

Club Rules and Code of Conduct

Club Rules and Rules of Shooting

All members are required to abide by the Archery GB Rules of shooting. A copy of the Rules of Shooting is available from the Archery GB Website and a copy is available at the Club's Putley range.

In addition, the following Club rules also apply: -

The Ledbury Archery Club field (sited at New House Farm, Putley) has sufficient space for straw bosses to be placed, with a maximum distance of Yards. An adjacent Clout range may be made available at certain times by specific arrangement with the Landowner. Furthermore, the use of the on site 'long barn' may also be used for a maximum of targets at a maximum distance of yards. Additional fields and woodland (to the South & South West of New House Farm) where registered with Archery GB, may also on occasion be used by special arrangement. During winter months, indoor facilities may be provided for evening shooting at a local village hall.

The following range regulations apply: -

- All archers will only shoot from the designated Shooting Line (except during official Club events when an advance shooting line may be used) and therefore, change targets when changing distances.
- The range operates as a single shooting line for safety purposes regardless of which targets are in use.
- The range is for the shooting of rounds consisting of six arrow ends, unless competition rules dictate three arrow ends.
- Should alternative approved ranges be in use, appropriate safety measures including overshoot and signage as stipulated within the Rules of Shooting are to be applied.
- The above rules apply at all times.

Coaching and tuning (except as part of a formal Ledbury Archery Club event) is to take place when appropriate in the barn range to the left of the main range so as to not interfere with or unduly delay archers shooting rounds.

Ledbury Archery Club



Lady Emily Community Hall at Tarrington is rented by the Club on Thursday evenings in the winter months for indoor shooting.

The following Range rules apply for the indoor shoots: -

- No arrows are to be shot until hall is adequately prepared; warning notices displayed on all doors, backstop nets in place, etc
- The maximum of 3 archers per boss (total 9) are permitted on the shooting line at any time. Where more there are more than 3 per boss the ends will be shot in separate details.
- The range is for the shooting of rounds consisting of three arrow ends.
- With the limited space available all equipment (bow cases etc.) are to be kept behind the shooting line where practicable.

Car Parking

When shooting in either Putley or Tarrington all vehicles are left entirely at Owners risk.

Parking in Putley shall be at both ends of the long barn. Do not drive or walk past the long barn whilst shooting is in progress unless range captains have been made aware and given agreement to do so. Due to limited space, double parking will be necessary – please facilitate this.

Parking in Tarrington will be in the car park behind Lady Emily Hall.

Code of Conduct

All members are required to follow the Archery GB Code of Conduct for Adult Archers.

All members are expected to assist with setting up and taking down target Stands, faces, shooting line, lane barrier rope and other equipment when required. Club target days shall be Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings.

For safety reasons shooting at the Club is to be controlled by use of whistle commands when there are more than three archers on the line.

There shall be no smoking on the ranges, in the field, the barn or car parking areas. Mobile phones should be turned off or set to silent mode when on the range(s).

In line with Archery GB rules (Rule 304 (f) – Method 1) the following commands will be used: -

- One whistle blast to take your place on the shooting line and begin

shooting

- Three whistle blasts to collect arrows

The whistle will be administered by a senior member of the Club by mutual agreement.

Practice shooting prior to or following an organised shoot should not take place until permission has been given by the organiser of the shoot.

The IMPORTANT SAFETY COMMAND to cease firing shall be given by a rapid series of whistle blasts or the call of “**FAST**” by anyone, and is the signal to stop shooting immediately, come down, and remove arrow from bow.

All members should follow the Club’s standard code of etiquette as follows: -

A Good Archer:

- Does not talk in a loud voice whilst others are shooting.
- Does not take another archer’s position on the shooting line without asking.
- Does not talk to another archer who obviously prefers to be silent.
- Does not make any exclamation on the shooting line that might disconcert a neighbour in the act of shooting.
- Does not go behind the target to retrieve his arrows before his score has been recorded and does not hold up other archers looking for lost arrows between ends
- Does not walk up and down the shooting line comparing scores.
- Does not touch anyone else’s equipment without permission.
- Does not leave litter.
- When calling scores does so in groups of three, for example ‘7 - 7 - 5’ pause ‘5 - 5 - 3’.
- If he breaks another’s arrow through his own carelessness, pays for it in cash on the spot.

