

# Jolly Archers of Houghton and Wyton

## CLUB RULES

As specified in our Constitution archery in Jolly Archers is governed by the Archery GB Rules of Shooting. All members should make themselves familiar with these rules to ensure we shoot in an enjoyable and safe environment.

Please be aware that by joining Archery GB an archer agrees to abide by all Archery GB Policies, Rules, Regulations and Procedures. Additionally it is the archers' responsibility to keep up to date.

If you don't have a copy of the Rules of Shooting you should download a free copy from the Archery GB or Jolly's websites. For convenience we have loaded some (but certainly not all) of the Archery GB policies, rules, regulations and procedures on to our website.

We have additional rules needed to manage the Club safely and for the enjoyment of all. The rules naturally fall under three headings:-

Shooting  
Safety  
Administration

We have incorporated within these rules some of the Archery GB Rules of Shooting to highlight their importance.

These rules will be on the Club's website and displayed on the Club's Notice Board as well as issued to all members.

Happy shooting

# Jolly Archers Rules - Shooting

- 1.** Archery in Jolly Archers is governed by the Archery GB Rules of Shooting. All members should make themselves familiar with these rules for their own safety and for that of those shooting with them. It should be remembered that our insurance may be invalidated if the Archery GB Rules of Shooting are not adhered to. (If you don't have a copy, you should download a free copy from the Archery GB or Jolly's websites.)
- 2.** All Juniors, whether members or not, under the age of 18 must be under the supervision at all times of a responsible adult (aged over 18 and appointed by the parent and acceptable to the Club). This person to be present all the time shooting is in progress. The responsibility for the care of the child will remain this person's responsibility at all times. Two adults (one of whom must be an Archery GB member) must supervise juniors at all times whilst shooting. At no time should one adult take charge of a junior or group of juniors. The only instance where one adult may supervise a junior is in the parent/legal guardian/appointed adult and child relationship where the adult is a Senior Member of Jolly Archers (and as such will be a member of Archery GB).  
Parents are to sign a form confirming that they agree to the Club Rules that specifically deal with children, when applying for membership.  
Individuals who are acting as the responsible adult in supervising children should always have the child in sight. Supervision is not considered to be satisfactory if the adult is on the shooting line whilst a child that is not participating in the shoot is elsewhere on the field.  
If the responsible adult needs to leave the field responsibility can be delegated to another consenting adult.
- 3.** Solo shooting by senior archers (i.e. archers 18 and over) is permitted. Any member shooting on their own is doing so at their own risk in respect of personal injuries (Archery GB Rules of Shooting Part 1 Safety 103). Inexperienced archers are strongly advised not to shoot alone.
- 4.** The Jubilee Park Range is available for shooting by established archers at almost all times, subject to being permitted a key to the facilities.
- 5.** When the coaching range is in use it must be roped off if three or more bosses are in use. If one boss is to be used, shooting must be from the marker on the shooting line furthest away from the main range. Distances shot are limited to no more than 60 yards and compounds cannot be shot. Shooting from the coaching range must be in the same direction as general shooting. Shooting must only be from the marked shooting line to ensure the required 110 yards safety margin is maintained.
- 6.** The range in the NE of the field shooting towards the road (S) has a potential 15 target positions and is considered "The Main Range". (See "A Guide to the Jubilee Park Ranges" on the website, in the Members Pages, and on the Club Notice Board for full details of recognised shooting positions on the field).
- 7.** Every day shall be considered to be a Target Day at Jubilee Park.
- 8.** On any day, except Sundays in the summer season, shooting may begin at any time. (See Rules 17 and 18)
- 9.** Shooting must be under the control of a Field Captain who is to ensure that relevant safety precautions are observed, including that the approved range layout is being used.
- 10.** Shooting will be under Archery GB rules and the field captain will control shooting using Method 1. One sound signal shall indicate when the first shooting detail shall take their place on the line and begin shooting. Each archer shall shoot three arrows and immediately retire, being replaced by the archer from the subsequent detail. When all on a target have shot, the archer, if required, shall shoot three more arrows. When all archers on a target have shot, three sound signals shall indicate that archers are to move forward to score and collect arrows. No archer shall advance from the shooting line before receiving the signal. Two and a half minutes shall be the maximum time for an archer to shoot three arrows, the time to start from when the archer steps on to the shooting line.

