



# BOWMEN OF BRUNTWOOD

## GUIDELINES FOR SHOOTING

*Bowmen of Bruntwood has an excellent reputation for the way in which members conduct themselves at both home and away shoots. In order to maintain that reputation and to assist new members, archers are asked to observe the following guidelines. Some of them are taken from the Archery GB "Rules of Shooting" and some are simply good etiquette. If there is anything you do not understand, please do ask.*

1. There shall be only one Shooting Line.
2. Equipment should not normally be placed in front of the shooting line.
3. Archers, other than those shooting or moving to or from the shooting line, should remain behind the Waiting Line.
4. Archers should not step onto the shooting line while anyone is in front of that line.
5. An archer should not step onto or leave the shooting line if an immediate neighbour is about to start a shot or is executing a shot.
6. An archer should not draw his bow, with or without an arrow, except on the shooting line.
7. Do not talk or act in a distracting manner while others are shooting.
8. Do not talk to another archer who clearly prefers you not to do so.
9. Do not make an exclamation on the shooting line which might disconcert a neighbour.
10. Mobile phones and watch alarms **MUST** be switched off or put on silent whenever an archer is on the shooting field or in the indoor range and any shooting is taking place. In these situations, mobile devices are to be **USED ONLY** as scoring aids.
11. Do not make fun of another archer's misfortune.
12. Do not touch another archer's equipment without their permission.
13. If anyone becomes aware that shooting should be halted for safety reasons, that person should call "FAST". On hearing this call, all archers must immediately stop shooting and return any un-shot arrows to their quiver. If necessary, the call of "FAST" shall be repeated by other archers to ensure that everyone has heard and stopped shooting. Shooting shall re-commence only on the instruction of a Judge or acting Field Captain.
14. With the exception of arrows shot into a target, if you break any item of another archer's equipment, you are expected to offer to pay for its replacement.
15. Always ask permission before joining another archer on a target. It is expected that permission would normally be granted.
16. When they call their score, an archer is expected to identify each arrow by pointing to, but not touching, the nocks.
17. Scores should be called in groups of three (e.g. 10-9-9 pause 8-8-7).
18. The value of an arrow is determined by the position of the shaft and not the hole which the arrow has made in the target face.

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19. Do not touch the arrows, target face or boss before all the arrows on that target have been scored.
  20. All the arrows on a target should be scored before any misses are retrieved.
  21. When an archer submits a score, it must be witnessed by an Archery GB affiliated member if
    - i) it is one of the three to establish their initial Club outdoor or indoor handicap;
    - i) it is an entry for a Club, County or National competition; or
    - ii) it is a submission for a Club record or 252 award.
- Variation to Rule 21: An archer who is registered blind may have a spotter who can record/witness scores, in accordance with Archery GB rule 1202 (f).
22. Once an archer has established their relevant Club handicap, they may submit scores for rounds shot on Club indoor or outdoor facilities. The score will be added to their personal record and may change their relevant Club handicap, but will have no other effect.
  23. When approaching the target to remove arrows, always do so from the side of the target. Never walk straight towards the target. When pulling arrows from the target always do so from the side of the target. Place one hand on the target to steady it and with the other hand grasp the arrow shaft as close to the point as possible. Pull the arrow straight back and do not twist or bend the arrow. **MAKE SURE BEFORE YOU PULL THE ARROWS OUT OF THE TARGET NO-ONE IS STANDING BEHIND YOU.** If you cannot remove an arrow on your own, ask for assistance from your companions.
  24. Archers should not walk up and down the shooting line comparing scores.
  25. Thank the Field Captain after a formal shoot for all his efforts.
  26. When Junior archers are shooting, they must be supervised by an Archery GB affiliated adult member. If a Junior archer's parent or guardian is not present, there must be at least two other persons present.
  27. Shooting shall be conducted in accordance with the full Archery GB "Rules of Shooting".
  28. When archers have finished shooting on the indoor range, they should remove the faces from the target wall and return them tidily to the appropriate storage box.
  29. When archers have finished using club equipment, they should return it to the proper storage place. In particular, arrows should be placed in the correct holes in the storage frames and bows should be returned to their correct place in the rack, as determined by the number on the bow, having first been de-strung and the string looped over the top limb. If any equipment is damaged during use or requires maintenance this should be reported to the coaches or the Field Captain as soon as possible.
  30. Where juniors may be present, no photographs should be taken either at the Indoor Range, the field or at a competition, without the express authority and consent of the Tournament organizer/Field Captain and parents/responsible adults in charge of those juniors.
  31. Litter should not be left on the indoor or outdoor ranges.