Disputes and Complaints

The procedure for dealing with any breach of the Rules or Code of Conduct is set out in the Club Constitution Section 9: Discipline and Appeals

Club Equipment

New members who have completed a beginner's course may borrow Club training equipment for a maximum of 3 months before purchasing their own equipment. All equipment must be signed for and returned at the end of the period.

The Club coaches and Management Committee will consider any application for extensions beyond 3 months on a case by case basis (for example during the winter) but club requirements for beginners' courses or have-a-go sessions should not be compromised.

Any loss or damage to Club equipment or property should be reported to a Club Coach or member of the Club Management Committee immediately. Members shall be held responsible for any loss or damage to Club equipment or property caused by their negligence or disobedience.

Guest Archers

Any Senior Member of the Club may sponsor a guest to shoot at the Club Field

- Invited guests are to be notified to a member of the Management Committee in advance
- All guests must be signed into the Club using the "visitor's book" in the barn. This is for insurance purposes.
- Guests are the responsibility of the sponsoring member who must supervise them at all times to ensure their safety and the safety of other members.
- Use of the Club's equipment is at the discretion of a member of the Management Committee or Club coach in attendance
- Experienced 'guest' archers and Archery GB members may shoot on the main line, those new to archery are to use the barn to the left of the field. No more than two new to archery guests to each supervising senior member.
- A guest may only shoot at Ledbury Archery Club on a maximum of 6 occasions
- There is a guest fee of £4 per visit to be handed to a member of the Club Management committee



Code of Conduct Adult Archers



Adult Archers

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in Archery.

As an archer, you have a big part to play. That is why Archery GB is asking every archer to follow a code of conduct.

The Archery GB Codes of Conduct apply to all Archery GB members when participating in and administering the sport of archery. In order to protect the reputation of Archery GB, the code also applies to those associated with Archery GB or who are involved in archery whilst outside the UK.

Expected minimum standards of behaviour and conduct

As an Archery GB member I will:

- Respect the spirit of fair play in archery
- Adhere to the Rules of Shooting and the spirit of archery
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Promote fair play – I won't cheat, complain or waste time
- Endeavour to ensure the sport is enjoyable for everyone
- Accept success and failure, victory or defeat with dignity
- Be on time for training, competitions and events
- Never engage in or tolerate public criticism of fellow archers, coaches or officials

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of my fellow archers

- Speak to my fellow archers, coaches, judges and officials with respect
- Remember we all make mistakes
- Always respect the confidentiality of other archers
- Treat other people's data as I would wish them to treat mine
- Always have the best interests of my fellow archers at heart

I will endeavour to ensure my own safety and the safety of others

- Never participate when under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each archer above everything including standards of performance

Protect others involved in archery from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour

- Never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Never engage in or tolerate bullying, intimidation or harassment
- Never use or tolerate the use of social media (e.g. Facebook/Archery Interchange) to engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment

Abide by Archery GB Rules and Policies including:

- Archery GB Safeguarding Policy
- Archery GB Equality Policy
- Archery GB Anti-doping rules
- Archery GB Bribery Act

Take personal responsibility:

- To update Archery GB with changes to personal information

Breaking the Code of Conduct

By joining Archery GB, everyone agrees to abide by this Code of Conduct, all Archery GB policies, rules, regulations and procedures.

Archery GB therefore has the right to investigate and take disciplinary action, as in line with the Archery GB Disciplinary Policy, Regulations and Procedures, against any alleged breaches of this Code of Conduct or our policies, rules, regulations and procedures, which may bring Archery GB into disrepute.



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