



GOLDCREST ARCHERS

Club Rules

Please note that this booklet is NOT a comprehensive list of the rules of shooting. All members of Goldcrest Archers are obliged to follow the rules of shooting as laid out in the Archery GB rules of shooting. See the [Archery GB website](#) for this information.

For your information a hard copy of this rule book is kept in the brew room at the nest. Please feel free to read this at your leisure, but please ensure that this copy always remains in the nest. Please do not take it home.

The rules contained within this booklet are for the members of Goldcrest Archers, and all members are expected to adhere to them at all times. Thank you.

The Indoor Range. "The Nest"

- **Read the rules. Ignorance is no defence. You are responsible for your actions within the club, and for your own, and others safety.**
- Solo shooting in the range is done at the archer's own risk.
- Junior members are not allowed, **under any circumstances**, to shoot alone. A senior club member or parent (aware of the club rules) must be present at all times when a junior member is shooting.
- There is only one shooting line within the range, and all shooting must be completed from this line, unless instructed otherwise by a club coach.
- When you have completed shooting, all archers must remain behind the shooting line, on the carpeted area until all shooting has ceased.
- Bows must not have arrow loaded onto them until you are on the shooting line.
- Bows should not be drawn, (loaded or not) in any other direction than that of the bosses, and **NEVER** drawn (loaded or not) if there is anyone down range.
- If anyone in the shooting range sees **anything** they believe **may** pose any kind of danger, to themselves, or any other person, they must shout "**FAST**". This should be repeated by others present to ensure everyone has heard. Remember: better safe than sorry.
- Upon hearing the word "**FAST**" archers will draw down immediately, and all arrows **MUST** be returned to the archer's quiver, until such time that the danger has been identified, and the problem addressed.
- Do not use the target stickers for anything other than repairing a target face.
- Use the appropriate target sticker for the appropriate target face. (i.e. don't use a 60cm sticker on an 40cm face).
- Please mark the spot where lost arrow tips are believed to be within the boss and report any lost arrow tips in the bosses to Peter, Tracy, or Andy Davies, who will try to retrieve them. (Arrow tips left in the bosses can cause damage to other arrows).
- Indoors, do not place the target faces in a central position on the boss. (even if you are shooting alone). This causes undue wear and requires the bosses to be replaced more often.
- If you miss with an arrow, and this lands in the carpet, or the bamboo matting above, please ensure that you straighten the carpet or bamboo after removing the arrow.
- Place all completed score sheets in the "score sheet" box on the table in front of the heater.
- Check the "sin bin" to ensure you have no returned score sheets.
- No food or drink is to be taken into the range.
- Do not leave target faces on the floor. They are a trip hazard. Hang them on the hooks provided at all times when not in use.
- Turn the lights off after you have finished shooting if there is no one else present.
- Do Not put your own scores on either the yearly, or club record boards. This will be done by the records officers on a monthly basis.
- Read all the notice boards within the range, they contain information about upcoming shoot, meetings etc.
- Do not use any piece of equipment within the range unless you have been shown how to use it first.

- **The range is closed Wednesday's between 1pm and 2pm** for the maintenance of the bosses, and cleaning of the range. Please don't come between those times unless you are willing to help with the maintenance, or cleaning.
- Tidy up after yourselves. The cleaning at the range is done by volunteers. Not by paid staff, and certainly not by the landlord.
- Tea, and Coffee is free, however, donations would be greatly appreciated. Please, either make a donation in the piggy bank on the shelf next to the coffee, and tea, or bring in something for the club (Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Milk, Biscuits. etc All are gratefully accepted.)
- There is no dress code for shooting within the range), with the exception of the club indoor championships,(both junior, and senior,) when Archery GB rules on dress will be adhered to. (*Rule 307 Archery GB Rules of shooting*).
- Inappropriate clothing will not be allowed at any time. (That is any clothing, whether manufactured, or created, that causes offence, upset, or is in any way abusive).
- **REMEMBER, IT'S A HOBBY. ENJOY IT AND STAY SAFE.**

The Outdoor Range. "Fairfield Girls School"

