

Etiquette & Rules of Shooting at Reigate Priory Bowmen

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 – it's respectful to speak quietly and not disturb people 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 4 unused lanes** between them **and it is agreed by all archers present**.
- **If** it has been agreed by all archers present **AND** there are **at least 4 unused lanes between targets**, then archers may shoot independently, **BUT** it is **imperative** that **archers stick to their lane when collecting their arrows**. Failure to do this puts archers at risk and invalidates the insurance.

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)
- Be mindful of archers on the shooting line. In particular, please avoid talking to an archer while they are at full draw.
- If you wish to have a closer look at another archer's equipment, please ensure 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.
- Please take all litter away with you.

Keeping Score:

- 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.
- Completed scoresheets should be returned to the top drawer in the Equipment Hut.

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 pop a message on the WhatsApp group.
- Any found arrows, should be placed in either the Bus Shelter or the Equipment Hut and recorded as found on the WhatsApp group.

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.
- 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.

Dress Code:

- 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 outside tournaments, archers should follow the Archery GB dress regulations. It is desirable that RPB archers wear the Club shirt. Orders can be placed via our website www.reigateprioritybowmen.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, actively supervising their children.**
- The responsibility for the care, good behaviour and safe conduct of the child/young person remains with the parent or guardian.
- Our Safeguarding Policy for Children, Young People & Vulnerable Adults can be found on our Notice board and at www.reigateprioritybowmen.org.uk.

Non-Smoking:

- The archery field is a **non-smoking area**.
- Smoking is only permitted in the gravel area between the two gates. If you do smoke, please take extreme care not to let sparks set fire to dry grass/leaves, don't leave butts smouldering and take them away with you.

Alcohol:

- For safety reasons, please do not drink alcohol if you are going to be shooting afterwards: **don't drink and shoot**.

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.

Happy Shooting!

