

**ArcheryGB Recognized Bow and Shooting Styles:**

**Recurve (Free Style) -** The bow may have a non optical sight, arrow rest, pressure button, kisser button and draw length indicator (clicker). Arrows may be aluminum, aluminum & carbon or carbon.

**Recurve (Barebow) -** The bow shall be bare without sight or markings on the limbs. A pressure button and arrow rest are permitted. Arrows may be aluminum, aluminum & carbon or carbon.

**Recurve (Traditional) -** similar to R/C Barebow, the bow shall be bare without sight or markings on the limbs but is not allowed a pressure button. Arrow shafts are to be wooden with feathered fletching.

**Longbow—**the bow should not be less than 5 feet in length with arrows less than 27” in length and not less than 5 feet 6” in length with arrows longer than 27”.

The bow may have NO support for the arrow. However for aiming you may use only one of the following:

marks on the limb,

A rubber band no more than 1/8” in thickness

An artificial point on the ground.

**Note:** in Field Archery the Longbow shall not be allowed any of the sighting aids as shown above and only one anchor point is allowed.

**Compound (Unlimited) -** The peak weight shall not exceed 60lb. A rest/launcher is allowed. The sight may incorporate a magnifying lens or prism and/or a leveling device (bubble). Electric or electronic devices are not permitted. The bow is shot using a mechanical release aid.

# MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK



*Union, True Heart & Courtesy*

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**General Information**

Shooting is available all year on the following basis:

- a. Recognised club shooting times are deemed as Sundays between 10am and 4pm and Fridays from 4pm to sunset. In the winter, between October and March, indoor shooting on Sundays may take place at an indoor venue leased by the committee. Times will be promulgated when known.
- b. Although we seem to have freedom of movement in the grounds of Kalbarrie, it is private. Therefore, should you wish to shoot at any other time, please make sure it's acceptable with the owners - John & Sheila.
- c. Club equipment is stowed in a secure shed out of sight - make a note of the combination and put it in your bow case for reference.
- d. Senior club members who are affiliated to ArcheryGB may shoot in the grounds unsupervised, junior members are to be supervised as described in the safety rules on page 11 (numbers present para b). Non AGB registered archers will be allowed to shoot but only under coaching guidance in a 'beginners course' or 'have a go' sessions.
- e. Subject to Section 2.6, the club is limited to twenty five shooting members for safety and the availability of equipment for new members.
- f. Club members may not invite guests to shoot without prior approval from the Committee.
- g. The ground is normally marked out in both Imperial and Metric distances. When it is not, there is a tape or measuring wheel in the shed.
- h. There is a coloured chart on the inside of the shed door showing the scoring zone of the target face including the distances and number of arrows shot for each round. A round is a number of arrows (in dozens) shot at given distances. As an example, some imperial rounds have city & town names: York, Hereford, Bristol, Windsor
- i. Please help in setting up and putting away equipment at each shooting session.
- j. Members are permitted to hire club bows, arrows and related equipment at £1.00 per session, where these items are not required for Beginners or other club courses.
- k. If you're not sure of anything, please ask, as there's a wealth of experience in the club to help you.
- l. Please **keep the shed tidy** as a matter of courtesy to others..

