

**MOSSLEY HILL ATHLETIC CLUB**

**ARCHERY SECTION**

**STANDING ORDERS**

**(Issue update, JANUARY 2023)**

**ADDENDUM JULY 2023 & ADMIN TO 8e**

**1. SANCTIONS:**

a) Any member who contravenes the Constitution or Standing Orders, in respect of subscriptions or safety, may be subject to disciplinary proceedings, and which proceedings, may result in their membership being withdrawn. (2000).

**2. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND AFFILIATION FEES:**

a) All subscriptions that are due to Mossley Hill Athletic Club, Archery Section, shall be paid to the section Book Keeper on or before 31<sup>st</sup> March each year. Only by prior consent from the section committee may any other method of payment be made. The Section operates a strict 'no pay-no play' policy. (See Constitution Rule 1c. (1997)

b) All affiliation fees that are due to Archery GB shall be paid to the Section Book Keeper, and are due with the annual subscriptions on the 31 March each year, although Archery GBs financial year runs from September to August. Those members who affiliate direct to Archery GB must present valid proof that the fees have been paid, prior to being to shoot on the range. (See Constitution rule 1d.) (2015)

**2. RANGE SECURITY AND SAFETY:**

a) It is requested that archers wishing to use the range, post a notice on the WhatsApp 'shooting only' app and indicate a projected time of arrival. (2023)

b) The AGB Ground Registration is granted on the basis that the four (4) entry points to the range have 'DANGER' signs posted. Archers must check that these are in place. (2023)

c) Keys to the storage container will only be issued to full members, who have had frequent participation at trophy shoots or practice days, and will be at the committee's discretion and approval, in accordance with these guidelines, and as sanctioned by the Executive Committee. (Amended 2023). Members wishing to hold keys must display responsibility for range safety and shoot organisation. They will have had at least one (1 ) full years membership and will have field captained two (2) club shoots, to the satisfaction of the committee. [SEE 6.d.] (Amalgamated 2023).

d) Keys are only 'loaned' to members and are not their property. Members leaving the Section must return their key to the Section Secretary. (2015)

e) Lost keys must be reported to the Section Secretary, as soon as the loss is discovered. (2015)

f) On practice days, those attending first and have set up to shoot, will appoint a field captain to take control of shooting. (1999)

g) The appointed field captain will control the layout of the field, the 'ends' and movement between shooting line and targets, should others arrive to shoot. (1999)

h) All lost arrows must found or their approximate location displayed on the storeroom notice board, with an additional posting on the WhatsApp 'lost arrows' app. (Amended JAN 2023) ADDENDUM JULY 2023: The section secretary must be informed, PROMPTLY, and who will then notify the AGB insurers. Failure to do so will be viewed as a gross misconduct and may lead to a shooting ban.

i) Under no circumstances should anybody, other than the driver, ride on the tractor unit or trailer.

j) Arrows should not be nocked on or behind the shooting line, whilst there are people in front of the bow.

k) Compound shooters must not use lane eight (8). Added 2018.

l) Unless there is a prior arrangement with the Bowling Section, lane one (1) must not be used by any bow style. Added 2018.

m) At indoor venues, secured by the section, and to ensure accurate accounting in an emergency, a register of those in attendance will be required to be completed, with each individual entering their name. (January 2018)

## **5. RANGE AND SHOOTING LINE ETIQUETTE:**

- a) Archers shooting a round will take precedence over practicing archers. (1991)
- b) You should not be in front of the shooting line whilst other archers are shooting.
- c) Do not interrupt the duties of those officiating.
- d) Ensure that all mobile electronic devices are turned off or are in silent mode. (1990)
- e) Match days are not practice days, you should come prepared to shoot. Any adjustments or fine tuning should not disrupt others during a match.
- f) The section has a dress code, which has a degree of flexibility, subject to it being a practice or match day. Match days require either, traditional whites and greens, or club maroon, black and gold. A full definition is on display and in the Section handbook. Noncompliance on a match day may result in a disqualification. (2015)
- g) Do not leave the field of shooting whilst there is equipment that requires removal and storage. Do not leave setting up and clearing to others.

## **6. VISITORS, BEGINNERS, and NOVICES:**

- a) Visitors, other than those defined in section 2 of the Constitution, may be permitted to shoot on the range, subject to payment of a visitor fee (£6 as of 2000), for each visit and providing they present proof that they are a bona fide member of Archery GB. Visitors will be required to have the equivalent handicap relating to a 3<sup>rd</sup> class classification. A maximum of three (3) visits, after that visitors will be required to become members of the club. (2018)
- b) Beginners will be allowed to shoot on the range only if they have enrolled upon an officially sanctioned beginner's course. (2000)
- c) No member shall instruct a beginner other than at an officially sanctioned beginner's course, or where permission is granted by two (2) committee members. Contravention of this order may result in disciplinary action being taken. (2000)
- d) A new member is considered to be a novice archer, senior or junior, until they have had eighteen months membership of this or another archery club, or until they attain the 60yds/age related maximum distance badge. All new members are expected to fulfil the progression badge scheme, prior to consideration for a container key to be issued. [SEE 2.c]. (2023)
- e) Junior members will have the right to be heard, via their 'junior representative', but will not have voting rights until they have reached their eighteenth (18th) birthday. (Jan 2018 & June 2018, to coincide with MHAC rules).

## **7. SECTION EQUIPMENT:**

- a) Section equipment may be used by novice beginners for a period of four (4) calendar weeks, following completion of the Sections beginner's course. (2015)
- b) Damaged equipment must be reported to a section committee member. (1997)
- c) The tractor unit and trailer must not be overloaded. As a guideline it should be restricted to hauling, no more than, three (3) bosses and the ancillary equipment required. (1998)
- d) The 'Jerry', petrol can, must not left empty at the end of a day's shooting, without notification or action being taken to have it refilled.
- e) In order to save wear on the bosses, small World Archery faces should be offset from the centre. (1998)

## **8. COMPETITIONS AND TROPHY SHOOTS:**

- a) Practice is permitted on the range, prior to a competition, providing, shooting ceases thirty (30) minutes before the appointed start time. (1998)
- b) Competition will start at the appointed time. (1990)
- c) Competitors are required to wear regulation dress. (1990)
- d) **STRAIGHT SHOOTS:** donated trophies will be awarded in accordance with the specific bow type for which the trophy was originally donated. Medals will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> places for other bow types where two or more of the same types are shooting. At present all trophies are for senior competitors. Junior competitors can be accommodated within the shoot, subject to prior organisation.
- e) **HANDICAP SHOOTS:** subject to archers attaining an **A3** class classification, or above, all members, senior and junior, will be eligible to win a donated trophy, providing they have a handicap for the bow type being used. (2006) Medals will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.
- f) **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:** each archer will be eligible for a specific bow type championship, notwithstanding the number of competitors shooting in that bow type, on that day. (2006)
- g) **JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS:** prior to the event, the Section committee will decide the format for the junior championship. (1996)
- h) **STUDENT MEMBERS:** will be awarded medals, if they are trophy winners, the trophy will remain in the possession of the club secretary. (2019)