- **Read the rules. Ignorance is no defence. You are responsible for your actions within the club, and for your own and others' safety.**
- Solo shooting at the field is done at the archer's own risk.
- Junior members are not allowed, **under any circumstances**, to shoot alone. A senior club member or parent (aware of the club rules) must be present at all times when a junior member is shooting.
- All members must receive instruction on how to assemble, and disassemble bosses, and set out the field, prior to shooting outside.
- The wooden "archery in progress" warning signs must be placed out before shooting commences. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- This is a multiple use field and is owned by a school. Upon arrival you must know exactly how many arrows you have in your possession. At the end of any shoot you must account for all your arrows **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Any lost arrows must be found prior to leaving the field on the day you shoot. On no account must you leave the field leaving an arrow behind.
- A shooting line must be placed out when any more than one archer is shooting.
- A waiting line must be placed out when any more than one archer is shooting.
- No archer in front of the shooting line until the line is clear.
- All shooting must be completed from the shooting line, unless instructed otherwise by a coach.
- Bows must not have arrow loaded onto them until you are on the shooting line.
- Bows should not be drawn, (loaded or not) in any other direction than that of the bosses, and NEVER drawn (loaded or not) if there is anyone down range.
- If anyone shooting sees anything they believe may pose any kind of danger to themselves or any other person, they must shout "**FAST**". This should be repeated by others present to ensure everyone has heard. Remember: better safe than sorry.

- Upon hearing the word "**FAST**" archers will draw down immediately, and all arrows **MUST** be returned to the archer's quiver, until such time that the danger has been identified, and the problem addressed.
- All bosses must be secured to the ground using both the stand pegs, and the boss ropes at all times, irrespective of the weather conditions. No shooting must be done on any boss not secured in this way.
- If arrows miss the target, and need collection from behind it, one archer shooting on that boss will remain in front of it, in clear sight of other archers on the shooting line, until the arrow is recovered to indicate a presence at that boss. If you are shooting alone on a boss you must take someone else with you if it is your intention to go behind the boss to recover arrows.
- Sundays are the club shooting days. Shooting will start at 10am prompt. All archers should be present prior to this time, and present in such an appropriate time as to assist the assembly of the field prior to shooting.
- On Sundays, Archery GB regulation in relation to the dress code (*Rule 307 Archery GB Rules of shooting*) will be adhered to. This will be on all Sundays with the exception of any falling between the dates (1st November to 1st April). At such time appropriate dress for the prevailing weather conditions will be allowed.
- The Archery GB dress code (*Rule 307 Archery GB Rules of shooting*) will be adhered to at all club competitions (with the exception of the fun shoots), irrespective of the day, or date they are shot.
- Inappropriate clothing will not be allowed at any time. (That is any clothing, whether manufactured, or created, that causes offence, upset, or is in any way abusive).
- When putting the equipment away, put it away neatly. There is enough room in the shed if this is done correctly. Others should not have to sort a mess out when they attend to shoot.
- Ensure that the locks on the shed are secured correctly before leaving. This includes making sure the tumblers have been rotated away from the opening number.
- Score sheets can be submitted directly to Tracy or placed in the score sheet box within the indoor range for collection.
- REMEMBER: IT'S A HOBBY. ENJOY IT AND STAY SAFE.

PLEASE BE AWARE WE WANT TO RUN A CLUB THAT IS FRIENDLY AND HAS A RELAXED ATMOSPHERE. THESE RULES ARE NECESSARY TO ENSURE YOUR, AND OTHERS SAFETY. THEY MUST BE ADHERED TO AT ALL TIMES, AND YOU WILL BE REMINDED OF THEM SHOULD YOU BE SEEN TO BREECH ANY, AT ANY TIME. ANY CONSTANT BREECH BY ANY MEMBER MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES IN RELATION TO THESE RULES YOU CAN SPEAK TO OTHER MEMBERS, BUT IF THERE IS ANY AMBIGUITY PLEASE CONTACT EITHER PETER, TRACY, OR ANDY DAVIES WHO WILL BE PLEASED TO EXPLAIN THEM, AND THE REASONING BEHIND THEM. THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THESE MATTERS.