

Kenwith Company of Archers

Summary of Rules of Shooting (for complete Rules, see ArcheryGB Rules of Shooting)

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Kenwith Company of Archers own Rules of Shooting adopt all of the ArcheryGB Rules of Shooting except where stated.

Use of abbreviations

- KCA means Kenwith Company of Archers
- Member(s) means member(s) of KCA
- Senior means a member of KCA above the age of 18
- Junior means a member of KCA below the age of 18

The following are extracts from the ArcheryGB Rules of Shooting which highlight safety in particular and have relevance to KCA and its members. All members are required to observe these Rules.

PART 1 : BOW SAFETY

101. Introduction

Each member has a duty of care to ensure that his actions do not compromise the safety of himself or others

102. General

- (a) No archer may draw his bow, with or without an arrow, except when standing at the shooting line. If an arrow is used, the archer shall aim toward the targets but only after being satisfied that the field is clear both in front of and behind the targets.
- (b) When drawing back the string of the bow an archer shall not use any technique which, in the opinion of the target captain, could, if accidentally loosed, allow the arrow to fly beyond a safety zone or safety arrangements (overshoot area, net, wall, etc.).
- (c) 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 Target Captain.
- (d) The Target Captain is empowered to require any individual who is considered to be jeopardising the safety of the Shoot to immediately leave the shooting line and/or range. Offenders may be also subject to KCA's disciplinary procedures.

103. Numbers Present

- (a) When any shooting is in progress KCA recommends there should be a minimum of two people present, each being a senior member. Solo shooting by senior members is permitted on our field but any member shooting on their own is doing so entirely at their own risk in respect of all personal injuries and losses. (*Amalgamation of AGB RoS 103a and 103c*)
- (b) Juniors.
 - (i) When junior archers are shooting individually or in groups they must be supervised by at least 2 senior shooting members, excepting that an adult member may supervise his/her own child(ren).
 - (ii) One parent or guardian alone, provided they are a senior member, may supervise his/her own child(ren) who is/are also a junior member. (*Amalgamation of AGB RoS 103b and 103cii*)

104. (This Rule relates to Crossbows, we **do not** allow crossbows in our club)

PART 2 : BOW STYLES

201. Introduction and General Rules

The following general rules apply to all bow styles:

- (a) Visual Aids.
 - (i) Field glasses, telescopes and other visual aids may be used for spotting arrows.
 - (ii) Prescription spectacles or shooting spectacles, provided they are fitted with the same lenses normally worn by the archer, and sun glasses may be used. Should an archer need to cover the non-sighting eye, and / or glasses lens, film or tape may be used to obscure vision or an eye patch may be used.
- (b) Accessories. Accessories are permitted such as limb savers, bracer, dress shield, bowslings, belt or ground quiver, and tassel. Foot markers are also permitted but must not protrude above the ground more than one centimetre
- (c) Broad-head, edged, bodkin, silver spoon and any other large diameter arrow piles are not permitted.
- (d) An archer's equipment must not represent an undue obstacle to other archers on the shooting line.

202. Arrows

- (g) (i) Arrows of any type may be used provided they comply with the accepted principle and meaning of the word arrow as used in archery, and that such arrows do not cause undue damage to target faces or buttresses.
- (ii) An arrow consists of a shaft with a tip (point), nocks, fletching and, if desired, cresting. The maximum diameter of arrow shafts shall not exceed 9.3mm; the tips (points) for arrows may have a maximum diameter of 9.4mm.

PART 3 : TARGET ARCHERY – OUTDOOR

301. Range Layout

- (a) The targets shall be set up at one end of the ground. They shall be inclined at an angle of about 15 degrees, with the pinholes 130cm (4ft 3in)± 5cm above the ground. The height of the pinhole on a line of faces shall at all times look straight.
- (c) Each target boss shall be securely anchored so that it cannot blow off its stand. Likewise stands shall be anchored to prevent them from blowing over.

302. Range Safety

- (b) Overshoot Distances.
 - (i) Overshoot Line. The overshoot line is a line parallel to the shooting line positioned at the required distance behind the targets and extending to the width of the side safety areas.
 - (ii) Bows shot off the fingers.
 - a. At target distances up to 60 yards/metres the overshoot line shall be at least 110yds from the shooting line.
 - b. At target distances over 60 yards/metres the overshoot line shall be at least 50 yards from the target line.
 - (iii) Bows shot with Mechanical Release Aids. At all target distances the overshoot line shall be at least 150 yards from the shooting line.
- (c) Side Safety Areas.

Each side safety area is the area in front of the shooting line and to the side of the range (including the overshoot area) enclosed by a line from a point 10yds to the side of the shooting line, to a point 20yds to the side of the range at 100yds from the shooting line, and continuing on that straight line to the overshoot line. Note: If the overshoot line is 150yds from the shooting line, the side safety area at that distance will extend 25yds to the side of the range.

EXCEPTION TO ARCHERYGB:

Whenever shooting is taking place on the field, the archers and/or target captain shall check that no-one is in either of the fields to each side within the side safety area as determined above. Shooting must stop if any person enters the side safety area and not recommence until the person has passed out of the side safety area.

