

Sports Throwing World and UK records

(taken from available data 2010-2021)

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Any attempt at listing genuine records is compromised by varying standards in both the disciplines and the events at which they are recorded. In an attempt to be as realistic as possible the information below is taken from events meeting KATTA, Eurothrowers or IKTHOF standards. On-line competitions with video confirmation, witnessed range scores for national leagues and any form of home recorded record has not been included.

The aim is to demonstrate what is actually achievable under proper competition conditions, through dedication and hard work, by some of the best practitioners of the sport.

What is included and what is not.

Although shuriken and spikes are accepted in US competitions, they are not in European competition so have not been included.

Double Bit axe throwing tends not to compile record scores as each competition is held to be individual in time, place and circumstance but an attempt at inclusion has been made towards the end of the document.

The European/UK competition standard of individual winners/scores at fixed distances (3,5,7 metres for knife and 4,5,7 metres axe/hawk) was replaced by a "walkback" similar in style; but with different distances for axe/hawk, to the IKTHOF system used in USA, Canada and the Philippines, in 2019.

The record scores to date.

3 metre knife (21 throws max 105).

WR male Dmitry Melnikov **104** French Nationals 2017

WR female Svetlana Martynova **99** Eurothrowers 2018

UK male Paul Swain **102** Essex Backyards Throwers (EBT) competition 2018

UK female Mandy Micra Marciano **89** EBT 2018

5 metre knife (21 throws max 105).

WR male Mikhail Sedyshev **99** Eurothrowers 2017

WR female Svetlana Martynova **86** Eurothrowers 2018

UK male Richard Eisinger **91** EBT 2018, Mark Temple UK Nationals 2019

UK female Sue Collins **58** UK Nationals 2019

7 metre knife (21 throws max 105).

WR male Sergey Fedosenko **91** Eurothrowers 2019

WR female Anna Kortunova **62** Eurothrowers 2017

UK male Richard Eisinger **81** EBT 2018

UK female Sue Commons **35** EBT 2019

US/new Euro “walkback” knife (3/4/5/6/7m total 60 throws max 300 NB – US targets give an approximate 5% advantage as scoring area is larger than Euro/UK scoring area on target since moving to an octagonal target in 2013)

WR (US) male Mikhail Sedychev **276** IKTHOF championship 2013, Werner Lengmuller **276** IKTHOF championships 2015.

WR(US) female No category

WR male (new Euro) Dmitry Melnikov **270** Eurothrowers 2018

WR female (new Euro) Svetlana Martynova **247** Eurothrowers 2018

UK male Alan K Parish **241** Rymarov, Czech Republic Eurothrowers 2018

UK female no current entry

4 metre Hawk/Axe (21 throws max 105).

WR male Stanislav Havel **105** Eurothrowers 2016

WR female Cosima Dell’Anna **95** Eurothrowers 2017

UK male Richard Sunderland **103** EBT 2016

UK female Julie Hoole **84** UK Nationals 2019

5 metre Hawk/Axe (21 throws max 105).

WR male Stanislav Havel **104** Eurothrowers 2018

WR female Nathalie Kuik **80** Eurothrowers 2019

UK male Alan K Parish **102** Eurothrowers 2018

UK female Sue Commons **52** UK Nationals 2019

7 metre Hawk/Axe (21 throws max 105).

WR male Stanislav Havel **93** Eurothrowers 2018

WR female Ivana Karlikova **78** Eurothrowers 2014

UK male Richard Eisinger **81** EBT 2018

UK female Julie Hoole **58** UK Nationals 2019

Hawk/Axe “walkback” (US/Indonesia IKTHOF rules (3/4/5(6)/7/9) larger scoring area from 2013)

WR male Werner Lengmuller **270** IKTHOF championship 2015.

WR female No category

UK male Richard Sunderland **232** IKTHOF championships 2011 (NB old style target identical to Euro/UK)

UK female No current entry

Hawk/Axe “walkback” (Euro/UK rules (4/5/7/8/10) smaller scoring area)

WR male Werner Lengmuller **256** Eurothrowers 2018

WR female Venera Dmitneva **171** Eurothrowers 2018

UK male John Taylor **222** Eurothrowers 2018

UK female No current entry

No spin mixed event, universal rules 3/4/5/6/7 total 60 throws max 300 – in this instance despite the US/Indonesia target surface area being 5% larger the records appear to lie within the European/Russian system.

WR Konstantin Malyshev **248** (Russian event held to Eurothrowers standards confirmed by Joel Holopainen WR holder at **217** at Eurothrowers 2018). Note that Adam Celadin scored **222** in French Open 2019 and RC Samples **218** in Austin, Texas IKTHOF championship.