**General shooting Safety Rules**

- a. Shooting shall always be away from the direction of the public road.
- b. Shooting shall only take place under the supervision of an experienced archer who is nominated the 'Field Captain'. This duty is not to be undertaken by any junior member.
- c. The Field Captain shall normally be the senior archer present. However, this duty may be carried out by an experienced archer should the senior archer not be at the shooting area when shooting is taking place.
- d. Sound Signals:  
A single whistle indicates shooting may commence.  
Three whistles, indicate all shooting has finished - safe to go forward and collect arrows.  
Any archer, seeing a serious or dangerous situation developing, is to shout 'FAST' as a warning to all archers to stop shooting.
- e. At any time when the bow is drawn, it must be ON THE SHOOTING LINE and pointing in the direction of the target(s).
- f. On the lower part of the grounds marked out for archery, five (5) bosses shall be the maximum number used for shooting at any one time with a maximum of four archers per boss.
- g. Avoid drawing the bow with a high angle to the horizon because should you accidentally loose the arrow, the arrow may travel further than the recommended safe overshoot distance - which is the target distance plus 50 yards for Recurve & Longbow but 150 yards total for compound. (see reference to the ArcheryGB ruling on page 12 (b).
- h. When pulling arrows, make sure nobody stands directly behind you to avoid injury to the face or eyes.
- i. When retrieving arrows, walk do not run down the range. Check the ground in front of you as you walk towards the target. Arrows in the ground should be pulled and stuck in the ground vertically for all those following to see.
- j. For your own safety use enclosed footwear—flip flops and bare feet are not allowed.
- k. Take care when moving stands and bosses - they are heavy. Bosses should be lifted onto the stand by two archers. Only attempt it on your own if you are competent and fit.

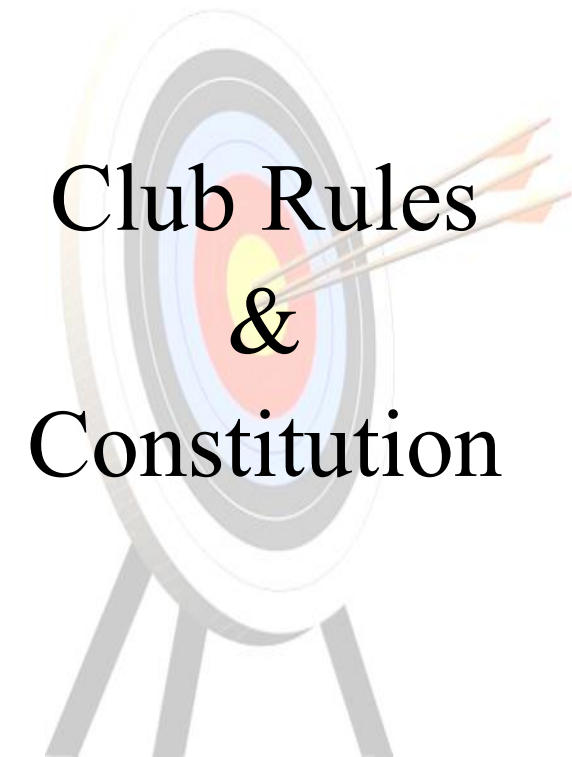
**If you are worried about shooting at any time DON'T**

**9. Discipline & Appeal**

- 9.1 The committee may by a two thirds vote of those present, reprimand, suspend or expel any member who has violated the club rules or who's behaviour is deemed to be detrimental to the best interest of the club.
- 9.2 Before any disciplinary action is taken, the member must be given at least 14 days notice in writing and be given the opportunity to be heard by the committee.
- 9.5 The decision of the Committee shall be communicated to the member in writing and the committee shall not be required to explain its actions to any but those concerned.
- 9.6 The member shall be allowed 28 days from the date of communication of the decision of the committee in which to lodge a written appeal with the Secretary. The Committee shall not communicate its decision except to the member, until that period has expired, or an appeal has been lodged, which ever is sooner.
- 9.7 In the event of an appeal against the Committee's decision, an EGM should be called and the matter be judged by the club members. based on a majority vote, this ruling shall be final.
- 9.8 Should the Committee decide the complaint may be detrimental to the sport of archery, a report shall be sent to the Secretary of Dorset & Wilts County Committee seeking a higher level of investigation.

**10. Dissolution**

- 10.1 A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting through a majority vote of the membership.
- 10.2 In the event of dissolution, any assets belonging to the club after all out standing debts have been settled, shall be disposed of as decided at the final General Meeting.



