

Wight Bowmen Club rules and operation

Club colours

- Club colours are required to be worn for official shoots (i.e. Sundays and Wednesdays) and competitions. We have adopted the GNAS standard colours of dark/bottle green or white - any single colour combination i.e. white or green top, white or green trousers/shorts/skirt. New members are requested to purchase their club colours within three months of joining the club. Any member having difficulty in complying with the dress code should approach the Chairman in confidence.
- White polo shirts, green fleeces and green sweatshirts can be ordered and embroidered with the club logo from Kids and Co, in Ryde. They will also embroider kit provided by you for a small charge. If you choose to have your top embroidered with the club logo we suggest that if you are right handed archers you have the badge put on your right side and vice versa for left handed archers so you don't cover up the badge if you wear a chest guard.
- Regatta trousers in bottle green can be bought from Hursts, Gladrags in Victoria Arcade in Ryde, the Big T Shirt Company in Newport or direct from the Regatta Website. Regatta trousers and shorts are part elasticated and a good fit for both men and women. Any make plain white trousers/shorts/skirt is permitted. Sandals and open shoes are not allowed when shooting for reasons of safety.
- Visiting archers may choose to wear either their own club colours or GNAS standard colours.

Shoot session times – (24 hour clock expressed throughout)

- Club colours are required to be worn.
- During the summer season shoots are held on a Wednesday evening and Sunday daytime at Appley Fields. Archers wishing to participate are requested to arrive by 17:30 on a Wednesday to help set up the range; sighters are at 18:15. Set up for the Sunday morning shoot is from 09:15; sighters are at 10:00. Set up for the Sunday afternoon shoot is at 12:30 for a 13:00 start. Members are requested to help take down and store the range after the shoot.
- During the winter season indoor shoots are held at the Carl Prean Centre in Smallbrook, Ryde. There are two sessions – set up at 15:15; sighters at 16:00 or sighters at 19:00. Those shooting at the later session are requested to help take down and store the range at the end of the shoot. There are also outside 'frostbite' shoots in the morning, details are on the shooting schedule.

Practice session times – (24 hour clock expressed throughout)

- Club colours are not required for practice sessions. Appropriate shoes should be worn.
- During the summer season practice sessions are held at Appley on a Tuesday and Friday evening until dusk. A committee member will open the range from 18:00 although this may be earlier subject to the key holder's availability.
- During the winter season practice will be on a Sunday morning at Appley from 09:00 until around midday.

Rules of shooting and etiquette

- GNAS rules of shooting and etiquette apply whenever you are shooting. The Field Captain has overall authority at a shoot. Please allow committee members to shoot without disruption. If you have a query or matter for discussion please approach them after the shoot or contact them by email/telephone at another time. A list of contact details can be found on the club's notice board.

Special events and fundraising

- The club runs a number of 'Have a Go' sessions during the year either on site at Appley or as part of a public event such as the Rookley Village Show and the Garlic Festival. These sessions are important both in terms of fundraising for the club and to promote the sport of archery in the community. Members are actively encouraged to offer their time in supporting these events. If a special event takes place on a Sunday, the field at Appley will NOT be available for club shooting..

Committee and Constitution

- Committee members are elected at the Annual General Meeting which is held in October. Committee meetings are held at the club house on the second Monday of the month. Members wishing to present an item for discussion to the Committee are welcome to attend a meeting by prior arrangement with the Chairman.

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- Acceptance of the club's Constitution, the Club rules and GNAS rules is a condition of membership.