UK Edward Clark **185** Eurothrowers 2017

Long distance knife (to nearest centimetre)

WR male Dimitri Melnikov **23.35m** Eurothrowers 2018 (US record 73 feet/22.25m)

WR female Evgeniya Tribunskaya **13.72m** Eurothrowers 2018 (US no category)

UK male Lee Cheeseman **16m** UK Nationals 2017

UK female Nicola Wetherill **10.28m** UK Nationals 2019

Long distance hawk/axe

WR male Stanislav Havel **27.35m** Eurothrowers 2014 (US 74 feet 2 inches/23.13m)

WR female Anna Krzhominskaia **16.36m** Eurothrowers 2019

UK male George Leeming **25.61m** Eurothrowers 2018

UK female Nicola Weatherill **13.00m** EBT 2018

Long distance no spin Joel Holopainen **17m** Eurothrowers 2018 (US RC Samples 36 feet 8 inches 11.17m)

UK no formal attempt made in competition.

Speed throw (mixed event, maximum score 30) Euro/UK – distance 3 m single target (note in some championships a qualifier and a final are held and the two scores added together, this is for the maximum number stuck in 20s in a single attempt)

WR Konstantin Malyshev **29** Eurothrowers 2017

UK David Mitchell **22** UK Nationals 2019

Speed throw (mixed event, maximum score 30) US – distance 2 m variable target

WR Roger Jals/ Melody Joy Cuenca/ Sergey Fedosenko/ Bill Lagrasso **30**

UK John Taylor **17** IKTHOF 2010

Silhouette (mixed event, maximum score 75; from 2021 silhoue-axe, first introduced in 2017 and silhouette will become core Eurothrower events with both male and female divisions)

WR Chris Miller **75** Eurothrowers 2019

UK Richard Eisenger **60** EBT 2017

Double Bit

NB world record scores are not normal practice in DB competitions. The emphasis is on qualifying for the next stage and often a sudden death semi and final reduced to 6 then 3 throws, occasionally a single throw is the deciding factor.

Generally, achieving 150 or a 6 throw round average of 25, point average score of 4.16, is seen as excellent). Briefly, in 2018-2019 and attempt to categorise beginners, competent, expert and professional throwers (the terms are arbitrary) using “point averages” 2-2.5/2.5-3/3-3.5/3.5-4,4-4.5 and >4.5 was used in an online honesty based event where throwers could submit scores from anywhere. There are obvious limitations to this approach but you can use the upper end of this scale to get an idea of where your abilities sit. Anyone who can consistently and honestly score a greater than 4 point average has a chance of a podium place in any major competition. From an identifiable competition based point of view the Swedish Double Bit community has records indicating the 10 best male and female “point averages” obtained in formal events. Some German records show incredibly high scores in their Bundesliga however these appear to be self reported. It is also worth noting these Swedish scores are now very old and have not been beaten and may reflect a change in the target size in recent years.

WR male Rauno Wall. Point average **4.700** Kolsva 2013 (equates to **169** score in a 36 throw competition).

WR female Mona Elofsson. Point average **4.472** Brösarp 2002 (equates to **161** score in a 36 throw competition)

UK male tbc

UK female Julie Hoole **130** Berserkers meet 2018 (equates to **3.611** point average)

Most consecutive bulls in formal competition Pierre Kaminsky **8** Canadian Championships 2019.

Other stuff

Several other UK records such as maximum combined rotational knife and hawk scores are available on this site <http://www.knifethrowing.co.uk/katta-results/>

There are many other knife and hawk throwing events held at most major competitions but these are inappropriate for formal records either because of standardisation issues or are of a knock-out variety where records are inappropriate.

The “knock out” events are; quick draw (sometimes called duel cup), triskell and plank. These are all characterised by thrower against thrower set ups and progress

by elimination. Some like quick draw have time qualifiers for entry into a final. The speed varies depending on the starting position of the throwing hand (there are 4 commonly used positions; straight out in front of the body, hovering over the handle (US/Canada), below the throat (Europe/UK) and thumb on collarbone (Russia)).

Regular games which are not accepted as standard include; walk across..., nine targets, darts, snife, Hunter, various instinctive obstacle course events and Mountain Man (perhaps the most well recognised "game"). The usual rules and regulations of these games can be found at: www.knifethrowing.info (look up a "big event" then check the rules for the listed individual competitions or the files section at www.ebthrowers.co.uk which contain the rules for the more frequent events.