

Bognor Regis Archery Club



Grand National Archery Society Safety Rules

It is strongly recommended that all club members have their own copy of the GNAS "Rules of Shooting". The main safety rules are covered here and there are references pointing to where the rules can be read in their entirety, within the GNAS "Rules of Shooting". Many have been condensed for ease of reading.

Part 1

101. Introduction

- b) Each member of the Society has a duty of care to ensure that their actions do not compromise the safety of themselves or others.

102. General

- a) No archer may draw their bow, with or without an arrow, except when standing at the shooting line, if an arrow is used the archer shall be satisfied that the archery field is clear and aim towards the target.
- b) When drawing back the string of the bow an archer shall not use a technique which could, if accidentally loosed, allow the arrow to fly beyond a safety zone. *Keep bow string hands parallel with the ground.*
- c) If anyone present where archery is taking place becomes aware that shooting should be halted for safety reasons, that person must call '**FAST**'. On hearing this call, all archers must immediately stop shooting, **returning all un-shot arrows to the quiver**. If necessary, the command '**FAST**' should be repeated by other archers to ensure that everyone has heard and stopped shooting.

103. Numbers Present

- a) On grounds where the public have a right of access, there must be a minimum of two senior people present, one may be a non-archer to act as a lookout. The archer is responsible for informing the non-archer of all applicable safety rules. Two senior archers shooting must alternate so that the non-shooting archer can act as lookout.
- c) Juniors Junior archers must be supervised by an adult member of the Society.

301. Range layout

- h) A waiting line shall be placed at least 5 yards behind the shooting line.

302, Range Safety

- a) Overshoot Areas The minimum overshoot must be 50 yards.
- ii) Bows shot off the fingers
 - a) At all target distances up to 60 yards / metres the minimum range length, including overshoot, from the shooting line must be 110 yards.
 - b) At all target distances over 60 yards / metres the minimum overshoot must be 50 yards. Therefore, when shooting at 100 yards the total range length from the shooting line must be 150 yards.
- iii) Bows shot with mechanical release aids

The range length from the shooting line, including the overshoot at all distances, must be a minimum of 150 yards.

- vii) ALL GROUNDS are deemed accessible by the public even if that involves trespass.

- b) Roping of Areas
 - ii) The area to be roped shall EITHER extend from the overshoot safety line so that no-one can pass within 20 yards from the end of the target line, 10 yards of the shooting line and 15 yards behind the shooting line. OR shall be at each side of the shooting range from 15 yards behind the shooting line to the overshoot safety line and shall be 25 yards from each side of the target line, parallel to the line of shooting.

Safety Rules Appropriate to our Club Ground (As well as GNAS Rules)

1. Safety notices must be displayed during shooting. along the bank, opposite each gap in the fence, on the left (west) side of our shooting range and at both ends of the safety rope on the right (east) of our shooting range.
2. Members of the public are allowed to watch providing they are at least 10 yards behind the shooting line.
3. Targets should be moved towards the shooting line after each distance shot, not moving the line towards the targets.
4. During shooting unnecessary noise and movement must be kept to a minimum.
5. For safety of equipment two tie-downs should be used for each target.
6. If you are unfamiliar with any particular aspect of archery, such as setting up the targets, ask a club coach or experienced club member, rather than risk an accident.
7. Remember that we all have a duty of care. If you discover that an item of club equipment is faulty then point it out to a club coach or committee member so that the problem can be remedied. Please do not leave it for someone else to discover.