



**SOUTHSIDE
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Southside Archery Rules of Shooting

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As a non-affiliated club, Southside Archery is not bound by Archery GB's rules of shooting, however our rules are adapted from Archery GB "Rules of Shooting April 2024"

1. Etiquette.

A Good Archer:

- (a) Does not talk in a loud voice whilst others are shooting.
- (b) Does not talk to another archer who obviously prefers to be silent.
- (c) Does not make any exclamation on the shooting line that might disconcert a neighbour in the act of shooting.
- (d) Does not touch anyone else's equipment without permission.
- (e) Does not leave litter or other mess.

PART 1

BOW SAFETY

101. Introduction

Each member of Southside Archery 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 aim toward the targets but only after being satisfied that the field has been declared as clear by the Field Captain.
- (b) When drawing back the string of the bow an archer shall not use any technique which, in the opinion of the Field captain, could, if accidentally loosed, allow the arrow to fly beyond a safety zone or safety arrangements.
- (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 unshot arrows to the quiver. If necessary, the call of "FAST" should be repeated by other archers to ensure that everyone has heard and stopped shooting. Shooting will recommence only on the instruction of the Field Captain.
- (d) The Field Captain, in consultation with any other coaches/instructors present is empowered to require any individual who is considered to be jeopardising the safety of the shoot to immediately leave the shooting ground.
- (e) (i) All archers must be able to hear or be otherwise be alert to the instructions of the Field Captain, any archers with a hearing impairment that would prevent them hearing the Field Captain should discuss this in advance and a visual signal will be agreed.

(ii) Any archer who wishes or requires to wear headphones, for example due to sensory issues, must ensure that either they are able to hear the Field Captain's instructions whilst wearing their headphones, or that a visual signal has been agreed in advance with the Field captain. No archer shall be asked to provide details on the reason they are wearing headphones, however they must make the Field Captain aware of the fact that they are wearing headphones.

103. Numbers Present

(a) When any shooting is in progress there must be a minimum of two people present each being a minimum of 18 years of age, one of whom may be a non-archer to act as a lookout. The archer is responsible to inform the lookout of all safety aspects applicable. Where two adult archers are present and shooting together they will alternate on the shooting line so that the non-shooting archer can act as the lookout.

(b) Juniors. When junior archers (ie archers under 18) are shooting individually or in groups they must be supervised by an adult member of Southside Archery and a second adult must be present.

104. Control of Shooting

(a) (i) At all times, whenever shooting takes place, it must be under the control of a Field Captain.

(ii) The role of field Captain may be filled by any coach or instructor, or by anyone deemed competent by an instructor/coach, however a qualified instructor or coach must always be present

(iii) The Field Captain may also appoint assistant Field Captains to help in the running of the shoot.

(iii) The Field Captain (and assistants if applicable) shall be in full control of the shooting, shall resolve disputes in accordance with the Rules of Shooting and make any decisions on occurrences not covered by them.

(b) The Field Captain shall be empowered to disallow any archer from shooting if they observe any breach of the rules or if a breach is reported to them by a coach, instructor or assistant field captain.

(c) Archer's equipment may be checked by the Field Captain (or their delegate) before and at any time during the shoot if there is a safety concern.

(d) The Field Captain shall exercise control over photographers and the presence of spectators so that the safety, comfort and concentration of archers is not disturbed.

Range Safety

201. Indoor Range Safety - The walls and roof of a conventional building provide the measure of safety required. Arrangements must be made to prevent access to the range when shooting is in progress through any point in front of the shooting line and within the overshoot or side safety areas.

202. Outdoor Range Safety - ALL GROUNDS are deemed accessible by the public even if that involves trespass.

(ii) On grounds where the public have a right of access, the whole of the range as far as the overshoot line and the side safety areas shall designated and signage placed to indicate that only authorised people can enter the area when shooting is in progress.

(iii) It is recommended that the designated area be extended to include an area 15yds behind the

shooting line and 10yds either side of the shooting line.

(iv) The Field Captain must have total control of the shooting and safety areas. Additional lighting (e.g. floodlights) can be used if necessary, to ensure full visibility for the shooting area AND the safety area