



BLUNDELLSANDS ARCHERS

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Blundellsands Archers Club Rules [1973]

Before the application of any candidate for membership of the Club can be considered, the applicant has to have undergone a satisfactory completion of a Beginners Course. The relevant application forms and fees have to be submitted together.

“All shooting shall conform to National Governing Bodies Rules of Shooting”. Copies available in the Club House [Pavilion].

1. “Class of Membership”;

“Junior”; [under 18 years of age]

Juniors are not allowed to shoot unsupervised.

Juniors under 14 years of age, are to be accompanied at all sessions by a parent or guardian.

Juniors reaching the age of 18 years, automatically become Senior Members on the renewal of G.N.A.S. membership on the following 1st. October of that year.

No junior can commence shooting without 2 adults present [G.N.A.S.Rules]. It is recommended that the ratio of Juniors to “supervising adults” never exceeds 12:1.

“Senior Membership” [Lady and Gent];

First year members will pay an entrance fee and annual subscription as decided by the Committee. At the end of the season, they are eligible to full membership.

Full members will be eligible after the 1st. year to apply for appointment to the Club Committee at the A.G.M.

2. “Club House”;

Members are requested at all times to keep the Club House and Storage Facilities in a clean and tidy condition.

3. “Dress Code”;

Members are requested to dress in accordance with the standards laid down by the G.N.A.S. Rules of Shooting.

4. All members, visitors & guests must sign in & out on the daily register, to conform with Heath & Safety Regulations also Club Mark.

5. “Visitors”;

Non-Shooting Visitors are allowed, subject to the approval of a Committee Member or by the “person in charge” on the day in question.



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Shooting Visitors may shoot to the approval of a Committee Member or by the “person in charge” on the day in question. The visitor must also produce his or her current G.N.A.S. membership card and sign the visitor’s book.

6. All archers arrows must have identification and be registered on day of shooting in register book.

Maximum number of arrows in an archers quiver to be “7” during a competition [6 for a classification round plus 1 spare in case needed.] On ordinary club day shooting, maximum to be 6 arrows.

7. “Field Captain”

A Field Captain to be appointed at all Club shooting activities, both “Indoor and Outdoor”.

If at outdoor, both Target and Clout are being shot, then Field Captains for both disciplines will be appointed.

8. “Priority of Shooting

Any member wishing to shoot a G.N.A.S. Round, has priority over members wishing to practise shoot only.

New members learning to shoot, must not hinder other Members shooting and must shoot under supervision.

When selecting a target which is already in use, you should try to select a target which has archers shooting a matching bow type.

For example; a “recurve” archer should not in the first instance select a target which is already being used by a “compound” or “flatbow” archer, unless no other targets are available.

If the target you wish to shoot on is already being used by member[s], then you should wait until they have finished their current end, before approaching the shooting line.

You should then ask permission from them to shoot on the target. The member[s] should not refuse a reasonable request to shoot on the target, but in such circumstances you should select an alternate target or setup another target as required.

If when you have finished shooting for the day and your target is no longer being used, you should offer, to take down/put away, with the Field Captain or who ever is in charge.

9. “Shooting Requirements”;

Any member not completing 10 G.N.A.S. Rounds during one full season, will not qualify for voting during the following year.

It is a requirement that each Member shoots a G.N.A.S. round, every calendar month, to be eligible to enter in the Club Handicaps.



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10. "Bows". All types of bows, over 70 lbs. in draw weight, must shoot in one direction only [North], i.e. away from the pavilion. This is to be for any type of shooting i.e. target, clout, flight or distance.
11. "Clout Shooting".

"Compound Bows are not to be used"

All activities to conform to G.N.A.S. or B.L.B.S Rules of shooting.

The range layout shall conform to the Club Outdoor venue rules. If in doubt consult a member of the committee or the diagram on the Club notice board in the pavilion.

Circumstances may change the layout for the day but risk assessment must be seen to have taken place and recorded. Safety is a priority at all times.

12. "Accident and Near Miss Procedure".

"Definition".

Any event which has caused actual harm or damage, or has had the potential to cause harm or damage to any person or property.

"Responsibility".

It is the responsibility of each and every Club member to ensure the safety of themselves, other Club members and members of the public. They must conduct themselves in a safe and appropriate manner at all times. If any member is seen or deemed to be causing harm or potential danger, then appropriate action or warnings must be raised. A Committee Member or Training Coach if available must be informed as soon as practical and in any case within 24 hours of the incident taking place.

"Initial Action".

In the event of an injury, first aid should be rendered using the first aid kit kept in the kitchen cupboard at Spinney Crescent [Pavilion] or in reception at either of the 2 indoor centres. In serious cases, an ambulance should be called with someone designated to meet the ambulance as it approaches the site to pass basic information to the paramedic crew. In the event of a "Near Miss", an incident which could have had potential to cause harm [e.g. an arrow being loosed whilst someone is at or on the target area] and no injury sustained. Full details are to be made known to a Committee Member or Training Coach if available, as soon as practical or in any case within 24 hours.

"Mitigate Damage".

Appropriate steps should be taken by those Club Members present, including any committee or training coach to mitigate any damage caused or to prevent a similar incident taking place immediately following the incident.



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No admission of guilt or responsibility for the cause should be stated to anyone unless a Police investigation is required.

“Investigation”.

All details of the event and action taken at the time or subsequently must be made known to a “full committee meeting” held at the earliest opportunity, to investigate the cause and any liability, for the Club or its members. A review of the actions taken to date must be made to ensure it complies with any legal or moral issues and if any changes to Club Rules or procedures is required. The accident book and Club minutes must record the event and subsequent actions taken.

[Amendment Implemented @ A.G.M's]

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Signed;

J.J.Kavanagh. [Secretary on behalf of the Club Committee].