



Windwhistle Company of Archers

Club Rules

Membership

The club offer three forms of membership: Ordinary, Junior and Family.

Membership is open to all from 10 years of age. Established archers are required to provide evidence of experience or be assessed.

Beginners must complete a course of instruction prior to joining the club. Member's rights are covered in the Club Constitution, copies of which are available from the Club Secretary.

For insurance reasons it is a requirement of the club that all members **must** have full current NFAS membership.

Members are not allowed to bring non NFAS members onto the field course or any other shoot ground for informal shooting. Shooting for non NFAS members must be arranged through the Club Coaches.

Junior members

Any members under 18 years must be accompanied by a parent or shoot guardian at all times when at premises or events controlled or organised by the club.

Archery styles

The club offers the following traditional styles of archery: Field Shoot, Clout, Roving Marks, Flight and Archery Target Golf.

Target Archery is available for instruction and practice only.

Equipment

Bow types

English Longbow, American Flat-bow, Primitive, Recurves one piece or take down with wooden or metal risers, Korean and Mongolian type bows are permitted.

Bows may be of any draw weight. No sights or other aids to accuracy are permitted.

No stabilisers or draw checks are allowed.

See the latest NFAS rule book for full requirements of all traditional bow types.

Arrows

Arrows must be wooden shafts with feather fletching. They may have plastic or self-nocks and must carry identification (initial and surname).

Broadheads or Bodkins are **not** permitted in the Field Shoot woods.

Guests and visitors

Shoot fees are payable by all guests or visitors using the club facilities. Current fees are £2 per visit for Target Archery Golf and £3 for visits to the Field Archery course. All guests must be full current NFAS members.

Permitted equipment for visitors

Longbows, American Flatbows, Primitive, Recurve bows one piece or take down with either wood or metal risers.

Wooden arrows only with feather fletchings with plastic or self-nocks.

Crossbows and compound bows are **not** permitted.

Good Conduct and Practice

- Always respect the landowner's property and do not drop litter.
- Refer to the latest NFAS rule book for full details of competition safety rules.
- In an organized competition, only shoot when permitted by the shoot marshal and never distract other archers.
- Never shoot an arrow directly up in to the air or where you cannot see it land.
- Never point or loose an arrow in any direction other than at the intended target.
- Never move between targets with an arrow knocked on the string.
- Do not stand forward of an archer who is about to shoot.
- Never shoot a cracked or split arrow.
- Bows must not be drawn in a manner where the accidental release could be dangerous e.g. a high draw.
- Take care when drawing arrows from a target to ensure no one is directly behind you.
- If possible, shoot in pairs around the woodland. If not let someone know where you are going and the time you expect to return.
- Try and carry a mobile phone and whistle with you when shooting in the woods. Reception is available through most of the woodland.
- Archers should always ensure that the target and visible overshoot areas are clear of other archers before shooting. If there are concerns about the safety of a shot, do not shoot.
- Always keep to the marked path when moving between targets. The marked path should also be followed when a round has been completed because other groups may still be shooting.
- During the spring when the bluebells are out please be especially vigilant as members of the public will be wandering through the woods.
- Be aware that deer frequent the woodland. Therefore, please be vigilant for deer ticks. Wear clothing that covers arms and legs. Further guidance is available from the NFAS website.
- Assist other archers to retrieve lost arrows.
- At all times be courteous and promote the sport of archery.