**1. General Provisions**

- 1.1 The club shall be called 'Hardy Country Bowmen (herein after referred to as the club).
- 1.2 The club shall be affiliated to the following societies/associations:
- ArcheryGB, formerly The Grand National Archery Society (GNAS) (National governing body)
  - The Grand Western Archery Society (GWAS) (Regional Association)
  - Dorset & Wilts Archery Association (DWAA) (County Association)
- 1.3 The club's registered headquarters are situated in the private grounds of Sheila & John Ryall at:
- Kalbarri  
Blandford Hill  
Milborne St Andrew,  
Dorset,  
DT11 0JA
- Telephone: 01258 837504
- 1.4 The postal address shall be that of the registered club headquarters.
- 1.5 *The Objective of the club shall be to encourage and promote the sport of archery in all its forms other than Bow Hunting. The club shall promote the sport of archery in the local and wider community and ensure a duty of care to all members. The club shall operate a shooting policy based on the rules prescribed in the ArcheryGB Rules of Shooting.*
- 1.6 The constitution and rules of the club shall only be amended as an agreed outcome from a General Meeting.

**8. General Meeting**

- 8.1 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in May each year at the club headquarters.
- 8.2 Notification of a General Meeting, including the 'Agenda' shall be sent to all members at least twenty one (21 days) before the meeting due date.
- 8.3 The Annual General Meeting agenda shall cover the following:
- Any Apologies for absence,  
Approval of previous minutes,  
Matters arising from the previous minutes,  
The Chairman's Report,  
The Treasurer's Report,  
The Equipment Officer's Report,  
Election of Club Officials,  
Any Other Business
- 8.4 Notice of any propositions for the change in Rules or Constitution shall be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary, by the committee or the proposer and seconder no later than 28 days before the AGM in order that they may be included in the calling notice of the meeting.
- 8.5 If the Chairman is not present at the published start time, the Secretary shall chair the meeting .
- 8.6 An ordinary resolution at a General Meeting requires only a simple majority to rule in favour, therefore, voting need only be by show of hands.
- 8.7 In a 'Tied Vote', the Chairman may carry a deciding vote as defined in article 3.6.
- 8.8 Changes to the club 'Rules and Constitution' shall be decided during a 'general meeting' forum and shall require a majority vote of 75% of those present.

**6. Finance**

- 6.1 A bank account shall be maintained in the name of the club. All cheques and orders for withdrawing monies from the account shall be signed by two of the following officers: Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.
- 6.2 The club Treasurer shall at the Annual General meeting present a Balance Sheet showing the financial position of the club. The balance sheet shall show Income and Expenditure for the previous twelve months ending on the day of the General Meeting.
- 6.3 A copy of the Balance Sheet shall be sent with notice convening the Annual General Meeting to each club member.
- 6.4 Accounts not agreed during the General Meeting shall be resubmitted to a quorum of the Committee within seven working days. The quorum in this instance, shall consist of the Chairman and Secretary as mandatory.
- 6.5 In the event of dissolution of the club, the assets shall be disposed of as agreed in a General Meeting forum.

**7. Audit**

- 7.1 An Auditor shall be appointed by members during the Annual General Meeting .
- 7.2 Each year, the Balance Sheet together with statements of Income and Expenditure shall be checked for correctness by one or more auditors.
- 7.3 An inventory of all club equipment shall be compiled by the 'Equipments Officer' and presented to club members during the forum of the Annual General Meeting.

