



## **CODE OF GOOD CONDUCT:** **A GUIDE FOR SPECTATORS, PARENTS, GUARDIANS & CARERS** Reviewed September 2024

At Reigate Priory Bowmen, it is the responsibility of all members to promote high standards of behaviour in archery. Spectators, parents/guardians and carers of Reigate Priory Bowmen archers share this responsibility too.

This code of conduct applies to spectators, parents/guardians and carers, as well as every Reigate Priory Bowmen archer when involved in the sport of archery, whether that be by supporting, watching or taking part. This code places emphasis on junior archers, but recognises that spectators, parents/guardians and carers are also present for senior archers in the sport.

### **Parental Responsibility**

The safety of junior archers is one that the Club shares with parents/guardians. Whilst our members will always put the welfare of children and young people first, the responsibility for the care, good behaviour and safe conduct of junior archers remains with their parent/guardian.

A parent or legal guardian must always accompany their children and young people to and from the Club and remain present. This means that parents/guardians must actively supervise their children and young people while at our grounds.

### **Expected minimum standard of behaviour**

Reigate Priory Bowmen must adhere to Archery GB's Code of Conduct (2023). As such, spectators, parents/guardians, and carers must:

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

- Remember that archers take part because it's fun!
- Recognise effort as well as success
- Let coaches do their job, please refrain from confusing archers by telling them what you think they should do
- Promote good sportmanship by showing respect to fellow archers, Club Officers and officials

## **Expected minimum standard of behavior**

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

- Respect fellow parents/guardians, spectators, carers, coaches, Club Officials and archers
- Respect decisions made by a Club Officer, coach, official and teach young people in your care to do the same
- Remember that everyone will make mistakes - Nobody's perfect!
- Appreciate skill, effort and participation by archers and volunteers
- Show appreciation for Club volunteers - please remember no one at Reigate Priory Bowmen is paid for their work towards the Club

### ***Strive to ensure the safety of myself and others:***

- If participating in coaching, please let the coach know about any injuries that a young person may have
- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of archers, particularly juniors, above everything, especially standards of performance

### ***Protect others involved in archery from abusive, threatening or intimidating behaviour:***

- Never scold or ridicule a child or young person for making mistakes or losing a competition
- Promote good sportsmanship by leading by example
- Adhere to the Club's Safeguarding Policy

## **Child Protection & Safeguarding**

As parents/guardians you will want to be assured that the Club is well run and provides a safe environment for your junior archer. Reigate Priory Bowmen takes safeguarding very seriously and adheres to the Archery GB policies for Safeguarding Children and Young People.

Our Safeguarding Policy can be found at [www.reigatepriorybowmen.org.uk](http://www.reigatepriorybowmen.org.uk) and on our Notice Board. Archery GB's Policies for Safeguarding Children, Young People & Adults can be found at along with the associated guidelines. [www.archerygb.org](http://www.archerygb.org)

***If you have any concerns or queries, please speak to our Safeguarding Officer, Bea Taylor, on 07538 479 457 or email [safeguarding@reigatepriorybowmen.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@reigatepriorybowmen.org.uk)***

## **Breaking the Code of Conduct**

By attending the Club as a spectator, parent/guardian, or carer, you are agreeing to keep to this code of conduct and all Club policies, rules, procedures and regulations. Similarly, in attending a county, regional or national event in the same capacity, you are agreeing to adhere to Archery GB's codes, policies, rules, regulations and procedures.

In the event of an alleged break of code, Reigate Priory Bowmen have the right to investigate and take the appropriate disciplinary action, according to our rules, policies and procedures.

*If you have a concern, complaint, or feel someone is breaking this code of conduct at the club, please report this to our Safeguarding Officer.*

***Our Safeguarding Officer is Bea Taylor***

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