

# Anchor Bowmen Archery Club

Affiliated to Archery GB, East Midlands Archery Society, and Derbyshire County Archery Association



## General Club Rules

All archery activity shall be in accordance with the Grand National Archery Society (Archery GB) Rules of Shooting. The rules below are intended merely to augment the Archery GB Rules.

### 1. Safety

- 1.1 As archery, can be a dangerous sport, the committee reserves the right to refuse membership, or terminate membership, if safety rules are broken.
- 1.2 A Member or visitor in any way under the influence of alcohol shall not be allowed to shoot.
- 1.3 All Members are at all times responsible for all club and personal equipment, premises and the safety of other Members.
- 1.4 When there is more than one target in use, one Member shall act as Field Captain. His/her directions will be observed by all other Members. He/she will normally be an experienced Member, and it will be their duty to see that all Rules of Shooting are obeyed.
- 1.5 Junior members are not permitted on the ground unsupervised. A single Junior may be at the ground with one adult supervising if this is a parent or guardian. In all other circumstances, a Junior, or a number of Juniors will only be allowed to be at the ground with the supervision of a minimum of two adults, one of whom must be an Archery GB member. This rule applies even if they are not shooting.
- 1.6 If a Senior member is planning to attend the ground for any reason including to practice alone it is advisable that they inform another club member of their arrival and departure.
- 1.7 Even if you have access to the equipment container, no Member should attempt to use equipment they are unfamiliar with unless a Coach or competent Club Member with knowledge of that discipline is present.

### 2. Membership

- 2.1 Where an archer seeks to join the club, and has either:

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- previously completed the necessary training and demonstrated proficiency
- or is not currently affiliated to Archery GB

The archer will be allowed to shoot after paying the current Archery GB, county and regional affiliation fees.

The archer will then be treated as a visiting archer in respect of green fees until membership is ratified.

- 2.2 Where membership has lapsed for more than twelve months, an application for membership must be placed before a General Meeting. Membership will be accepted when competence in safe shooting has been demonstrated to a club coach.

## 3. Equipment

- 3.1 Shooting Members are expected to furnish themselves with shooting equipment. Six arrows are regarded as a minimum.  
Under special circumstances the clubs shooting equipment (lending library) may be hired at the rate agreed at the AGM.
- 3.2 The club shall supply all field equipment.
- 3.3 When requested, a key to access the clubs' equipment shall be provided to any senior club Ordinary Member who has had continuous membership for more than twelve months. The Member shall sign the club key register, and pay the returnable deposit.

## 4. Dress

- 4.1 All Members can wear the club shirt or shall endeavor to meet the Archery GB dress requirement of plain white and/or dark green garments when participating in the clubs and external non-record status tournaments.
- 4.2 Garments with the club logo etc. can be purchased from the Club Secretary.

## 5. Shooting

- 5.1 A list of current Members shall be maintained on the club notice board, sited in one of the containers.

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- 5.2 There will normally be more than one Member shooting, with the exception of the situations covered in clauses 5.8 and 6.
- 5.3 On arrival at the ground, all club Members shall sign the club register and pay any fees for hire of equipment if applicable.
- 5.4 When different rounds are being shot, there will be a common shooting line and the targets will be staggered.
- 5.5 Warning notices shall always be displayed at suitable positions before shooting commences.
- 5.6 Beginners will only be allowed to shoot when accompanied by a Senior Member.
- 5.7 At all times when Juniors are shooting they must be supervised by a minimum of two adults, one of whom must be an Archery GB member.
- 5.8 If a Member intends to shoot with a person who is not an archer in attendance as a 'spotter', that person shall apply their signature alongside the Member's entry in the register.
- 5.9 It is the responsibility of all Members to advise the club Records Officer of scores achieved at all recognized rounds, which includes rounds shot at club target days and external tournaments in accordance with Archery GB regulations.

