

**MOSSLEY HILL ATHLETIC CLUB**

**ARCHERY SECTION.**

**CONSTITUTION:**

**This document shall not overrule that of the Athletic Club.**

**This section shall be known as the 'Mossley Hill Archery Club'.**

**The section shall consist of a committee of not less than four (4), or more than eight (8) in number, in addition to the ordinary members, both senior and junior.**

**The object of the section is to provide for the sport of archery, and it's instruction.**

**The section is a 'Summer Section' of the Athletic club, the season starts on the 1st April, running through to 30th October. Where possible, winter shooting arrangements will be sourced, at an additional fee. Shooting on the grounds may continue year round.**

**RULES:**

**1, CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP:**

- a) Acceptance of new members will be in accordance with the current rules of the Mossley Hill Athletic Club.
- b) All members, senior and junior, shall pay the required subscriptions, as determined by the Mossley Hill Athletic Club management committee.
- c) Under no circumstances is a member allowed to shoot on the Mossley Hill Athletic Club range, unless and until, their subscriptions, as outlined in 1b, are paid. Annual fees are due on the 1st April.
- d) Members will be insured via the section's insurers.
- e) The lower age limit for junior members is twelve (12) years. In order to comply with the Protection of Children Act, children up to the age of sixteen (16), must have a parent or guardian, in attendance, who supervises the child/ren at all times whilst on the range, or Club's environs. Juniors must transfer to a senior member the season following their eighteenth (18) birthday.
- f) A junior may be accepted as a member at a lower age, provided a parent or guardian is also a member, and that the parent or guardian is in attendance and supervises their child/ren at all times, whilst they are on the range, or the club's environs.
- g) Juniors will be represented by a Junior Representative, appointed from the senior members.
- h) Voting rights are for those members of eighteen years of age and above.

**2, RULES GOVERNING ARCHERY ACTIVITIES.**

- a) At all times, members are to conform with **the current 'best practice' guide in the GNAS Rules of Shooting**, or World Archery, Rules of Shooting, unless a section Standing Order specifies a variation in the application of those rules.(local rules).
- b) Non-members are not permitted to shoot on the Mossley Hill Athletic Club range (see rule 1c) with the exception of bona-fide member(s) of archery clubs, having their own insurance cover, and visiting for the purpose of inter club matches, competitions, club shoots ,etc. (see rules 7c & 7d )
- c) No junior, beginner or novice is allowed to shoot, unless an experienced senior member is present on the range. (See rules 1d, 1e, & 1f)
- d) All members are expected, within their physical capabilities, to assist in the necessary care of the grounds and with the setting up and returning to store of all equipment provided by the section.
- e) Members may practice archery, providing no Management Committee limitation, to the contrary, is in force.
- f) All activities that include any junior member of the club shall conform to the guide laid out in the best practice, outlined in GNAS guidance for Vulnerable People and Children Policy and the Mossley Hill Athletic Club's child and Vulnerable Adult Welfare Policy.

**3, ORGANISATION OF THE SECTION ACTIVITIES.**

- a) No section activity must contravene the current Mossley Hill Athletic Club rules.
- b) An Annual General meeting shall be held prior to the Clubs A.G.M.
- c) The management of the section shall be in the hands of the archery committee.

#### **4, GENERAL MEETINGS.**

- a) An Annual General Meeting, will be held prior to the Athletic Club's A.G.M.
- b) No decision made at an Annual General Meeting can be rescinded, except at another AGM or Extraordinary General Meeting.
- c) An Annual General Meeting will be held no later than 15 months following the previous AGM.
- d) To convene an Extraordinary General Meeting the secretary of the section shall have received not less than four (4) written requests stating the reasons for wishing to call the Extraordinary General Meeting.
- e) The attendance of one third of the total membership (including the committee) shall constitute a quorum at General Meetings of the Section.
- f) Should a quorum not be present within thirty (30) minutes of the stated time for the meeting, those present will be dismissed and the meeting abandoned. All other aspects of general meetings shall be in accordance with the accepted 'rules of committee'.

#### **5 ARCHERY COMMITTEE.**

- a) The committee will be elected at each annual General meeting to serve until the next annual General meeting.
- b) A member can serve on the committee for more than one consecutive term of office.
- c) The officers will be determined by election at the Annual general meeting, or in the case of an absence, appointed by, and from the elected committee members, for the duration.
- d) A quorum for the committee meetings will be one half of the total committee. Should the committee consist of an odd number of members, the nearest whole number above one half the members is the quorum, (e.g. a committee of 5 members requires 3 members for a quorum).
- e) Should a quorum not be present within thirty (30) minutes of the stated time for the meeting, those present will be dismissed and the meeting abandoned.
- f) The committee will meet as and when required, or may meet impromptu or via telecoms to resolve pressing issues.
- g) Each committee member present, will have the right to vote. The chairman has a casting vote in the event of a tie in voting.
- h) The committee has the right, at a constitutionally conducted meeting, to appoint any ordinary member to the committee to fill a vacancy on the committee, or for 'special duties'. Members thus elected shall not have full voting rights.

#### **6 ARCHERY SECTION STANDING ORDERS.**

- a) Standing Orders can be added, deleted or amended at any constitutionally conducted committee meeting.
- b) Standing Orders 'of necessity' may be issued in cases of emergency or safety.
- c) No Standing Order shall contravene the current Mossley Hill Athletic Club rules or the sections rules contained herein.
- d) A set of Standing Orders shall exist, governing the day to day running of the Section. All current Standing Orders are to be displayed on the section premises.

#### **7 GENERAL.**

- a) Any person can present a prize to the section and regulate the terms on which it shall be awarded, subject to the approval of the committee.
- b) No archer shall be awarded more than one trophy at any competition of the section, other than specific distance awards, i.e. best golds.
- c) Visitors and spectators are allowed, at the discretion of the committee members available (or archers in charge of shooting) at the time in question, having due regard to the current Mossley Hill Athletic Club rules.
- d) ) Visitors and spectators are allowed, on the understanding that they abide by such conditions as the committee members available ( or archers in charge of shooting ) consider necessary, bearing in mind the safety demands of archery, (see rule 2a )
- e) The archery section secretary, for the time being, shall have charge of, and legal possession of, all physical, intellectual or cyber property of the section. No section property shall be removed from the care of the section secretary without permission of the section committee. Section property lodged at the ground or other duly sanctioned venue, shall be deemed to be in the charge of the secretary for the purpose of this rule.
- f) Members undertaking a purchase or construction, intellectual , physical or cyber, do so with the understanding that all costs and undertakings are approved by the committee and that such undertakings belong to the section, and if requested to do so members will relinquish title and control to the section committee and secretary.