

Gipping Valley Archers

Members Code of Conduct



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Membership of the club is conditional upon agreement to observe and comply with this Code of Conduct, which has been established by the club to promote the highest standards of safety and respect when participating in and in the administration of the sport of archery.

This Code of Conduct relates to the conduct of all club members, whether they are full, associated student or junior members. In addition, all club members are expected to observe and comply with the various Codes of Conduct as published from time to time by the sport's governing body Archery GB, including its Code of Ethics.

Should any conflict arise between this Code of Conduct and any Code of Conduct produced by Archery GB then the Archery GB provisions will apply.

Expected Standards of Behaviour and Conduct

1. Respect and Fair Play Club Members will,
 - Adhere to the Rules of Shooting and the spirit of archery.
 - Display and promote high standards of behaviour.
 - Promote fair play.
 - Not cheat, complain or waste time.
 - Act in a manner to ensure that the sport is enjoyable for everyone.
 - Accept success, failure, victory or defeat with dignity and respect for others.
 - Endeavour to be on time for training, competitions and events.
 - Never engage in or tolerate public criticism of other club members, other archers, coaches, judges or officials.
 - Accept responsibility for their behaviour.

2. Respect of others Club Members will,
 - Speak to other club members, other archers, coaches, judges and officials with respect.
 - Respect the confidentiality of others.
 - Act in the best interest of other archers.
 - Never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
 - Never engage in or tolerate bullying, intimidation or harassment.
 - Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person associated with archery and the club, be they adult or child, treating everyone equally within the context of the sport of archery.

3. Safety Club Members will,
 - Never participate whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
 - Place the wellbeing, safety and enjoyment of each archer above everything including standards of performance.
 - Conduct their self in a manner that takes all responsible measures to protect the safety of themselves and others.

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- When shooting wear suitable clothing, and in particular will not wear loose fitting upper garments.
 - Must not wear open toe footwear.
 - All Long hair must be tied back.
4. Make the Club Committee aware of any prevailing medical condition which may reasonably affect their safety or the safety of others.
 5. Ensure that their own equipment is maintained to the highest standards and offer it up upon request to the club Equipment Officer or session supervisor for inspection.
 6. Accept that the Equipment Officer or a session supervisor has the right to prevent the use of their own personal equipment in the event that the Equipment Officer or session supervisor is unsatisfied with its condition.
 7. Not alter club equipment without the prior permission of the club's Equipment Officer.
 8. Immediately notify the club's Equipment Officer and or a session supervisor in the event that club equipment is found by them to be faulty.
 9. Only nock an arrow and draw a bow whilst on the shooting line and pointing towards a target.
 10. Not dry fire a bow.
 11. General conduct Club Members will
 - Observe the Range Rules.
 - Generally, help to maintain the range and storage areas.
 - Take personal responsibly, where safely able to do so,
 - At club sessions and events to help set up, take down and put away equipment for shooting.
 - To re-use target faces as much as possible, replacing centres if worn.

12. Breaking the Code of Conduct

Club Members accept that the club, in accordance with its adopted Constitution and in line with any relevant Archery GB Disciplinary Policy, has the right to investigate any suspected or reported breach of this Code of Conduct and to take disciplinary action as it deems appropriate, including termination of club membership.