**2. Membership**

- 2.1 There shall be six levels of membership:
1. Senior member (25 yrs and over)
  2. Young Adult (18-24 yrs)
  3. Junior member (8 – 17 yrs)
  4. Disabled member
  5. Non-shooting member
  6. Honorary member
- 2.2 Membership will be open to persons who hold current membership of ArcheryGB and within six months of completion to those that have completed an approved 'beginners course'. Non-shooting members are not required to be members of ArcheryGB .
- 2.3 The club recognises ArcheryGB membership categories of Disabled Member; Senior (25 yrs and over); Senior members aged 18 -24 (inc); Junior (under 18 yrs). Junior membership shall be open to persons between the ages of 8 and 17 years, subject to having fulfilled the requirements in article 2.2 above
- 2.4 Any person whom the club may wish to honour for distinguished service to the club may be elected at a General Meeting of the club as an Honorary Life Member.
- 2.5 Membership fees shall be set and agreed annually during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or Extra Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) as deemed necessary.
- 2.6 Due to the limitations of space in both indoor and outdoor shooting areas, membership shall be limited to twenty five (25) shooting club members. This ceiling may be raised during a specific archery membership year by a majority resolution of the Club Committee subject to explicit consent of the club hosts, the Ryall family. The Committee may introduce additional rules of shooting to accommodate the increase in membership .

**3. Management**

- 3.1 The management of the club's affairs shall be entrusted to the club Committee.
- 3.2 The position of each committee member shall be appointed in a General Meeting forum which shall determine the terms of their respective appointments.
- 3.3 The Committee shall be responsible for adopting policy, codes of conduct and rules that affect the organisation of the club, subject to ratification during a General Meeting forum.

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3.4 Where decisions are made by the Committee, a quorum of five (5) committee members are to be present.

3.5 With the exception of the 'Coach', positions to the club committee shall be elected annually by 'General Meeting'.

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| Chairman                 | Secretary                |
| Treasurer                | Equipment Officer        |
| Records Officer          | Child Protection Officer |
| A Senior Shooting member |                          |

3.6 At meetings of the club committee, the Chairman if deemed necessary, shall carry a casting vote.

3.7 The committee may set up a sub-committee for specific reasons for which their actions and results shall be reported back to the main committee and recorded.

3.8 No individual member of the committee may commit the club to any expenditure or charge without formal quorum of approval.

**4. Subscriptions**

4.1 All members as defined in article 2.1 other than Honorary Members shall pay an annual subscription to the club at rates determined by members during a General Meeting format.

4.2 All club membership subscriptions shall become due on the 1st October. All ArcheryGB subscriptions shall become due on the 1st October. The subscription shall also combine affiliation fees to the Grand Western Archery Society (GWAS) and the Dorset & Wilts Archery Association (DWAA). Members joining either pay a full year or a half year fee where joining after 1<sup>st</sup> April, the latter requiring that any prior membership has lapsed by more than eighteen months.

4.3 Club members who have not paid their club subscriptions by the 30th November, shall be notified that their membership has lapsed and that their membership shall be terminated with immediate effect.

4.4 Should the Committee consider there are extenuating circumstances to why a member has not paid their subscription by the said date, the Committee may waive termination of membership.

**5. Duties and Privileges of Members**

5.1 All members shall be bound to further the objectives of the club and observe the 'Rules of Shooting' and those that may be imposed by the Grand Western Archery Society and Dorset and Wilts Archery Association.

5.2 All members must have a 'safety' knowledge associated with the ArcheryGB 'Rules of Shooting'. These rules are available for reference in the green 'Rules of shooting' booklet in the club house and on the ArcheryGB website (<https://www.archerygb.org>).

5.3 No member may commit the club to any expenditure or action unless they form part of the Committee and meet the requirements stated in article 3.4 and 3.8.

5.4 When shooting, outdoors or indoors, members must comply with the ArcheryGB 'Rules of Shooting' and club rules.

5.5 During shooting in the club grounds and indoors, the senior ArcheryGB affiliated member present shall be deemed 'the Field Captain'.

5.6 When junior members are in the club grounds or indoor facilities, the parent/guardian must be present, whether shooting or not.

5.7 When junior members are shooting and the parent/guardian is not a qualified archer, a senior ArcheryGB affiliated member must be present.

5.8 Members are to ensure the safety and security of club property and equipment and to help from time to time in its upkeep and maintenance.

5.9 All members have free access to private land and are therefore asked to respect this unique arrangement by contacting the owner when they wish to shoot other than recognised club shooting times.

5.10 Members shall notify the Secretary to any change in postal address, telephone number or email.