Target Layout : Club Nights

KCA recommends that when targets are set out for club nights, the longer distances are set to the left of the field with the shorter distances stepping down in distance and in sequence to the right of the field.

Target Layout : Casual Shooting

KCA requires that when only a few people are shooting, all targets are set out well to the left of centre with the longer distances again set furthest left. This allows for the maximum side safety overshoot zone on the tight-hand side of the field to be all or mostly within our own boundary.

304. Shooting

- (a) Shooting shall be from an unsupported standing position with the body above the shooting line. Disabled archers may use appropriate support.
- (g) Archers shall retire from the shooting line as soon as their last arrow has been shot except that an archer may remain on the shooting line to keep company with another archer still shooting.
- (h) While shooting is in progress, only those competitors whose turn it is to shoot may be on the shooting line. All other competitors with their equipment, shall remain behind the waiting line save that an archer may leave a spotting scope on the shooting line between ends providing it does not create an obstacle for any other archer. The target captain shall use discretion in allowing disabled archers and/or their equipment to remain on the line if circumstances permit.
- (j) At any Meeting six arrows may be shot as sighters before the beginning of each round, such sighters shall not be recorded.

305. Control of Shooting

- (a) (i) At all times, whenever shooting takes place, it must be under the control of a Field or Target Captain.

- (ii) Target Captain – Whistle Commands (GNAS Method 2)

Sequence – One Shooting Detail

Two whistles indicates when those shooting are to take their positions on the shooting line.

One whistle indicates they may begin shooting.

Three whistles indicates they are to stop shooting, leave the shooting line to place their bows down and then go forward to collect their arrows.

Sequence – Two Shooting Details

Two whistles indicate that archers in the first detail shooting are to take their place on the shooting line.

One whistle indicates the first detail may begin shooting.

Two whistles indicate that the first detail are to stop shooting and leave the shooting line, the second detail then take their place on the shooting line.

One whistle indicates the second detail may begin shooting.

Three whistles indicate the second detail are to stop shooting and leave the shooting line, when they have done so all archers go forward to collect their arrows.

No archer shall advance from the shooting line before receiving the signal. Archers not shooting shall wait behind the waiting line.

(Note: the above is an extract and amalgamation of AGB RoS 304 and 305)

306. Dress Regulations

- (a) The recognised dress of Archery GB is plain dark green and/or white. KCA does not operate a dress code but archers shooting at any AGB tournament are required to observe their dress code as more fully stated in this condition in the full Rules of Shooting.
- (b) Footwear that fully encloses the toes and front of the foot must be worn at all times when shooting.

PART 4 : TARGET ARCHERY – INDOOR

400. General

The Archery GB Rules of Shooting for Target Archery – Outdoor shall apply except as enumerated in the following paragraphs.

402. Range Layout

- (a) The targets may be set up at any angle between vertical and 15° but a line of targets shall be set up at the same angle.
- (b) The height of the pinholes above the floor shall be as follows:
 - (i) When faces are in one row the height shall be 130cm as measured to the pinhole of a single face, the pinhole of the middle centre of a vertical triple face or to the pinholes of the bottom two centres of a triple triangular face.
 - (ii) When 40cm full size faces are in two rows one above the other, the pinhole heights shall be 100cm and 160cm.
 - (iii) When 40cm triple triangular faces are in two rows one above the other, heights shall be:
 - a. To the pinholes of the bottom centres of the lower faces – 100cm
 - b. To the pinholes of the top centre of the upper faces – 160cm
 - (iv) The tolerance on the face height is ± 2 cm
- (v) The height of the pinholes on a line of faces shall at all times look straight.
- (e) A waiting line shall be placed five yards behind the shooting line. If space is limited, the distance may be reduced to 3 yards; in exceptional circumstances the waiting line may be omitted.

402A. Range Safety

The walls and roof of a conventional building provide the measure of safety required. Arrangements must be made to prevent access to the range when shooting is in progress through any point in front of the shooting line and within the overshoot or side safety areas defined in Rule 302.

PART 7 : CLOUT SHOOTING

700. General Regulations

- (a) Archery GB Rules of Shooting for Target Archery – Outdoor shall apply except as enumerated in the following paragraphs.
- (b) Range safety shall follow the principles of Range Safety for Target Archery (Rule 302). For clout distances beyond 100 yards, the side safety should continue to extend from 20 yards at 100 yards, to 25 yards at 150 yards, and 30 yards at 180 yards, and remain at 30 yards thereafter.
The overshoot distance for clout targets set beyond 100 yards will be 50 yards from the clout.
The overshoot must be level ground.
- (c) The Organiser, after considering general safety, archers' comfort and the duties of scorers, shall use his discretion as to the number of archers allocated to each target.
- (d) A Clout event may be shot on the same day and at the same venue as a Flight event without contravening Rule 304(j).
- (e) All archers must have received instruction in Clout shooting prior to competitions.
- (f) The bow must be drawn in such a way that the angle the arrow makes with the horizontal must never be greater than that which it makes at the point of release/loose.
- (g) High Trajectory clout shooting is BANNED except for Longbows.

You are advised to read the full ArcheryGB Rules of Shooting which may be found at:

<https://www.archerygb.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Proc-01-05-RoS-April-2018.pdf>

Please ensure you are reading the most up to date version.