



Club Shooting Rules and Etiquette

1. These rules interpret or supplement the GNAS rules and are intended to help Club archers to shoot safely and without interfering with the shooting of other archers.
2. The GNAS rules of shooting will be followed. All archers are expected to have a working knowledge of the GNAS rules of shooting. They are published by GNAS and available on request from the Club.
3. All archers are expected to assist in the laying out of the targets and range prior to shooting and stripping down the targets on completion of shooting, including the following:
 - Setting up and securing of targets
 - Roping off range area
 - Marking shooting line and waiting area
 - Assembling/Disassembling club kit for juniors/guests/trainees as appropriate
4. All archers will shoot from a common shooting line, with the targets positioned at distances required. Changes of distance will be done by moving the targets. All archers should assist with any change of distance.
5. The maximum number of archers shooting at any one target is six. Preferably no more than four should shoot at a single target. If a target is full, get out an extra target or shoot a different distance.
6. An archer should shoot no more than the agreed number of arrows per end. The line marshall will normally specify how many arrows will be shot during each end (usually three or six).
7. The Line Marshall will be designated prior to any shooting.
8. Any directions from the Line Marshall must be followed at all times.
10. Arrows lost on the ground **MUST** be found to protect users of the ground from injury. Other archers should assist in looking for any lost arrows to minimise any disruption to shooting.
11. If a session is specified for a specific activity, e.g. taster sessions, then other Club members should respect this booking -all club equipment will be made available for these events and will only be available to Club members if not being used. The usual target archery will also be available, subject to the requirements of the specific event.
12. All juniors must be supervised by either (a) a parent/guardian who is a GNAS member, (b) an adult GNAS member **AND** a parent/guardian, or (c) a child protection approved GNAS member.
13. Coaching may be organised by personal arrangement. However, please remember that coaches also shoot, so do not expect a coach to stop shooting for you. Special coaching events may be organised and will be publicised.
14. No crossbows or compound bows may be used at the Club (the exception is the small compound bow available for use by disabled archers)
15. Aluminium arrows are recommended to ensure any lost arrows can be found by the metal detector. Wooden and Carbon Arrows may only be used at a committee members discretion, and only as an exception.
15. Etiquette:
A good archer:
 - Does not talk in a loud voice while others are shooting
 - Does not distract other archers who are on the shooting line
 - Does not talk to another competitor who obviously prefers to be silent
 - Does not make any exclamations on the shooting line which may disconcert a neighbour in the act of shooting
 - Does not walk off the shooting line while a neighbour is at full draw
 - Does not walk along the line and compare scores
 - Does not touch anyone else's archery equipment without permission
 - Does not leave litter on the archery ground

- Does not disturb people with loud mobile phone ringtones or speaking on the phone on or around the shooting line.
- Pays any fees due before commencing shooting

16. Etiquette when scoring (GNAS Rules appendix A)

A good archer:

Does not go behind the target to retrieve arrows before the scores have been taken

When calling scores, does so in groups of three, and in descending order. For example, 'X-10-9' pause '9-8-7'.

While calling scores, points to each arrow as it is called, without touching the arrow or target face (106/b)

Does not touch any arrow or the target face until all arrow values have been recorded and checked

When required to do so, takes their turn at scoring

Only withdraws the arrows of others if this has been agreed by them

At the end of the round thanks the Line Marshall and/or Scorer for the work done by them

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY CLUB MEMBER TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES AND MAINTAIN THE STANDARDS OF ETIQUETTE.

IF ANYONE BECOMES UPSET BY MEMBERS BREAKING THESE RULES, PLEASE POINT OUT THE RULES TO THE INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED. IF THIS DOES NOT WORK, REPORT THE OFFENDER TO A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.