

Archer's Shooting Guide

Shooting Etiquette

Here at Reigate Priory Bowmen, we pride ourselves on having a friendly and welcoming membership. In order to remain that way, we ask all RPB archers to follow the below shooting etiquette:

If you're the first to arrive at the field:

- → Please uncover the "warning, archery in progress" sign. Not doing so invalidates our insurance.
- → If you are the only one at the field and aren't expecting others to join you, please shut the outer gate behind you.

When arriving at the field:

- → Be mindful of other archers shooting.
- → Say "hello" to others it's the polite thing to do!
- → If you wish to shoot at a target already being used by another archer, always ask if you can join them before shooting at that target.

Shooting in "Details":

- → If the field is particularly busy, then archers may have to shoot in two details.
- → If archers are shooting at different targets, they must shoot using the same detail, unless there are at least 5 unused lanes between them and it is agreed by all archers present.

While Shooting:

- → If there are more than three people shooting, someone should be nominated to act as Field Captain (one whistle = safe to shoot, three whistles = safe to collect).
- ightarrow Be mindful of archers on the shooting line.
- → If you wish to have a closer look at another archer's equipment, please ensure that you gain their permission first.
- → If you break another archer's arrow, it is morally correct to take responsibility for it immediately and offer to pay for it.
- \rightarrow Please take all litter away with you.

Lost Arrows:

- → Regardless of the target you are shooting at, if any arrows have missed the boss, it is customary to help with the search.
- → If you are unable to find any arrows by the end of your session, please fill in the "lost arrow" book located in the Equipment Hut.
- → Any found arrows, should be placed in either the Bus Shelter or the Equipment Hut and recorded as found in the "Lost Arrow Book".

Visiting Archers:

- → Visiting archers are welcome at RPB so long as they are affiliated to Archery GB or World Archery (if they aren't and shoot alongside affiliated members, they will invalidate our insurance).
- → Any visiting archers' names must be recorded in the "Visitors Book" located in the Equipment Hut.
- → Any visitors who have yet to complete a beginner's course will not be permitted to shoot unless it is a specified "Have-A-Go" event, under the supervision of our coaches.

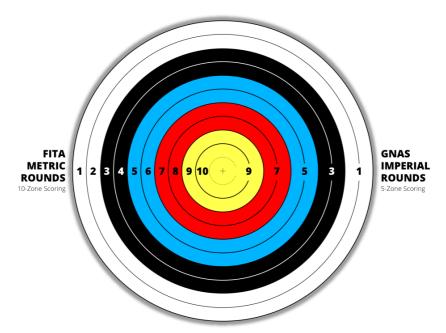
When leaving the field:

- → Remove any target faces used and return them to the Equipment Hut we don't want them to get soggy!
- → Please return the covers to their targets if the lane is no longer being used.
- → Ensure the "warning" sign is covered, and the Equipment Hut, Clubhouse, Portaloo, and Gates are locked.

Further Club Policies and the full copy of our Club Etiquette can be found on our Club Notice Board, the Bus Shelter, and our Club Website www.reigatepriorybowmen.org.uk.

Scoring Dounds

- → If you wish to score a round, scoresheets, clipboards and pens can be found in the Equipment Hut.
- → Please fill scoresheets in with a pen and ensure that both your forename and surname is on your scoresheet.
- ightarrow Completed scoresheets should be returned to the top drawer in the Equipment Hut.
- → Once scoresheets have been recorded by our Records Officer, they will be returned to the folder in the Equipment Hut for you to collect.



If you find yourself needing help with scoring your arrows, or recording another archers' scores on a scoresheet, please ask an experienced archer or our Records Officer for assistance – They will be happy to help!

Coaching

- → Our coaches follow coaching etiquette, whereby they will not intervene with your shooting unless it is a safety concern for either yourself or those around you.
- → Our coaches are available for coaching during the summer months on Tuesday evenings (from approx. 6:30pm) and throughout the year on Sunday afternoons (from approx. 2pm).
- → If you would like a coach's assistance, or regular coaching sessions, please speak to a coach to arrange this.
- → In the (rare) event a coach has their bow in their hands, please respect their shooting time. Our coaches may want time to shoot as well.



If you any further questions about coaching at RPB, please speak to Judy, Andy or Bea.

Alternatively, you can email coaching@reigatepriorybowmen.org.uk

Junior Archers

- → Junior archers are those under the age of 18.
- → A parent or legal guardian must always accompany their children and young people to and from the Club and remain present. The responsibility for the care, good behaviour and safe conduct of the child/young person remains with the parent or guardian.
- → Junior archers wishing to take use archery as one of their activities/sports for their Duke of Edinburgh Award or PE GCSE, please speak to a coach who may be able to assist you.



→ Our Code of Good Practice, and our Safeguarding Policy for Children, Young People & Vulnerable Adults can be found on our Notice board and at www.reigatepriorybowmen.org.uk.

Our Safeguarding Officer is Bea Taylor. For more information about safeguarding at the Club, or should you wish to raise a concern, please contact her at safeguarding@reigatepriorybowmen.org.uk. Copies of our Club policies are also available on our Club Notice Board and Website.

Club Shirts

- → Archers must abide by the Archery GB dress regulations which can be found in their Rules of Shooting.
- → When shooting, archers are required to have suitable footwear all year round (closed toed shoes, preferably without a heel).
- → For Club competitions (i.e. Club Championships) and at external tournaments, archers should follow the Archery GB dress regulations. It is desirable that RPB archers wear the Club Shirt. See the website for various club apparel options. Club shirts can be personalised with the archer's name on the sleeve. Orders for Club Shirts can be placed via the members area on our website www.reigatepriorybowmen.org.uk. And you can order other customised apparel (shirts, fleeces, etc) yourself direct from the supplier, detail are also on the website.

Club Membership Fees

The club membership year is October to September, and club fees and Archery GB affiliation fees for the following year will be requested in August or early September so that we can pay them to AGB by the end of September. In the first year of joining new members and returning members who haven't been AGB members for over 2 years get a 50% discount if they join between April and September, but thereafter the full year's membership fees are due. For families we offer a 25% discount on club fees for the 2nd and subsequent family member, but this doesn't apply to the AGB element as we can't discount that.

Your Committee

Below is the Reigate Priory Bowmen Committee for 2019-2020:

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