

Andover Archers
Club Rules
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1. Introduction

- 1.1. All members of Andover Archers are required to follow these Rules so that the Club may operate in a fair and safe environment.
- 1.2. Abbreviations used are those specified in the Constitution.
- 1.3. These Rules complement the Club Constitution and where there is perceived conflict, the Constitution takes precedence (which itself surrenders precedence to AGB rules and policies).
- 1.4. Any rule, other than those required for legal, safeguarding or safety reasons must be approved at the next AGM.

2. Proof of Membership

- 2.1. Club members must be able and willing to show a current club membership tag when requested. A club member may request to see a tag where they see an archer they do not recognise and where they believe that a non-member is shooting. When making a challenge it should not be spurious and the member must have full regard for their own safety.

3. Archery GB Rules of Shooting

- 3.1. AGB Rules of Shooting must be followed in addition to the clauses in this document. All Club members must be familiar with them.

4. Disciplinary Matters

- 4.1. Breaches of these Rules may result in disciplinary action under the Club Constitution. Where breaches are judged to be serious and wilful they may invoke the Club's formal disciplinary procedure.

5. Safety

- 5.1. Shooting a crossbow and the use of broadheads is forbidden on Club premises and is a disciplinary offence. Other non-standard arrows or piles may be used solely with the express agreement of the committee, (Non-shooting) display of such items is permitted. If a Club member is in doubt as to the acceptability of any equipment they should seek prior approval from the committee.
- 5.2. Always look to your own safety and the safety of others. Any archer (or non-archer) who becomes aware of an actual or potential safety issue is obliged to take action. Initially they must ensure the safety of everyone present e.g. by calling 'FAST' and then by informing all persons in danger and, where relevant,

any person causing the danger. Where such action is believed to have been wilful then the committee must be notified.

- 5.3. Juniors: All juniors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If this parent is NOT a current Senior Member of the Club, then a Senior Member must also be present. The parent or guardian is responsible for the conduct of the junior.
- 5.4. All club equipment will be regularly reviewed and maintained under the authority of the Equipment Officer. Club members are responsible for the safety of their own equipment and must maintain their equipment in a safe state.
- 5.5. Wilful cross lane shooting is banned. Continual offences may result in disciplinary action.
- 5.6. Shooting on the field is restricted to the marked shooting area only, with a maximum shooting distance of 100 yards / 90 meters to allow for the overshoot covered by the club or appropriate affiliation insurance policy.
- 5.7. Do not run on the archery field or in the Clubhouse.
- 5.8. Do not distract an archer on the shooting line.
- 5.9. All shooting must be from the designated shooting line. Shooting at distances of over 100 yards is not allowed due to insufficient overshoot.

6. Coaching

- 6.1. Coaching should be given only if requested by the recipient other than where it is perceived that an archer is at risk of either injury to themselves or others, or where their conduct would break the Club's rules (and/or those of AGB).
- 6.2. Wilfully giving unsolicited advice to Club members that might cause injury or damage to another archer or their equipment may lead to disciplinary action.

7. Visitors

- 7.1. Only full members of the Club (this excludes Social, Associate and Temporary Members) may invite visitors. Visitors are limited to 1 shooting visitor at any time other than with the permission of the committee.
- 7.2. Visiting archers must be members of AGB or an equivalent overseas body and must provide proof of membership and must pay such fee as the committee decides.
- 7.3. The Club may also provide Training Days and Taster sessions to non-archers under the rules of AGB to provide insurance.
- 7.4. Returning archers (i.e. people who have shot previously and now wish to return to the sport) may be asked to undertake an assessment prior to joining the Club under the rules of AGB.

8. Dogs (and other animals)

Dogs (other than assistance dogs) are not permitted in the clubhouse but are permitted on the shooting field behind the tent line. They must be on a lead, under

control and must not cause disruption to archers. If a dog is out of control the owner may be asked to remove it from the Club and repeated issues may result in the dog and archer being banned from the Club property. The owner must always clean up after their animal.

8. Smoking

Smoking or vaping of any type is only permitted in the car park.

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