

# Code Of Conduct SPECTATORS PARENTS CARERS



Lough Cuan Bowmen



## Introduction

At Lough Cuan Bowmen, it is our mission is to develop an archery environment where archers of all abilities and backgrounds feel valued, respected, enjoy the sport of archery and where their interests and potential are maximised enabling them to progress and achieve success through collective participation and individual determination attaining their full sporting aspirations.

This is underpinned by our aims, values, and principles in 'On Target' our Strategic Plan for 2021-2024.

Aligned to our Strategic Plan are our 'Codes of Conduct,' for:

- Coaches, Judges and Officials
- Spectators, Parents and Carers
- Young Archers
- **Adult Archers**

The purpose of the Code of Conduct is so "everyone involved in archery can enjoy the sport safely and confidently," <sup>1</sup>ensuring they can 'shoot safe and stay safe.' Our Codes of Conduct are aligned to Archery GB,<sup>1</sup> and incorporate al the principles of the Archery GB codes of conduct.

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<sup>1</sup>Archery GB – [Codes of Conduct](#)





## A Code of Conduct for Spectators, parents, and carers

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in Lough Cuan and in archery.

As a spectator, parent, or carer, you have an important role to play. That is why we are asking every archer, spectator, parent, and carer to follow a code of conduct.

This code of conduct applies not only to spectators and parents and carers but also to all our members when supporting, watching, taking part in, or being involved in the sport of archery. The emphasis of this code is on events involving young archers, but it also recognises that spectators and parents are present in the senior sport.

### Expected minimum standards of behaviour and conduct

As a spectator, parent or carer, I will do the following.

#### Respect the spirit of fair play in archery

I will:

- remember that children take part for fun;
- recognise effort and good play as well as success;
- stay behind the competitors' area;
- display and promote high standards of behaviour;
- let coaches do their job and not confuse the archers by telling them what to do;
- encourage the archers to respect one another as well as the officials;
- avoid criticising an archer for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning; and
- never take part in or accept public criticism of archers, coaches, or officials.

#### Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others

I will:

- respect other spectators, parents, officials, coaches, and opponents;
- respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same;
- remember everyone makes mistakes;
- appreciate skill and good performance by everyone taking part;
- encourage people to always settle disagreements in a good-natured way and without hostility; and
- show an appreciation for volunteer coaches and organisers – their efforts contribute hugely to young people being able to take part.



### **Do my best to ensure my own safety and the safety of others**

I will:

- let the coach or official know about any injury that a young archer may have; and
- place the well-being, safety, and enjoyment of young archers above everything, including standards of performance.

### **Protect others involved in archery from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour**

I will:

- never ridicule or scold a young person for making a mistake or losing a competition; and
- support all efforts to remove bad or abusive language or unsporting behaviour.

### **I will keep to Archery GB's rules and policies including:**

- safeguarding policies
- equality policy
- anti-doping policy
- bribery policy

### **Breaking the code of conduct**

In attending a club, county, regional or national event as a spectator, parent, or carer, of a member of Lough Cuan Bowmen, you are agreeing to abide by this code of conduct and all other policies, rules, regulations, and procedures adopted by Lough Cuan Bowmen and Archery GB/Archery NI

We have the right to investigate and take disciplinary action (in line with our disciplinary policy, regulations, and procedures) against any alleged break of this code of conduct or our policies, rules, regulations, and procedures which may affect our reputation.

If you feel someone is breaking this code of conduct, you should report it to the event organiser.

## Change History

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