

## RLSAS Safety Rules

You will be aware of the strict safety code for archery. Every session you have attended on a Beginners' Course will have been controlled by a Field Captain, whose duty it is to ensure that the field is safe at all times. When you begin shooting as a member, safety is no less important, but you have to take more responsibility to ensure safe shooting.

**Each member of the Society has a duty of care to ensure that his/her actions do not compromise anyone's safety.**

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

The following safety rules will apply, regardless of how many archers are shooting.

1. No Archer may shoot whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Failing to comply with this will lead to immediate withdrawal of RLSAS membership.
2. All members must sign the attendance book kept in clubhouse, to say when they started shooting and when they finished shooting.
3. Before any shooting takes place during daylight hours (sunrise to sunset), the four red safety flags **MUST** be placed along the left hand edge, between the archery field and the adjacent rugby pitch, and between the trees at the far end of the archery field (as indicated on the diagram in the clubhouse). The last person to leave the club **MUST** remove these flags back to the club house.
4. When rugby training or a match is taking place on the adjacent pitch, all archery must be confined to the right-hand half of the shooting ground.
5. All arrows must have the members full name written on them.
6. All arrows must be accounted for when you leave the field. If you have shot an arrow and it has missed the target you must do your very best to find it before you leave. If you cannot find it you must inform the Club Secretary immediately that you have lost an arrow, giving as much information as possible where you were shooting from, what distance you were shooting at, type of arrow etc. You must also write in the attendance book that you have lost an arrow.
7. No archer may draw his bow, with or without an arrow, except when standing at the shooting line. The archer shall aim towards the targets, but only after being satisfied that the field is clear both in front of and behind the targets.
8. When drawing back the string of the bow an archer shall not use any technique, which could if accidentally loosed, allow the arrow to fly beyond the safety zone.
9. If anyone is aware that shooting should be halted for safety reasons, that person must call **'FAST'**. On hearing that call, all archers must immediately stop shooting, returning all unshot arrows to the quiver.  
**If anyone should appear within the shooting area as delineated by the red safety flags stop shooting immediately and shout 'FAST'.**
10. A Field Captain should be appointed to control shooting if more than two targets are being shot at on the field, archers must agree on who is to take control and what signals are to be used, verbal or a whistle.
11. Any children who are not themselves members of the club, brought to the shooting ground by a member [or parent of a member], are at all times the responsibility of that member [or parent of a member].
12. No one should run on the shooting field, either in front or behind the shooting line.
13. Care should be taken to ensure that no one is standing directly behind you when pulling arrows from the target. No more than two archers should pull arrows from one boss. Juniors age 12 or under must only pull arrows under the direct supervision of a senior member of the club.