## Jollys Shooting rules (2)

**11.** The committee will try to ensure that the container will be open, during the summer season for those without keys:

Wednesday	-5.30pm to at least 7.30pm (to end of September)
Saturday	- from 10.00am to at least 12.30pm

**12.** On Saturday morning and Wednesday evening during the summer season distances should generally be limited to 60 yards to ensure all archers are not inconvenienced. If a longer distance is shot archers should not delay others.

**13.** All archers should help set up and take down bosses/equipment at all sessions.

**14.** Archers must report any damage to Jollys equipment to the Equipment Officer for repair or replacement.

### Shooting a round

**15.** Practice on the range on the same day is permitted prior to assembly

**16.** Rounds to be shot

Calendars are prepared for Sunday Target Days during the outdoor season and for the indoor season. Rounds to be shot on other Target Days are to be by the mutual agreement of the archers taking part.

**17.** Summer Season- Sundays

To allow archers the opportunity to shoot rounds in the best possible conditions, Sunday rounds during the summer season are shot in a more regulated manner.

10.00am Assembly for a prompt start at 10.30am

All archers should be aware that no more bosses will be set out once the session has commenced. Latecomers may be able to join in with a round that has already commenced provided:

- There is space on one of the bosses already set up.
- The archers on that target are willing for that archer to join them.

Please make an effort to be on time as late arrival is discourteous to other archers and arrows missed cannot be made up.

**18.** At all times other than Sundays in the Summer Season

If archers want to shoot a round they can assemble on the hour or half hour and start 15 minutes past the assembly time. If they want to practice before the round it must stop at the assembly and restart with sighters after a 15 minute break.

All other archers on the field may carry on enjoying their archery with no impact.

**19.** Score sheets

It is mandatory to adopt a system of scoring which prevents any archer being the sole recorder of his own score. A recommended system is for a single score board to be passed round by the archers so that each archer records one other archers' score who then has the chance to check the correct recording of their own score before recording the next archers score.. Do not make changes to the arrow score without getting the field captain/target captain to approve it before the arrows are pulled. The scorer shall enter totals as required on the score sheet. The archer and the scorer shall then check the score sheet and sign it as correct. It is each archer's individual responsibility to ensure that all aspects of his score sheet are correct when they sign.

All score sheets must be fully completed by the archer, witnessed and submitted to the Records Officer within 14 days of the shoot.

**Please be aware that the Archery GB insurance only applies at the Club venue**

# Jolly Archers Rules - Safety

1. The Jubilee Park field is to be used for Target archery only.
2. Archery GB safety requirements must be complied with at all times.
3. If you, as a senior, shoot alone you should ensure that you shoot within your ability.
4. All required field safety margins must be known, understood and observed.

## Overshoot Line:

The overshoot line is a line parallel to the shooting line positioned at the required distance behind the targets and extending to the width of the side safety areas

### i) Bows shot off the fingers

- a) At target distances up to 60 yards/metres the overshoot shall be at least 110 yards from the shooting line.
- b) At distances over 60 yards/metres the overshoot line shall be at least 50 yards from the target line.

### ii) Bows shot with Mechanical Release Aids

At all distances the overshoot line shall be at least 150 yards from the shooting line.

## Side Safety Areas:

Each side safety area is the area in front of the shooting line and to the side of the range (including the overshoot area) enclosed by a line from a point 10 yards to the side of the shooting line to a point 20 yards to the side of the range at 100 yards from the shooting line, and continuing on the straight line to the overshoot line.

Note: If the overshoot line is 150 yards from the shooting line the side safety area at that distance will extend 25 yards at each side of the range.

