



Bowmen of Bruntwood

Code of Conduct – Spectators, Parents and Carers

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We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in archery.

As a spectator, parent or carer, you have a big part to play. That is why we are asking every archer, spectator, parent and carer to follow a code of conduct.

This code of conduct applies not only to spectators and parents and carers but also to all our members when supporting, watching, taking part in or being involved in the sport of archery. The emphasis of this code is on events involving young archers, but it also recognises that spectators and parents are present in the senior sport.

Expected minimum standards of behaviour and conduct

As a spectator, parent or carer, I will do the following.

- **Respect the spirit of fair play in archery**

I will:

- remember that children take part for fun;
- recognise effort and good play as well as success;
- display and promote high standards of behaviour;
- let coaches do their job and not confuse the archers by telling them what to do;
- encourage the archers to respect one another as well as the officials;
- avoid criticising an archer for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning; and
- never take part in or accept public criticism of archers, coaches or officials.

- **Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others**

I will:

- respect other spectators, parents, officials, coaches and opponents;
- respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same;
- remember everyone makes mistakes;
- appreciate skill and good performance by everyone taking part;
- encourage people to always settle disagreements in a good-natured way and without hostility; and
- show an appreciation for volunteer coaches and organisers – their efforts contribute hugely to young people being able to take part.

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- **Do my best to ensure my own safety and the safety of others**

I will:

- stay behind the competitors' area;
- let the coach or official know about any injury that a young archer may have; and
- place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of young archers above everything, including standards of performance.

- **Protect others involved in archery from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour**

I will:

- support all efforts to remove bad or abusive language or unsporting behaviour; and
- never ridicule or scold a young person for making a mistake or losing a competition.

- **I will keep to Archery GB's rules and policies including:**

- safeguarding policies
- equality policy
- anti-doping policy
- bribery policy

Breaking the code of conduct

In attending a club, county, regional or national event as a spectator, parent or carer, you are agreeing to keep to this code of conduct and all our policies, rules, regulations and procedures.

We have the right to investigate and take disciplinary action (in line with our disciplinary policy, regulations and procedures) against any alleged breaking of this code of conduct or our policies, rules, regulations and procedures which may affect our reputation.

If you feel someone is breaking this code of conduct, you should report it to the event organiser.