

WIGHTBOWMEN
GNAS ETIQUETTE AND SAFETY

ETIQUETTE

A good archer:

- Does not talk in a loud voice whilst others are shooting.
- Does not talk to another competitor who obviously prefers to be silent.
- Does not make any exclamation on the shooting line that might disconcert a neighbour in the act of shooting.
- Does not go behind the target to retrieve his arrows before his score has been recorded.
- Does not walk up and down the shooting line comparing scores.
- Does not touch anyone else's equipment without permission.
- Does not leave litter.
- When calling scores does so in groups of three, for example '7-7-5' pause '5-5-3'.
- Offers to pay for any arrows broken through his own carelessness.
- Thanks the Target Captain at the end of each session.

SAFETY

- No archer may draw his bow, with or without an arrow, except when standing at the shooting line or peg. If an arrow is used, the archer shall aim towards the targets but only after being satisfied that the field is clear both in front of and behind the targets.
- When drawing back the string of the bow an archer shall not use any technique which in the opinion of the judges, could if accidentally loosed, allow the arrow to fly beyond a safety zone or safety arrangements (overshoot area, net, wall, etc). If an archer persists in using such a technique, he will, in the interest of safety, be immediately asked by the Judge to stop shooting and to leave the area.
- 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 Judge.
- The Judge in consultation with the appointed tournament organizer is empowered to require any individual who is considered to be jeopardizing the safety of the tournament to immediately leave the shooting ground.
- On grounds where the public have a right of access, there must be a minimum of two people present each being a minimum of 18 years of age when any shooting is in progress, one of whom may be a non archer to act as a lookout.
- Solo shooting by senior archers is permitted on private land which is fenced all round and where the public has no legal right of access. Any member shooting on their own is doing so at their own risk in respect of personal injuries and is not covered by GNAS insurance.
- When junior archers are shooting individually or in groups, they must be supervised by an adult member (excluding honorary members) of the Society.