

Bristol Bowmen and Golden Phoenix Archers Local Rules – Revised Sept 2011

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Introduction

These rules are in addition to the GNAS rules of shooting contained in the green handbook. If you **breach any of these rules** you leave yourself open to disciplinary action.

Downed arrows

1. If an arrow is downed and needs searching for, all members present and shooting are required to help search for it regardless of which target it has been 'lost' on.
2. Even if you have already returned to the waiting line, you must go back out and help search.
3. Any member repeatedly not automatically doing this without good, ie medical, reasons will be subject to reprimand.

Keys

All keys remain the property of Bristol Bowmen and Golden Phoenix Archers and must be returned to the club when a person ceases to be a member.

Key holder eligibility

The minimum membership is six months. Once that is fulfilled:

- a. Committee member – automatically issued.
- b. All other club members – request must be put in writing stating the reason that they require a key. The request will then be emailed to all committee members for a decision.

Any key holder, whether on the committee or not, found to be lending their key to, or getting a duplicate key cut for, a person who has not been approved as a key holder, will have their right to a key rescinded, be liable for paying for a replacement lock and sufficient quantity of keys to meet the needs of the club(s) and face disciplinary action.

Range area

1. The shooting line extends 50 yards from the left of the left hand boss and 50 yards from the right of the right hand boss.
2. There is to be no shooting, nor drawing of bows, if anyone is in front of the shooting line.
3. If anyone moves into the overshoot area, shooting ceases until that person has permanently vacated the area.

Refuse

All refuse must be removed from the rugby ground when we leave:

1. **General refuse** needs to be taken home or put in the bins by the clubhouse (we have permission to do this).
2. **Arrows** – extra care needs to be taken with broken arrows; carbon splinters especially can cause infection and you are advised to seek medical treatment if you receive one.
3. **Wood from stands** – pick up all the pieces. You can leave them in the hedgerow to rot down.

Setting up/taking down the range

1. If you arrive after the range has been set up and/or shooting has started and there are already two or more people on the target you wish to shoot on, **you** (or your parent/carer if you are 16 or under) are responsible for setting up an additional target.
2. Likewise, if others already have their foot markers down where you 'need' to stand, set up an additional target, you cannot expect other people to realign themselves simply because you were not there when the range was set up.
3. Please do not ask anyone to set up the additional target for you/your child to give you/them time to set up bows etc. People are unlikely to refuse, but it is not fair on the person/people you ask when they have already helped to set up the range. Setting out takes energy and while the other person/people may not feel it, it will reduce their energy levels for their own shoot and so potentially reduce their score. You/your parent/carer will need someone to help you/them, but it is up to you/them to get out there and do the bulk of the work.
4. At the end of a shoot, all members present and shooting are required to help pack away. What each person does is dependant on age, ability/disability, however, everyone is capable of doing something.
5. Any member repeatedly not automatically doing the above without good, ie medical, reasons will be subject to reprimand.

Trophies

1. All trophies remain the property of Bristol Bowmen and Golden Phoenix Archers.
2. All trophies are awarded until the week before the following year's competition (unless otherwise stated at the time) or until the person ceases to be a member of the club, whichever is sooner, at which point the person (or their parent/carer if they are 16 or under) must return all trophies to the club.

Notes

1. **Overshoot area** - For recurve and longbow, the overshoot area extends from either end of the shooting line to 50 yards beyond the target. For compound, the overshoot area extends from either end of the shooting line to 150 yards from the shooting line, regardless of the distance being shot.

2. Our **conditions of use** of the ground are such that we are free to use it when we want as long as the rugby club is not using it. This means that if the person/people who have moved into the overshoot area are rugby club officials, grounds men etc, we may not ask them to move or hurry with their task, we must simply wait until they have completely finished what they are doing, eg marking out the white lines. Regardless of the competency of the archer, if the official/grounds man feels vulnerable, they may complain to the club and if this happens, it is likely to cause problems for us. By all means ask them how long they are likely to be, but that is all.
3. If the person passing into the overshoot area is not part of the rugby club, eg jogger or dog walker, feel free to tell them to move, as they should not be using the ground in the first place.