## 6. Etiquette

- 6.1 Do not talk in a loud voice whilst others are shooting and does not talk to another competitor who obviously prefers to be silent.
- 6.2 Do not make any exclamation on the shooting line which might disconcert a neighbour in the act of shooting.
- 6.3 Records your scores before retrieving their arrows from behind the target.
- 6.4 Do not walk up and down the shooting line comparing scores.
- 6.5 Do not touch anyone's equipment without permission.
- 6.6 Always call scores in groups of three.
- 6.7 Thank the Target Captain at the end of each shoot.

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- 6.8 Keep your equipment behind the shooting line.
- 6.9 Always retrieve arrows in front of the target before scoring.
- 6.10 Do not leave litter.

## 7. Solo Shooting

- 7.1 Compliance with these rules is of paramount importance to avoid the risk of injury to third persons or animals, and the General Committee will view any non-compliance extremely seriously and will be dealt with under Constitution Clause 3.7.
- 7.2 When filling in the shooting register, the entry shall be endorsed 'solo shooting'.
- 7.3 These rules do not absolve the Member from ensuring that there are no person(s) or stray animal(s) encroaching within the boundary of the target area before preparing to shoot each arrow.
- 7.4 A sketch of the ground layout acceptable for solo shooting is attached as Appendix 1.
- 7.5 All shooting shall be from the normal shooting line. The only exception to this is when conducting any tuning when the target shall be positioned at a maximum of 50 yds. from the shooting line.
- 7.6 The maximum distance to be shot shall be 100yds/90m.
- 7.7 Four warning signs shall be displayed as shown in appendix 1.
- 7.8 If deemed necessary, a temporary boundary rope can be put around the shooting area.
- 7.9 The distance from the west side of the range and the nearest target boss shall not be less than 20yds.
- 7.10 On completion of shooting, the Member shall ensure that all equipment is stowed away in the place designated in the container, and the container secured. Equipment lost or stolen through a Member not observing these rules may place them liable for the cost of replacement.

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- 7.11 Any Member found to be solo shooting in breach of these rules shall be reported to a General Committee member detailing the circumstances. The General Committee shall then consider the severity of the breach, which may result in Clause 3.7 of the Club Constitution being invoked.

## 8. Lost Arrows

- 8.1 Every endeavor shall be made to ensure that all arrows are found before leaving the premises.
- Enlist the help of other Members to find your arrow.
  - Use the metal detectors and rakes provided to aid your search.
  - If your arrow hasn't been found by the end of the shooting session, continue looking!
  - Use flags to mark where the target was and the area in which you think the arrow landed.
  - If there is no more natural light, stop searching and complete a report in the lost arrow book kept in the container.
  - If possible, a General Committee Member shall be informed the same day and given all relevant information.
  - The Committee Member will arrange with the Member, and with whoever else may be available, to form a search party during that, or the next day.
  - Searching will continue at the next available opportunity with as many volunteers as we can find. You are expected to help!
  - Record repeated searches in the lost arrow book.
- 8.2 Rules concerning your arrows are:
- You must count how many arrows you shoot at each end and account for every arrow.
  - Fletching colour scheme should be the same for all your arrows that are shot together in a session.
  - Ideally if not using club arrows, they should be identified as yours with your name or initials clearly marked on them.

## 9. Junior Members

- 9.1 No Junior under the age of 12 years will be allowed to shoot without parent, or adult with parental responsibility, being present at all times.
- 9.2 Any injury/incident to a Junior will be reported to a parent as soon as possible by the Field Captain.

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- 9.3 Any injury/incident to a Junior will be recorded and the record signed by the Field Captain and the adult collecting the Junior.
- 9.4 All safeguarding concerns will be reported to the Safeguarding Officer who will take the appropriate action.

## 10. Indoor Facilities

Rules and rates for Indoor facilities between October and March are to be governed by the venue available, full information will be circulated to Members at the end of the summer season.

## 11. Eligibility for Club Records

- 11.1 Club Records may be achieved at any tournament or club target day where Archery GB rules of shooting are observed. At a club target day, there must be a minimum of three archers shooting the same, or equivalent, round.  
All arrows must be scored and witnessed by another senior archer. Score sheets must be completed in full and signed by the archer and witness, and given to the Records Officer.
- 11.2 For external tournaments, the official results sheet, or the fully completed score sheet endorsed by the tournament organiser will be accepted.