5. Nobody should be within the range safety limits other than those who are participating in the shoot as either archers or other participants.
6. Given the difficulty of moving bosses up and down the steps to the container at One Leisure, Huntingdon, and the enhanced risk in bad weather, members should work in pairs to ensure their safety when moving bosses.
- 7. On the shooting line**
  - (a) Ensure the boss is secured to the stand (tied if appropriate) and the stand is firmly staked into the ground if shooting outdoors.
  - (b) Do not load or draw a bow except when standing on the shooting line and facing in the direction of the target.
  - (c) Do not commence shooting until all others are back behind the waiting line and a signal has been given to do so.
  - (d) Always be aware of what is happening to ensure that the field is clear before releasing.
  - (e) 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 a safety zone.
  - (f) Stand well back from the shooting line when not shooting.
  - (g) Do not proceed beyond the shooting line until all shooting has been completed and signal has been given to do so
  - (h) When walking to the target be careful not to tread on any arrows and always walk to the side of the boss
  - (i) When drawing arrows from the target take care that the rear end of the arrow does not injure anybody behind you. Do not commence drawing unless you are sure that all other participants have moved out of the way.
  - (j) Do not run or "fool around" on the shooting range.
  - (k) If you hear the signal "Stop" or "Fast" stop shooting immediately and remove any arrow which may be nocked onto the bowstring. On hearing the call all unshot arrows must be returned to your quiver.
  - (l) If you see any danger, stop shooting and shout "Fast" or "Stop" to tell everyone else to stop shooting.

## 8. Lost arrows

If an arrow is lost on the field all present must carry out a thorough search. If not found the owner should return at the earliest opportunity for a further search. An arrow which is not found after extensive searches must be reported, in writing or email, to the Club Secretary, giving details of the area where the arrow is believed to be, the colour of the fletchings and shaft, and the initials used to label it. Failure to report a lost arrow may result in the owner being held personally liable for any injuries caused by that arrow to other users of the field. Any arrows found on the field must be reported by email to the Club Secretary so that records may be updated.

# Jolly Archers Rules - Administration

1. The rules are to be issued to all new members and displayed on the Club's website and on the Club's notice board.
2. Minutes of Committee Meetings will be displayed on the Club's website and notice board as soon as possible after each meeting.
3. Trophies
  - a) The Outdoor season trophies are awarded for scores shot between April 1st and October 31st.
  - b) The Indoor season trophies are awarded for scores shot between October 1st and March 31st
  - c) Trophy holders are to get the trophies engraved, where appropriate, at their own expense.
  - d) Club medals are to be awarded to archers in first, second, and third positions.
4. Club records can be achieved from rounds:-
  - a) Shot on Jollys target days. Rounds shot on normal club target days at other clubs will not be eligible to claim records.
  - b) Shot in Open Competitions. If they are set at Open competitions offered by other Archery GB clubs on production of the published results
  - c) Juniors may obtain records for rounds by shooting the rounds appropriate to their age.
  - d) It is the archers' responsibility to submit claims for a County Record.
5. Shooting at away venues

If members shoot away from the Club and want to have the score included in their Jolly's personal record the round must be shot under Archery GB rules (in particular on a recognised Target Day). A completed and witnessed score sheet must be provided to the Records Officer.
6. Visitors shooting fees
  - a) The Target Fee for visiting archers is £5.00 for seniors and £2.50 for juniors. (They must be Archery GB members and show their valid membership card)
  - b) A guest that is not an Archery GB member may be invited, by an experienced archer, to have a taster session for a Target Fee of £5, but this must be agreed by two committee members in advance, and reported to the secretary. The archer inviting the guest must also have at least one other experienced archer in attendance.
7. Hire of equipment
  - a) Members bringing a guest into the club premises and using Club equipment shall be responsible for paying an additional fee of £5 to the Treasurer.
  - b) For beginners the Club can usually hire equipment for a limited period. Currently the charge is £10 per month (three months payable in advance) with a bow deposit of £50 (£80 in total). We expect that during the three months beginners will buy their own kit. The bow deposit and any unexpired rental fee will be refunded upon return of the equipment in a satisfactory condition. Should the bow be hired for more than 3 months the additional hire fees will be deducted from the bow deposit.
8. Keys to the Club facilities will be made available to senior members, normally at after the end of their probationary period, and at the committee's discretion.
9. All members are expected to assist with the maintenance of the Clubs' facilities.
10. Signing-in

All Members, upon entering any of the club's shooting venues, sign-in in the book provided. This applies irrespective of whether the member is shooting or undertaking any other club activity e.g. coaching, maintenance, administration, field parties etc. Members should remind others arriving, to sign-in before shooting or any other activity. This is to conform to the regulations issued by Inland Revenue covering clubs registered as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC) which Jollys are.