horse. Left leg is light but pressing onto horse Upper body in line with target	
SEATED SHOT		
FRONT KNEE SHOT		

BACK KNEE SHOT	

NOCKING SYSTEM	METHOD	OTHER
Meshaa'ir Turkiye (Turkish style)	Hold arrow like a pencil	Taybugha style
Pencil	Push forward between fingers of	
	bow hand	NEED IMAGE
	Push nock past the string and pull	
	back	
	Arrow shaft keeps contact with the	
	string	
Bird style	Hold arrow with tips of fingers, like	Taybugha style
	a birds beak	
	Hold nock and shaft inside palm of	NEED IMAGE
	hand	
	Run string along palm as you pull	
	back and nock	
Scooping	Grab arrow as normal with thumb	Not historical
	and index finger, remaining 3	
	fingers hook the string and scoop	NEED IMAGE
	the arrow onto the string to nock	

#### 3 TYPES OF DRAW – (TAYBUGHA)

- SLOW
- FAST (continuous smooth movement, ensure full draw is reached and release)
- SLOW THEN FAST (Secret Style)

Ensure each style you maintain full-draw, iflaat and khatra.