



Glasgow Archers

Protocols

Welcome to Glasgow Archers!

In order to keep everyone safe, and to ensure that we leave the playing fields/hall as we find them, there are various protocols that we expect everyone attending the club to adhere to. Please do your bit by making sure that you follow these simple guidelines.

If you have any questions, please just ask a member of the committee.

GENERAL SAFETY RULES

There should be no more than 4 archers per target; in that case, archers must shoot in pairs, in 2 waves. If there are 3 or less archers on one target, all archers may shoot at the same time.

Arrows should only ever be loaded onto your bow once you are on the shooting line.

All archers must shoot from the same shooting line. An experienced archer is in charge of the whistle. Signals are as follow:

- _ 1 blow of the whistle – archers go to the line
- _ 2 blows – archers start shooting (only for competitions)
- _ 3 blows – all archers have stopped shooting and may go and collect their arrows
- _ 4 blows or “**FAST**” is shouted – a dangerous situation has developed. If you are on the shooting line, **DO NOT SHOOT, lower your bow**, take the **arrow off the string** and **step back** from the line. If you notice something that you believe could be dangerous or hazardous, shout “**FAST**”.

Do not trespass the shooting line when other archers are shooting and until the appropriate signal has been given.

OUTDOORS:

Use the pavilion to set up your equipment. Please refrain from setting up on the grass as this often results in small parts and accessories being dropped/forgotten/lost in the grass.

When walking from the Pavilion to the shooting line, please ensure that you remain at least 30m away from the target closest to the blaise.

All the equipment is stored in 2 containers on the left hand side of the blaise. If you need help finding a piece of kit, do not hesitate to ask an experienced member.

If you arrive and each of the bosses is full, please get another one from the storage container (the club has plenty!). Given the weight of the targets, ask for help when setting up bosses and help others.

All targets should be secured to the ground – with one peg in each of the legs, and one to secure the anchor rope. Please check these every end to make sure they remain secure.

Only when bow tuning takes place may a separate target be set out, at least 30m away from all other targets, in that case archers shooting on this target may shoot independently.

All lost arrows MUST be found – we are using a school playing field! (make sure that you arrive and leave with the same number of arrows). All archers shooting on a target should help to look for any lost arrows. There are metal detectors in the storage container.

Once you have finished shooting for the evening, please make sure that you help to put your target away, including all metal pins and securing pegs.

INDOORS:

We cannot enter the hall until all pupils are gone.

When arriving, make your way up to the mezzanine to set up your equipment (bags are not allowed in the hall, except for disabled archers).

Make sure you wear clean, non-marking indoor footwear.

The storage cupboard is located at the back of the sports hall – through the door on the far left hand side. Once shooting commences, this door **MUST** be locked so as to avoid any hazard.

A committee member holds the key to the cupboard, there is also a spare key available from the office.

DO'S & DON'T'S

Do's

- _ Allow time to arrive early/leave later to help set up/put away the equipment. This is a **volunteer** run club and all members are expected to participate!
- _ Do not start shooting on a target before making sure there is a free space for you. If all targets are full, ask for help to set up an extra target.
- _ Take into account other archers shooting on the same target and allow sufficient space for them on the line.
- _ When you've finished shooting, step back from the line to allow the second wave of archers to start shooting.
- _ Regarding noise – consider others who are shooting – talking loudly is inconsiderate.
- _ Make newcomers feel welcome – don't ignore them. Introduce yourself and offer to show them what to do/get them on a target – remember how you felt as a newbie.
- _ Help others look for lost arrows.

Don'ts

- _ Never touch another archer's equipment without permission - **EVER!!!**
- _ Do not touch either the target or any arrows until everyone scoring is finished – you could knock a loose arrow out of the face and cost someone several points!
- _ Do not snarl at the beginners' mistakes– remember you were a beginner once. Be helpful.
- _ Some archers like to keep to themselves in order to remain focused. Do not insist on talking to another archer who prefers to be silent.
- _ Do not distract others who are shooting. Refrain from swearing on the shooting line in joy or disgust. Put your phone on silent and if you must take a call, try to stay away from the shooting line. Do not smoke near the shooting or waiting line.
- _ Avoid walking off the shooting line while a neighbour is at full draw, it could be off-putting.
- _ Do not shoot distances beyond your capability, continually missing and holding up shooting.
- _ Do not leave litter on the archery ground.