

# RLSAS Club Rules

When you sign to become a member of Royal Leamington Spa Archery Society or Royal Leamington Spa Junior Archery Society, you are agreeing to abide by these documents, having viewed them from the link provided on the RLSAS membership application form.

## 1. Archery GB (AGB) Rules of Shooting

- 1.1 All senior members shall be familiar with the "Archery GB Rules of Shooting". They shall maintain an up to date copy of the AGB Rules of Shooting or have access to the AGB website where the [AGB Rules of Shooting](#) may be found.
- 1.2 All members will adhere to the Rules of Shooting.
- 1.3 Members will at all times adhere to all safety rules approved by the RLSAS Committee.

## 2. Junior Members (All Under 18 years of Age)

- 2.1 Before a junior is accepted as a member of the club, a parent or legal guardian must sign an agreement between himself/herself and the club, regarding conditions of membership.
- 2.2 A junior member must not be at a club venue unless there are a minimum of two adult members present, both of whom agree that they are willing to supervise the junior member. The only exception to this is that a parent, who is a member of the AGB, may supervise their own children whilst adhering to the AGB Rules of Shooting and the RLSAS Club Rules
- 2.3 A junior of 12 years or under must be accompanied at all times while at a club venue by a parent or legal guardian.
- 2.4 A junior of 13 years or above may be left at a club venue only when a specific **verbal** arrangement has been made between the parent or legal guardian and **two adult** members of the club with regard to both that junior's supervision and collection.
- 2.5 In a few instances it may be appropriate for an older junior to transport himself/herself from his/her home to a club venue. In such a case the junior must ascertain on arrival that there are at least two senior club members present who are willing to supervise him/her. If there are not, he/she must not shoot and is advised to leave the club venue immediately.

## 3. RLSAS Property and Equipment

- 3.1 All members will use their best efforts to ensure the safety and security of the property and equipment of the Club.
- 3.2 All members will play an appropriate part in the maintenance of club property and equipment

## 4. Membership Dues

- 4.1 All shooting members shall also be members of AGB, and a Regional and County Archery Association.
- 4.2 All subscriptions and membership payments shall become due annually on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Notice of the subscription will be given to all members one month in advance of the due date and any member who has failed to make the necessary payments by 1<sup>st</sup> October will cease to be a member.

## 5. Communications to Members

- 5.1 All members shall be entitled to ready access to the general communications of the Club, to be present at functions and events arranged by the Club and to receive such support and assistance as the club is able to offer.
- 5.2 It is the responsibility of members to ensure that their up to date contact details are given to the Membership Secretary or Secretary.
- 5.3 Communications to members will be sent, where possible, by e-mail. Those members without email will receive important notices by post. The notice boards in the Clubhouse will be supplemental to this.

## 6. Footwear & Clothing

- 6.1 In accordance with Archery GB Rule 307(b) "Footwear that fully encloses the toes and front of the foot must be worn at all times when shooting".
- 6.2 In accordance with Archery GB Rule 307(c)(i) "Tops or shirts must cover the front and back of the body (including the midriff when at full draw), they must not be strapless and, for gentlemen, must include sleeves".

## 7. Rubbish and Litter

- 7.1 Members will not leave any rubbish or litter, including cigarette ends and barbecue waste at the club ground or in the clubhouse.

## 8. Attendance Record

- 8.1 All members will record their attendance at the club's venue (both outdoor and indoor) in the respective "Attendance Book", giving details as required, e.g. times of arrival and departure – lost arrows etc.

## 9. Etiquette and Conduct

- 9.1 Members will have regard to Archery Etiquette as set out in the AGB Rules of Shooting (**3. Etiquette**) as follows. **A good archer:**
  - (a) Does not talk in a loud voice whilst others are shooting.
  - (b) Does not talk to another competitor who obviously prefers to be silent.
  - (c) Does not make any exclamation on the shooting line that might disconcert a neighbour in the act of shooting.
  - (d) Does not go behind the target to retrieve his arrows before his score has been recorded.
  - (e) Does not walk up and down the shooting line comparing scores.
  - (f) Does not touch anyone else's equipment without permission.
  - (g) Does not leave litter.
  - (h) When calling scores does so in groups of three, eg. '7-7-5' pause '5-5-3'.
  - (i) If he breaks another's arrow through his own carelessness, pays for it in cash on the spot.
  - (j) Thanks the Target Captain at the end of each round for work on his behalf.
- 9.2 Members are also requested to adhere to the following rules:
  - (a) Members will maintain high standards of personal conduct, and will not behave in a manner which is detrimental to other members or to the interests of the club in general.
  - (b) If an arrow is lost on the field, help the owner to find it.

- (c) Always ask before joining another archer on a target. Permission will never unreasonably be withheld.
- (d) Offer assistance in the moving of targets, and remember that pulling arrows is every archer's job.
- (e) Shoot at distances which are within your capability to avoid spending excessive time in finding lost arrows.
- (f) When shooting short distances avoid centring target faces on the middle of bosses if possible. Bosses are very expensive and the middle can be easily shot out. Equally, avoid centring targets over legs of stands, which can similarly be shot to pieces.
- (g) If you lose an arrow on the field, or are unable to remove an arrow which is lodged in a stand, leave a note in the "Attendance Book".

## **10. Visiting Archers (i.e. an archer who is not a member of RLSAS)**

- 10.1 A visiting archer may only shoot on presentation of evidence of current membership of Archery GB (This applies to both UK residents and visitors from abroad).
- 10.2 Details of any visitor shooting, including full name and AGB membership number, must be recorded in the "Attendance Book".
- 10.3 A visitors shooting fee, as determined from time to time by the committee, is to be paid to a committee member after each visit.
- 10.4 A visiting archer may only shoot in the presence of an adult club member.

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