

GREEN DRAGON BOWMEN



Shooting Rules, Terms and Conditions (28 June 2024)

The following rules are to be adhered to by all club members, guests, parents and carers regarding current arrangements and expected conduct when attending or practising at GDB. They are in addition to Archery GB Rules of Shooting (AGB ROS), Archery GB Shooting Administrative Procedure (AGB SAP) and World Archery Rules (WA R).

1. General

- 1.1. Entrance to Knebworth Estate must be made via the Old Knebworth Lane entrance at all times and is for the sole purpose of archery. Members entering the park for any other reason should pay the current entry fee.
- 1.2. Car parking is allowed outside of the club huts. The Church car park may only be used for dropping off equipment, except for disabled archers who have been authorised by the Club to park at the Church. Car parking is not allowed on the archery field itself.
- 1.3. Members must show their up-to-date club membership cards on request by any club member, or member of staff of Knebworth Estates. Club car park passes must be displayed in members' cars at all times when in the boundaries of Knebworth Park for the purpose of archery.
- 1.4. The combination to the club hut is changed at least annually on the 1st October. Notification of the new combination is made after the renewal of membership.
- 1.5. The equipment hut keys are kept in the main hut.
- 1.6. The key to the white gate by Lytton Hall is kept in the main hut. This key may be used to leave the park if the gate is locked by security before a member has left, and must be returned to the hut immediately.
- 1.7. All keys must be replaced in the appropriate places when not in use.
- 1.8. Club members are permitted in the park for archery between 08:00 and 19:00 or dusk if earlier.
- 1.9. <Intentionally Blank>
- 1.10. Occasionally the Knebworth Estate management may request that we do not shoot on certain dates to avoid conflict with park events. Club members will be notified of these dates by:-
 - 1.10.1. Email or WhatsApp
 - 1.10.2. The club website
 - 1.10.3. "Booking" if already booked
- 1.11. A Field Captain must be appointed when shooting is taking place.
 - 1.11.1. The Field Captain must control shooting at all times.
 - 1.11.2. The Field Captain must be able to see, from wherever they are, all boundaries of the range.
 - 1.11.3. The Field Captain may transfer the position of Field Captain to another by mutual agreement.
 - 1.11.4. On the front lawn at Knebworth House the Field Captain must be able to see the white gate opposite the end of the field from behind the waiting line at all times that shooting is taking place. If visibility is so poor that the gate cannot be seen, shooting must stop.



- 1.11.5. In order to keep time searching for lost arrows to a reasonable level, members must abide by the Field Captain's discretion as to when searching must cease and shooting continues.
- 1.12. There must be two people present (over 18 years of age), one of which need not be an archer. One must act as lookout whilst the other shoots. (AGB ROS 103 at time of writing)
- 1.13. The club huts shall be secured when there is no club member at the huts/car park area. This includes when shooting. The padlock of the main hut may be left inside when shooting is taking place provided that the combination lock is correctly secured. The combination padlock must not be left outside the hut.
- 1.14. Only non-marking soled shoes are allowed at indoor shooting and coaching.
- 1.15. Indoor shooting and coaching will end at least 15 minutes before the end of our booking to allow for packing away and ensuring we are clear of the hall on time.
- 1.16. The Club is happy to welcome non-member archers from other AGB-affiliated clubs to shoot as guests upon production of their AGB membership card and payment of the appropriate fee. A GDB Club Member must agree to host the guest(s) at the shoot and the host must book their guests in per 1.38 below. A guest archer may shoot with GDB a maximum of three times in any 12 month period; should this maximum be exceeded then the guest(s) may only shoot having joined GDB as either a full or associate club member. The Committee reserves the right not to accept a guest/guests if it feels that to do so would be detrimental to the club or any club member.
- 1.17. Only bows recognised by Archery GB may be shot at GDB ranges, with the exception of those listed below:
 - 1.17.1. Crossbow (AGB ROS 210 at time of writing)
 - 1.17.2. Any flight bow (AGB ROS 211, 212 at time of writing)
- 1.18. The following bow styles are recognised for the submission of scores:
 - 1.18.1. Recurve (AGB ROS 202 at time of writing)
 - 1.18.2. Barebow (AGB ROS 204 at time of writing)
 - 1.18.3. *English* Longbow (AGB ROS 206 at time of writing)
 - 1.18.4. Compound (AGB ROS 207 at time of writing)
- 1.19. No alcohol is allowed to be consumed during shooting.
- 1.20. No shooting may be undertaken by someone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- 1.21. Members using the range must not leave any litter. All waste must be taken home and not left in the club hut, or within Knebworth Park
- 1.22. Indoors, there is no smoking or vaping within the building or on the school site. Smoking and vaping is allowed on the archery field although not where it will cause offence to others and not in front of the waiting line or any tents, whichever is the furthest back.
- 1.23. The Club will not take responsibility for any individual. Any archer in need of either physical or emotional support must be accompanied at all times whilst at a club venue or event by an appointed adult who is designated to



provide such support. All juniors (any person under 18 years of age) must be accompanied by a parent or appointed guardian at all times whilst at a club venue or event. This guardian will assume complete parental responsibility for the junior. The Club will not assume parental responsibility for any junior member.

