

Safe Shooting

Archery is a very safe sport. Please help to keep it that way by following these simple rules.

1. If you are not shooting, remain behind the waiting line until the field captain has blown the whistle.
2. Never put an arrow in your bow unless you are on the shooting line and facing the target.
3. Return behind the waiting line after completing shooting
4. Do not cross the shooting line until the field captain has blown THREE blasts on the whistle.
5. Do not cross the shooting line for any reason whilst shooting is in progress. You may only retrieve an arrow if you can do it from where you stand. Otherwise it is considered shot.
6. Always walk on the field and look down when approaching the bosses.
NEVER RUN!
7. Before pulling arrows always check to make sure other archers are sufficiently clear of the target so they cannot be injured by you while extracting the arrows.
8. Once you have drawn your arrows from the boss return them to your quiver before walking back. You should not carry arrows. If, in exceptionally circumstances, you have to carry them do so with the points down.
9. Although the Field Captain is primarily responsible for safety everybody has a responsibility to ensure our shooting is safe. If anybody notices a potentially dangerous situation shout "FAST". Better safe than sorry.
10. Adult Club members of Archery GB may be allowed to shoot on their own,¹ provided you are aware of and observe the rules governing Archery Range Safety. Ask a committee member.
11. Juniors must not shoot on their own. One parent/guardian alone may supervise his/her own child(ren), provided that they are an adult member (excluding honorary members) of Archery GB. Alternatively, there must be at least two adult Club members present.¹

Archery Etiquette¹

A GOOD ARCHER:

- Does not talk in a loud voice whilst others are shooting.
- Does not talk to another competitor who obviously prefers to be silent.
- Does not make any exclamations on the shooting line which might disconcert a neighbour in the act of shooting.
- Does not go behind the target to retrieve arrows before his score has been recorded.
- Does not walk up and down the shooting line or waiting line comparing scores.
- Does not touch anyone else's equipment without permission.
- Does not approach or leave the shooting line when the adjacent archer is at full draw.
- Does not leave another archer alone on the shooting line.
- Does not leave litter.
- When calling scores does so in groups of three e.g. 7 - 7 - 5 pause 5 -5 -3.
- If he/she breaks another's arrow through their own carelessness, pays for it in cash on the spot.
- Thanks the Target Captain at the end of each round for work on his behalf.

**THE ABOVE IS INTENDED TO MAKE, NOT ONLY FOR GOOD SHOOTING
BUT PERHAPS, MORE IMPORTANTLY, HAPPY SHOOTING**

¹ Archery GB Rules of shooting