

## **Wirral Archers Etiquette Guidelines**

These guidelines are written to highlight some of the basic courtesies suggested by GNAS and others generally observed by archers and encouraged by the club.

### **Etiquette**

1. Do not talk in a loud voice whilst others are still shooting.
2. Do not talk to another competitor who obviously prefers to be silent. (Especially on the shooting line).
3. Do not go behind the target to retrieve arrows before scoring has been completed.
4. Do not walk up and down the shooting line comparing scores.
5. Do not touch anyone else's equipment without prior permission.
6. Do not leave litter.
7. When calling scores, do so in groups of three. For example "9-9-7" pause "7-5-5". This then gives the scorer time to read back the scores recorded and thus enables any errors to be corrected at once. Scores to be given in descending order as above with the highest scores first.
8. If you break another's arrow through your own carelessness you should offer to pay for a replacement. (This follows from (5) above and should be extended to any breakages due to carelessness).
9. Thank the scorer at the end of the round for the work they have done on your behalf.

### **Common courtesy**

The following items are not written down anywhere as rules but are points that show common courtesy to the other archers on the field and will help their concentration on the shooting line.

1. Try to be punctual to all club events during the season and arrive in plenty of time to set up the field.. It is everybody's responsibility to help set up and take down the targets.
2. Before shooting on a boss, ask those already shooting if you may join them, particularly if you are late to the field or haven't helped set the field in which case you must also ascertain where there is space.
3. If you are in the second detail to shoot, if possible try and wait until all archers from the previous detail on your target have left the line and then join the line as a complete detail.
4. Following on from this, if you have finished shooting please check to see whether the archers on either side of you are at full draw before you leave the line. If they are, wait for those few extra seconds until they have shot their arrow and then leave the line.

5. If you are aware that an archer prefers to have people around him/her on the line, consider waiting until they have finished before leaving the line yourself.
6. When approaching the line to shoot, look to see if the archers either side of where you are going to shoot are at full draw. If they are, do not approach the line until they have shot their arrow. Practising this simple courtesy will help their concentration and not distract their attention by seeing someone walk into their field of view at a critical moment.
7. Do not call out to people on the shooting line when you are behind that line, especially when there are archers at full draw and about to loose an arrow.
8. When you go down to the target to score your arrows, please try to score all arrows on your target as quickly as possible, draw the arrows and then return to the shooting line as quickly as possible. Do not stand at the target chatting or adding up scores. You have plenty of time to do this behind the shooting line.
9. Please try and make every effort to follow the GNAS dress code on club target days. You must follow it at tournaments so try to get into the habit at club level.
10. Try to take care of the club equipment so that the bosses in particular will last that bit longer. It does them no good to be dropped on their ends when taken down, this must always be done by two people.

### **Scoring -**

The following notes are intended to help you to record your scores correctly. This will greatly help the records officer in compiling handicap data, etc.:

1. There should always be two signatures on the score sheet-the archer's and the scorer's.
2. Please put your name, date and correct round title on your score sheets.
3. All score sheet entries must be in ink.
4. If you are shooting compound, please mark down whether you are shooting limited or unlimited.
5. Check your scores before you sign for them it is your responsibility, not the scorer's, to ensure that the score is correct.
6. Always hand your score sheet in on the day that the round is shot go not take your score sheet home with you.
7. If any adjustments are made to a score sheet (see the rules of shooting outlined below) always get the field captain to initial them as soon as they are made and before handing them in.
8. Always use the official score sheets provided as a standard within this club.