

Wirral Archers Club Rules

Archery is potentially a dangerous sport, safety is paramount and is everyone's responsibility.

1. General Rules

- 1.1. All members of Wirral Archers are expected to abide by the club constitution, rules, safety and general guidelines, policies and risk assessments.
- 1.2. Club members shall behave at all times in a manner not likely to bring the club in to disrepute.
- 1.3. It is the responsibility of all members to inform the Executive Committee of any changes to their health that could be considered a disability. This will enable the Executive Committee to perform the necessary risk assessments and to make reasonable adjustments in line with current legislation.
- 1.4. Any communications with hosts of Club shooting venues should be done via a member of the Executive Committee. This will include any request of the host to make reasonable adjustment in the case of disability
- 1.5. All Club members are expected to help with the setting up and dismantling of the shooting range. They are also expected to keep the club storage container in a tidy condition and to report any defects in club equipment to a member of the Executive Committee.
- 1.6. For all Juniors the membership form and annual renewal form will include an indemnity form which must be signed by the parent/guardian, the indemnity form to read as follows:

"I being the parent or guardian ofundertake to be responsible for his/her actions whilst on the premises of Wirral Archers or their hosts."

The indemnity form may be waived in cases of archers classed as juniors, but who are able to evidence of independence from any parent or legal guardian.

- 1.7. Parents of junior members must make themselves fully conversant with the Grand National Archery Society's Rules of Shooting and club rules.

2. Shooting Rules

- 2.1. Shooting shall be controlled by whistle in line with current GNAS guidelines and by a designated field captain, this can be decided from amongst those present at the start of shooting. The field captain shall be responsible for range safety during the shooting session.

- 2.2. A register of those shooting and of any visitors shall be kept in a form agreed by the Executive Committee and shall be kept by the Secretary.
- 2.3. When shooting outdoors, the safety rope and signs must be in place before any shooting commences.
- 2.4. Seniors. Senior archers must not shoot alone. Experienced senior members may shoot in the presence of a responsible adult, who need not be an archer, but who must be aware of current safety guidance and must keep watch for members of the public trespassing on the shooting range.
- 2.5. Juniors. GNAS rules of shooting state that when junior archers (i.e. archers under 18) are shooting individually or in groups they must be supervised by an adult member (excluding honorary members) of Archery GB and a second adult must be present. Club rule is that a parent or guardian accompanies a junior at all times. This means that juniors may only shoot with a parent or guardian AND a senior member of Wirral Archers present. If the parent or guardian is also a shooting member, a second adult must be present who is conversant with club and GNAS safety rules. If both adults are shooting, they MUST NOT shoot on the same detail. One adult MUST keep a watch for safety at ALL times.
- 2.6. When shooting outdoors ends shall be shot in two details. At no time should all archers shoot at the same time, those not shooting should keep watch for safety hazards especially members of the public trespassing on to the shooting range.
- 2.7. Single detail shooting will be allowed indoors, however safety must not be compromised.
- 2.8. When searching for missing arrows, the archer concerned must inform their target companion, a neighbouring target or the field captain directly. The person informed must ensure the field captain is aware of the archer behind the target to prevent the whistle being blown to commence shooting.
- 2.9. Should any arrows that have missed the target not be immediately found, the owner of the arrow must inform the field captain. Any missing arrows will then be looked for under the direction of the field captain and at the end of shooting those still missing shall be recorded and reported to the Executive Committee, who will take the appropriate action.
- 2.10. Club shooting equipment may be used by beginners who will be responsible for its safekeeping and return to the club hut after use each time, for a period of time agreed with the Executive Committee, following the end of the beginners' course and assuming full membership is taken out. In no circumstances will club shooting equipment be removed from the ground without committee approval.
- 2.11. Club target days – all days on which shooting is permissible at the club ground will be club target days shot under Grand National Archery Society's Rules of Shooting.

2.12. Club members may only shoot in the Wirral Open Tournament at the discretion of the Committee

3. Club members are also expected to follow GNAS Rules of Shooting, which are available on the Archery GB website, a copy can be printed for those without internet access.

The following extracts are some of the more general rules applying to all bow styles.

- 3.1. All arrows used shall carry the same pattern and colours of fletching, nocks and cresting (if any). (Rule 102 - VI).
- 3.2. Foot markers should not protrude more than 1 cm above the ground (rule 102 - ix).
- 3.3. Archers shooting more than the specified number of arrows at an end shall be penalised by losing the value of the highest arrow(s) scored. (Rule 104 - d).
- 3.4. An arrow has not been shot if the archer can touch it with his bow without moving his/her feet from their normal position on the shooting line. In this case, another arrow is shot in its place. If another arrow is not available, the archer may retrieve the mis-nocked arrow with the judge's permission. (Rule 104 - e).
- 3.5. If an archer is not ready to shoot before all archers have shot, that archer shall lose the benefit of that end. (Rule 104 - f).
- 3.6. Archers arriving late shall not be allowed to make up any ends that they have missed.(Rule 104 - g).
- 3.7. Two and a half minutes is the maximum time allowed to shoot three arrows, the time to start from when the archer steps on to the shooting line. (Rule 104 - j).
- 3.8. While an archer is on the shooting line, no information is to be passed by word or any other means by anyone to that archer. (Rule 104 - k).
- 3.9. No practice is allowed on the same day at the same field where a round is to be shot other than the six-sighter arrows. (Rule 104 - l).
- 3.10. For a round to count, an archer must shoot in the presence of at least one other GNAS affiliated archer. (Rule 104 - m).
- 3.11. The judge/field captain shall be the sole arbiter of the value of doubtful arrows. If an arrow or the target face has been touched by anyone other than those officials, the arrow shall be ineligible for the higher value. (Rule 105 - e).
- 3.12. Spectators shall not be allowed to go to the targets without the judge's permission (Rule 105 - 1).

- 3.13. Any arrow loosed before shooting has commenced is counted towards the next end of scoring arrows. All 3 or 6 arrows will then be shot and the highest scoring arrow(s) will be forfeited. (Rule 105 - n).
- 3.14. Unless actually shooting or going to or from the line, archers should always stay behind the waiting line. (Rule 105 - p)
- 3.15. When scoring, archers shall identify their arrows by pointing at the nocks and shall touch neither arrow nor target face until after the final decision is made. (Rule 106 - b).
- 3.16. No alterations shall be made on score sheets to the value of an arrow to the advantage of an archer after the arrow has been drawn from the target. Any alteration to recorded scores must be initialled by the field captain/judge. No arrow should be drawn from the target until all arrows have been correctly recorded. (Rule 106 - e).
- 3.17. Rebounds are notified to the judge by retiring two paces from the line and holding your bow in the air after shooting your final arrow of that end. The archer is allowed an additional arrow marked or noted by the judge. If six original arrows are found in the target, then the highest scoring arrow is forfeited. Arrows passing through the target do not score. (Rule 106 - f)
- 3.18. Arrows passing through the face but remaining in the boss are re-inserted from the back of the boss and the score is decided by the position of the pile so inserted. (Rule 106 - g)
- 3.19. An arrow embedded in another scores the same as the arrow struck. (Rule 106 - h)
- 3.20. Tops or shirts must cover the front and back of the body (including the midriff when at full draw), they must not be strapless and, for gentlemen, must include sleeves. (Rule 307 -c)
- 3.21. Footwear that fully encloses the toes and front of the foot must be worn at all times when shooting. (Rule 307 - b)