- 1.24. Outdoors, targets and associated equipment must be transported onto the field using the hand pulled trolleys.
- 1.25. The attachment of the trolley to any vehicle to aid transportation is expressly forbidden.
- 1.26. The trolley must not be ridden.
- 1.27. Outdoors, care must be taken when manoeuvring the trolley and its load of targets and stands through the low profile fencing so as not to damage the low profile estate fencing.
- 1.28. All shooting members are expected to assist, to the extent that they are able, in setting up the range before they get their own equipment ready and any shooting takes place; also to assist in taking down and storing away at the end of shooting.
- 1.29. The field must be set up in accordance with an approved layout. Details of general purpose layouts are shown on the club website and in the huts.
- 1.30. Shooting must cease if anyone wanders onto the range or safety area. At Knebworth Park's front lawn all areas in front of the shooting line and bound by the fence are considered part of the range or safety area.
 - 1.30.1. Should a member of Knebworth estates wish to use the gate at the end of the wall shooting shall stop (Fast) so that they may use the gate safely and without unnecessary delay.
- 1.31. Should an archer wish to shoot on a boss that is already occupied, the newcomer is expected to ask those already shooting on the boss if they have any objection before joining the boss. Target lists produced for shooting shall be followed as closely as reasonably practicable to ensure smooth running of the shoot
- 1.32. Arrows to be shot in accordance with the AGB ROS, unless otherwise instructed, by a coach or the field captain. Indoors on a normal shooting day 4 arrows may be shot per end notwithstanding the rest of this section. Outdoors, archers may not shoot more than 6 arrows per end (unless permitted to do so by the AGB ROS, e.g after a "bouncer")
- 1.33. Archers may not perform "walk back" bow tuning (or similar activity that prevents others shooting) whilst other archers are shooting
- 1.34. All bows must be drawn to full draw with the arrow horizontal to the ground.
- 1.35. When pulling arrows from the boss, those on the outside of the group should be pulled first. This avoids the possibility of damage to arrows whilst stretching for access to central hits. Only a maximum of two archers (one each side) to pull arrows from the boss at a time Do not reach over archers.
- 1.36. All lost arrows must be entered in the Lost and Found Arrow Book, which is kept in the club hut, and crossed out of the book when recovered by the



owner. Arrows found by others should be placed into the lost arrow rack for the owner to collect.

- 1.37. The general public are permitted in the waiting area. For example, to learn about the club from club members. They should be treated with respect and extra due care and attention shall be taken while they are present.
- 1.38. All members (guests see 1.16) must book all shooting by emailing "Booking". Provided the range is not shut (see 1.10) and the member is competent with range setup and knows the code to the hut they do not need to wait for a response from "Booking".
 - 1.38.1. Bookings sent to "Booking" should include for each archer:
 - 1.38.1.1. Full name
 - 1.38.1.2. Round being shot and/or distance and face being shot at
 - 1.38.1.3. Date and start time/event the booking is for
 - 1.38.1.4. Any special requests/requirements the archer has
2. Equipment Safety
 - 2.1. No club member is permitted to shoot any bow or arrows that are not fit for purpose.
 - 2.2. Coaches may deem equipment fit or unfit for purpose as they see fit. Coaches and the committee do not accept liability for their decision in this matter. If an archer disagrees with the decision they may appeal to the whole committee whose decision is final. While the committee decides, the initial decision shall stand.
3. Clout Shooting
 - 3.1. Clout shooting is only permitted when Knebworth Park is closed to the public, and at times appointed by the committee.
 - 3.2. Clout shooting sessions must be run by a club member who is appointed by the committee to run the session.
 - 3.3. The clout field must be laid out according to an approved layout.
 - 3.4. All archers must have received instruction in Clout shooting prior to shooting clout - this can be provided by the club member leading the session, on your first clout session. This shall be repeated whenever an archer changes their equipment or has forgotten their "sight marks"
 - 3.4.1. This will include at a minimum basic clout safety and a SINGLE arrow shot from the maximum distance to estimate their equipment capability/sight mark. This shall be undertaken before sighters.
 - 3.5. The maximum clout distance currently allowed at GDB is 165m (180 yd).
 - 3.6. When collecting/scoring arrows, do not approach the target centrally, to avoid damaging arrows or causing injury.
4. Friends and Family
 - 4.1. If the Club chooses to run a Friends and Family event, Senior Members may bring up to 4 guests and will assume complete responsibility for them and their conduct whilst on the Club grounds. If Junior Members wish to bring guests they must all be accompanied by an adult who will assume responsibility for the whole party. Junior members who are 12 years and over *and* have at least 2 years experience may bring their own guests. Juniors who are less than 12 years old or do not have 2 years experience



may still bring guests, but they should be included in an adult club member's quota (either a parent or another club member if they agree).

5. Safety

5.1. All members must treat safety as the number one priority.

5.2. All members should familiarise themselves with the club's risk assessments.

5.3. No members' (including members guests) shall intentionally act in an unsafe manner.

5.4. No archer shall shoot their bow in a way that they, a coach, or the field captain think may lead to their arrow leaving the range/safety area.

(It is accepted that an archer's arrow may leave the range/safety area when shot in a way that the archer/coach/field captain thinks will keep the arrow in the range/safety area.)

A. Changes

a. This document may be amended by majority vote at a committee meeting.

b. This document may be supplemented by additional documents when necessary.