



General Rules:

- 1.1) All archers will have paid the appropriate club fee at each visit and be either a member of the Soar Valley Archers or a registered guest.
- 1.2) All archers must be affiliated to GNAS either through the club or individually, and GNAS cards to be presented on request.
- 1.3) **All existing and prospective members must be familiar with the rules of the club before being allowed to shoot.**
- 1.4) All members shall obey the rules as laid down by the club's committee. Any members ignoring these rules will initially receive a verbal warning. If a second offence is committed a written warning, from the committee, will be issued. If a third violation occurs then, at the discretion of the committee, membership will be terminated and that person will no longer be permitted to shoot with the club.
- 1.5) Any member/guest that uses club equipment is responsible for the cost of any loss or damage caused by improper use.
- 1.6) No member is permitted to remove the arrows of another archer from the boss without their express permission. Any damage done due to ignoring this rule will be paid for immediately, and in full.
- 1.7) All new archers must undertake the basic 6 week training course as provided by the club.
- 1.8) All members must participate in the annual safety briefing.

Safety Rules

- 2.1) Archers must stand astride the shooting line i.e. one foot in front of and one foot behind the line.
- 2.2) No archer is permitted to shoot or place an arrow in the bow, until the order "**SHOOT**" is given or a single whistle blast, and the archer is astride the shooting line.
- 2.3) If the order "**FAST**" is called followed by 3 (Three) whistle blasts all archers shall hold the arrows on the bow and let down the bow without any arrows being fired. Any member may call "**FAST**" at any perceived danger.
- 2.4) No member shall move forward of the shooting line until the line master announces '**COLLECT**' and two whistle blasts are heard, on that order all archers shall walk to the boss (*DO NOT RUN*) and remove their arrows.
- 2.5) All weapons to be left in the "safe Zone" when not in use.
- 2.5) Only committee members or an appointed representative shall call "**SHOOT**" or "**COLLECT**".
- 2.6) All archers not shooting are to remain behind the waiting line. Only the Line Master and instructors are permitted in this area.
- 2.7) If an archer wishes to leave equipment on the floor or on stands the equipment must be placed behind the waiting line with the exception of ground quivers which may be left on the shooting line.
- 2.8) If an arrow slips from the bow and crosses the shooting line let the bow down. Do not attempt to retrieve the arrow. Under No Circumstances are you to cross the shooting line until the order "**COLLECT**" has been given.
- 2.9) Never shoot a bow without an arrow on it (Dry Fire).
- 2.10) Members are responsible for making sure that there is no obvious fault in their equipment before shooting. If unsure of something ask a senior member to check the weapon for you.
- 2.11) All members should wear an arm guard and finger tab (depending on bow type), close-fitting clothing and shoes.
- 2.12) All members should remove pens and pencils from shirt pockets, also avoiding necklaces, dangling earrings, and badges. Long hair must be tied back.
- 2.13) All mobile phones are either to be switched off or to be turned on to silent ring during archery sessions.
- 2.14) The appointed Line Master for the evening is the only person to raise or lower the range closed sign.

- 2.15) Whist shooting is taking place on the indoor range; no one will be permitted in the "social" area without the express permission of the line master. Ensure the line master is kept informed of your intention to occupy the "social" area
- 2.16) When shooting on the outdoor range – all "lost arrows" are to be retrieved at the end of the session without exception.

The above rules have been devised by the elected committee for the safety of our members.