

Club Rules and Code of Conduct

Club Rules and Rules of Shooting

All members are required to abide by the Archery GB Rules of shooting. A copy of the Rules of Shooting is available from the Archery GB Website.

In addition, the following Club rules also apply: -

The Lintman field has fixed bosses for the shooting of rounds at imperial distances – 20/30/40/50/60/80/100 yds. The following range regulations apply: -

- All archers will only shoot from the designated Shooting Line (except during official Club events when an advance shooting line may be used) and therefore change targets when changing distances.
- The range operates as a single shooting line for safety purposes regardless of which targets are in use.
- The range is for the shooting of rounds consisting of six arrow ends.
- The above rules apply at all times.

Coaching and tuning (except as part of a formal Lintman event) is to take place when appropriate in the training area to the left of the main range so as to not interfere with or unduly delay archers shooting rounds. This range includes mobile bosses that can be moved to different distances, imperial or metric as required.

Access to the Club field is via the gate on Bagshot Road. This gate is secured with a combination padlock and must be kept locked. The only exception to this rule is for Club Sessions on Sunday mornings and special events. This is important to keep access private to Club members and keep out trespassers. Access to the Club via Hurst Lodge School is not permitted.

The last member to leave the field is responsible for securing all Club sheds and the gate following a Club Target Day shoot and at any other time.

The indoor range at the Lord Robert's Centre, Bisley is rented by the Club on Tuesday evenings in the winter months for indoor shooting.

The following Range rules apply for the indoor shoots: -

- The maximum of 3 archers per boss (total 15) are permitted on the shooting line at any time. Where more there are more than three per boss the ends will be shot in separate details.
- The range is for the shooting of rounds consisting of three arrow ends.
- Archers are to remain on a single boss for each session
- With the limited space all tables / chairs / bow cases etc. are to be kept a minimum of 5 yards behind the waiting line. When shooting at 25m this requirement is reduced to 1 yard due to space limitations

Solo shooting

Solo shooting at the Lintman Range by senior members (i.e. archers 18 and over) is permitted. Any member shooting on their own is doing so at their own risk in respect of personal injuries. (Archery GB rule 103 (c) (i)).

Junior Members – Information for Parents and Carers

The Club has a junior section for young people under the age of 18.

The Club runs regular beginner courses that run for 4 sessions and include use of all necessary equipment. To assist us at these courses we require parents / carers (or a nominated responsible adult) to attend along with their child¹.

The Club holds regular archery sessions on Sunday mornings and on Tuesday evenings during the summer months, at the Lintman field. During the winter there are indoor archery sessions, also on Tuesday evenings, at the Lord Roberts Centre at Bisley Camp.

If parents / carers are unable to stay during a regular archery sessions or event, they must agree to the following conditions: -

Parents/carers are responsible for the following:

- Remaining with their child/young person until the session commences.

¹ 'The term 'child' may mean child / children / young person or young persons as appropriate

- Confirming arrangements for the session with the Club coach or Field Captain.
- Collecting their child/young person at the time stipulated.
- Informing the Club of any relevant medical conditions which may affect the child/young person.

Parents/carers must be aware of the following:

- In the event of insufficient supervisory personnel, the session will be cancelled.
- if an emergency medical situation arises, the organisation will need authorisation to administer first aid and/or other medical treatment.

Parents/carers must acknowledge and understand the following:

- relevant Archery GB Codes of Conduct
- as part of normal archery coaching, some minor physical contact may be necessary.
- at any tournament, if requested, all members including children/young people are eligible for drug testing

Children/young people are responsible for the following:

- Complying with their Code of Conduct, the Clubs Rules and the Archery GB Rules of Shooting.

Junior members using the Club's facilities other than during a regular Club session must be accompanied at all times by a parent / carer who is also an adult member of the Club (Senior member) and who has completed the necessary safety training.

The Club has a formal Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults policy a copy of which is available on our website www.lintmanarchery.org

Code of Conduct

All members are required to follow the Archery GB Code of Conduct for Adult Archers.²

All members are expected to assist with setting up and taking down target stands and other equipment when required. On Club target days (Sunday

² Copy attached and available from the Archery GB website.

mornings and Tuesday evenings) the first senior member to arrive is to set up target faces across the range.

For safety reasons shooting at the Club is to be controlled by use of whistle commands when there are more than three archers on the line. In line with Archery GB rules (Rule 304 (f) – Method 1) the following commands will be used: -

- One whistle blast to take your place on the shooting line and begin shooting
- Three whistle blasts to collect arrows

The whistle will be administered by a senior member of the Club by mutual agreement.

When a member has completed shooting they are to ascertain if other members will be using that target. The last member to be shooting at a target is responsible to remove the target face and return it to the cabinet in the shed, unless the face is worn out, in which case it is to be removed and disposed of by the member

At Bisley the last to be member shooting at a target is to pack away the target and stand at the end of their shoot.

Practice shooting following an organised shoot should not take place until permission has been given by the organiser of the shoot.

The IMPORTANT SAFETY COMMAND to cease firing shall be given by a rapid series of whistle blasts or the call of “**FAST**” by anyone, and is the signal to stop shooting immediately, come down, and remove arrow from bow.

All members should follow the Club’s standard code of etiquette as follows: -

A Good Archer:

- (a) Does not talk in a loud voice whilst others are shooting.
- (b) Does not take another archer’s position on the shooting line without asking.
- (c) Does not talk to another archer who obviously prefers to be silent.

- (d) Does not make any exclamation on the shooting line that might disconcert a neighbour in the act of shooting.
- (e) Does not go behind the target to retrieve his arrows before his score has been recorded and does not hold up other archers looking for lost arrows between ends
- (f) Does not walk up and down the shooting line comparing scores.
- (g) Does not touch anyone else's equipment without permission.
- (h) Does not leave litter.
- (i) When calling scores does so in groups of three, for example '7 - 7 - 5' pause '5 - 5 - 3'.
- (j) If he breaks another's arrow through his own carelessness, pays for it in cash on the spot.

Disputes and Complaints

The procedure for dealing with any breach of the Rules or Code of Conduct is set out in the Club Constitution Section 9: Discipline and Appeals

Club Equipment

New members who have completed a Lintman beginner's course may borrow Club training equipment for a maximum of 3 months before purchasing their own equipment

The Club coaches and Management Committee will consider any application for extensions beyond 3 months on a case by case basis (for example during the winter) but requirements for courses should not be compromised

Any loss or damage to Club equipment or property should be reported to a Club Coach or member of the Club Management Committee immediately.

Members shall be held responsible for any loss or damage to Club equipment or property caused by their negligence or disobedience.

Guest Archers

Any Senior Member of the Club may sponsor a guest to shoot at the Club Field

- Invited guests are to be notified to a member of the Management Committee in advance
- All guests must be signed into the Club using the “visitor’s book” in the main shed. This is for insurance purposes.
- Guests are the responsibility of the sponsoring member who must supervise them at all times to ensure their safety and the safety of other members.
- Use of the Club’s equipment is at the discretion of a member of the Management Committee or Club coach in attendance
- Experienced ‘guest’ archers and Archery GB members may shoot on the main line, those new to archery are to use the training butts to the left of the field. No more than two new to archery guests to each supervising senior member.
- A guest may only shoot at Lintman on a maximum of 6 occasions
- There is a guest fee of £5 per visit to be handed to a member of the Club Management committee