

THE VALLEY BOWMEN OF HUDDERSFIELD

Established in 1963

General Rules and Regulations

1. Discipline and common sense shall always be maintained on the field. Members shooting illegally or negligently on or off the club premises in such a manner to endanger life or property may be asked to leave the club.
2. Any member acting contrary to the constitution of the club shall be asked to attend a meeting with the club executive to explain their action which may result in their suspension from the club.
3. Clothing Rules: Shooting in the warm is easy. For most days it's a T-shirt, no dangling ear rings, no nose or other piercings, no broaches or badges that could be caught and ripped out by the string. If it rains or is cold, then the clothing rules are usually relaxed. Please wear closed footwear to protect against injury by walking into the nock of an arrow on the ground. At away shoots if it's a record status shoot or mentions rule 307 (see below) then you need to avoid contravening the ArcheryGB rules of shooting rule 307.

307 Dress Regulations: The recognised dress of Archery GB is plain dark green and/or white or registered club colours, however, any colour garments may be worn except for blue denim, olive drab and camouflage pattern. Footwear that fully encloses the toes and front of the foot must be always worn when shooting. Full details on ArcheryGB website.

4. Boundary safety flags will be set out on the field before shooting. A whistle for the use of the field captain shall be provided by the club.
5. All trophies won on behalf of 'Valley Archers' shall be engraved at the club's expense. All other trophies and medals are to be engraved at the expense of the archer concerned. The cost of replacement or repair of trophies, medals or other club property, damaged whilst in the possession of members shall lie with the member concerned unless there are exceptional circumstances involved.
6. The Gonfalon should be erected at club tournaments and where permitted at events in which club members attend. When taken to external events the custody and safe return of the Gonfalon shall lie with the most senior member present.
7. Any member who fails to renew their membership of the national ruling bodies by the appropriate renewal date will not be permitted to shoot until membership is renewed.
8. All archery bows, arrows and accessories used on land, premises or at any other event organized by the club must conform to ArcheryGB/WA specifications.
9. All archery shooting and usage must be in accordance with the rules and articles of the national ruling bodies in addition to the constitution and rules of the club.
10. All archers must comply with the Archery GB "Rules of Shooting". In particular, "..... 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 ". If the top of the archer's drawing hand goes below the bottom of the bow hand during the draw (when viewed parallel to the horizontal), then the archer may be in breach of this rule.

Safety and Security

1. Although not advised, some people do shoot on their own at the field. Whilst archery is not an inherently dangerous sport, accidents can happen. When shooting alone we suggest you carry a mobile phone with you at all times.
2. Look after your equipment: A bow has been stolen off the shooting line by an opportunist thief whilst the archer collected their arrows up the field. Ensure everything is securely locked if you are the last to leave the field.
3. The danger area to the left and right of the shooting line extends to the boundary of the land owned by the club. No one should walk or drive anywhere forward of the shooting line whilst shooting is in progress. It is the responsibility of all members to shout "FAST" if anyone is seen entering the danger area.
4. The land to the right of the shooting line is in regular use and occasionally children enter club land to retrieve property. Please be vigilant. Call "FAST" and stop shooting at any sign of danger.

ANY INFRINGEMENT OF THE CLUB RULES MAY RESULT IN CLUB MEMBERSHIP BEING CANCELLED