



BLUNDELLS SANDS ARCHERS

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SAFETY

101. Introduction

(a) These bow safety rules apply to all archery disciplines. Other safety rules are given in the separate Parts of these Rules.

(b) Each member of the Society has a duty of care to ensure that his actions do not compromise the safety of himself or others.

102. General

(a) No archer may draw his bow, with or without an arrow, except when standing at the shooting line or peg. If an arrow is used, the archer shall aim toward the targets but only after being satisfied that the field is clear both in front of and behind the targets.

(b) When drawing back the string of the bow an archer shall not use any technique which, in the opinion of the field captain / judges, could, if accidentally loosed, allow the arrow to fly beyond a safety zone or safety arrangements (overshoot area, net, wall, etc). If an archer persists in using such a technique, he will, in the interest of safety, be immediately asked by the field captain / Judge to stop shooting and to leave the area.

(c) If anyone present where archery is taking place becomes aware that shooting should be halted for safety reasons, that person must call "**FAST**". On hearing this call, all archers must immediately stop shooting, returning all unshot arrows to the quiver. If necessary, the call of "**FAST**" should be repeated by other archers to ensure that everyone has heard and stopped shooting. Shooting will recommence only on the instruction of the field captain / Judge.

(d) At a tournament the Judge, in consultation with the appointed tournament organiser is empowered to require any individual who is considered to be jeopardising the safety of the tournament to immediately leave the shooting ground.

103. Numbers Present

(a) On the grounds where the public have a right of access, there must be a minimum of two people present each being a minimum of 18 years of age when any shooting is in progress, one of whom may be a non-archer to act as a lookout. The archer is responsible to inform the lookout of all safety aspects applicable. Where two adult archers are present and shooting together they will alternate on the shooting line so that the non-shooting archer can act as the lookout.

(b) Solo shooting by senior archers (ie archers 18 and over) is permitted on private land which is fenced all round and where the public has no legal right of access. A warning notice must be displayed at all entrances and points of access. Any member shooting on their own is doing so at their own risk in respect of personal injuries.

(c) Juniors - When junior archers (ie archers under 18) are shooting individually or in groups they must be supervised by an adult member (excluding honorary members) of the Society.

(Extracted from Rules of Shooting)