## 12. Archery GB Coach Courses

Club Members shall be reimbursed the coach course fee in full when the course has been completed and the General Committee is satisfied that a contribution has been made to the club.

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## Appendix 1

### Solo Shooting at the Asterdale Sports Ground

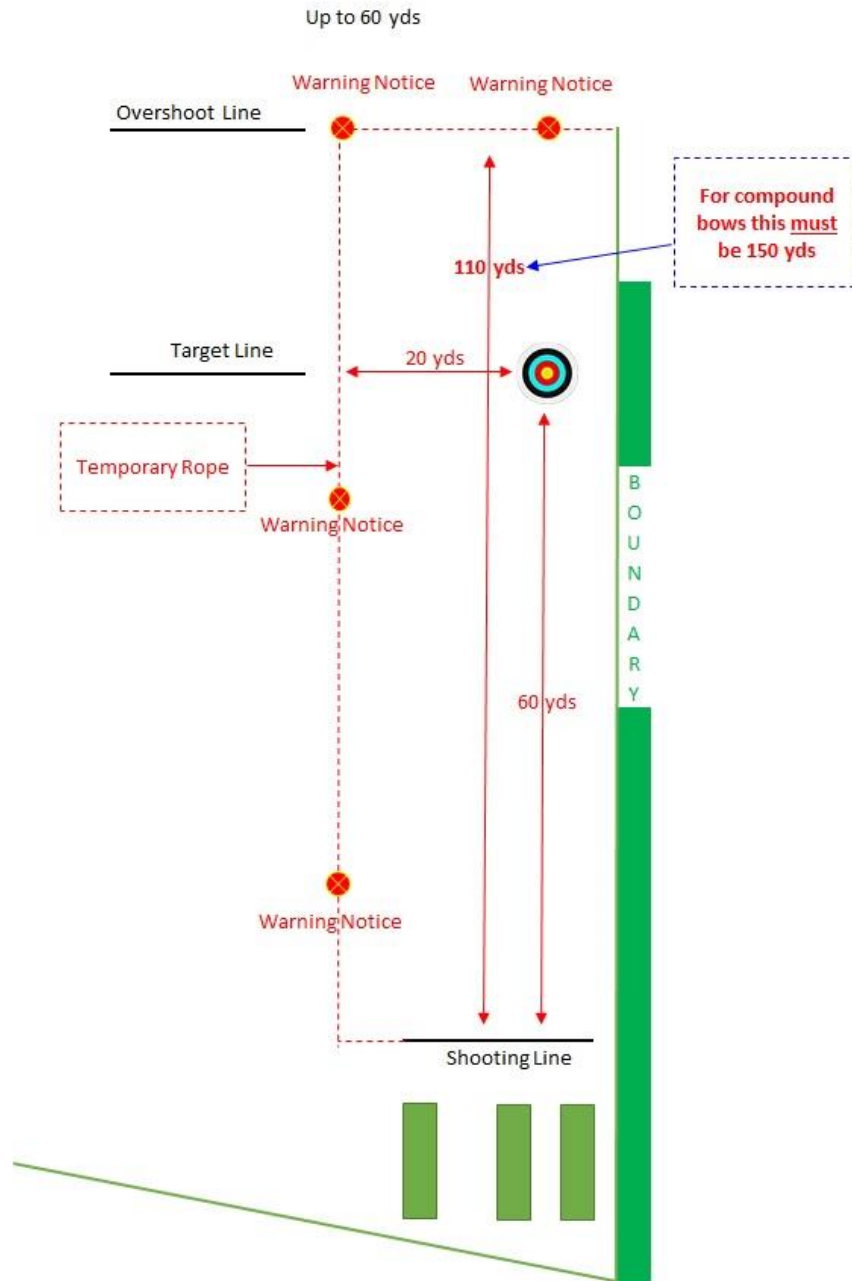


Fig. 1

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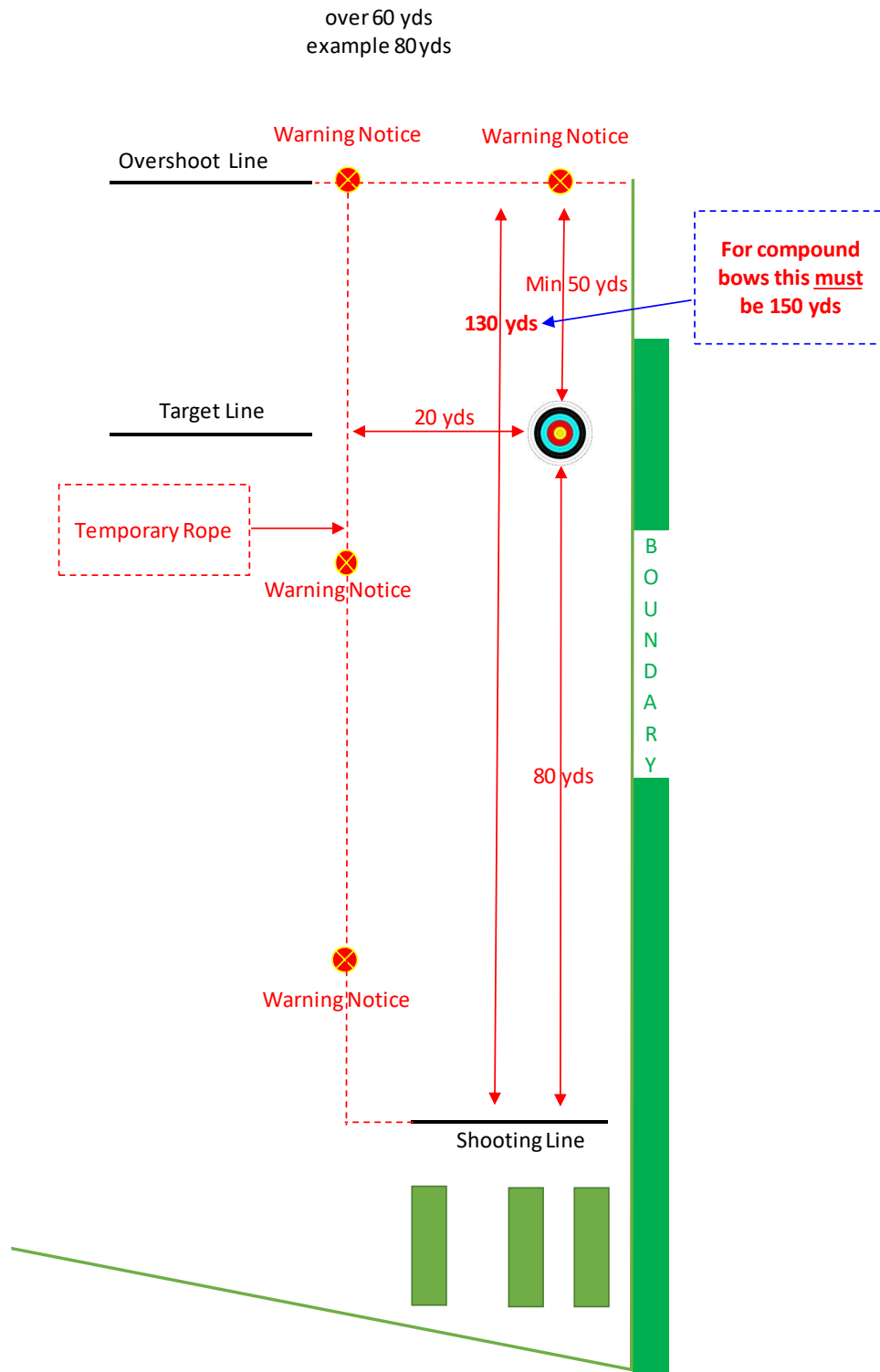


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