

# JOLLY ARCHERS OF HOUGHTON AND WYTON

## Jolly Archers Rules - Safety

1. The Jubilee Park field is to be used for Target archery only.
2. Archery GB safety requirements must be complied with at all times
3. If you, as a senior, shoot alone you should ensure that you shoot within your ability.
4. All required field safety margins must be known, understood and observed.

### Overshoot Line:

The overshoot line is a line parallel to the shooting line positioned at the required distance behind the targets and extending to the width of the side safety areas

- i) Bows shot off the fingers
  - a) At target distances up to 60 yards/metres the overshoot shall be at least 110 yards from the shooting line.
  - b) At distances over 60 yards/metres the overshoot line shall be at least 50 yards from the target line.
- ii) Bows shot with Mechanical Release Aids

At all distances the overshoot line shall be at least 150 yards from the shooting line.

### Side Safety Areas:

Each side safety area is the area in front of the shooting line and to the side of the range (including the overshoot area) enclosed by a line from a point 10 yards to the side of the shooting line to a point 20 yards to the side of the range at 100 yards from the shooting line, and continuing on the straight line to the overshoot line.

Note: If the overshoot line is 150 yards from the shooting line the side safety area at that distance will extend 25 yards at each side of the range.

5. Nobody should be within the range safety limits other than those who are participating in the shoot as either archers or other participants.
6. Given the difficulty of moving bosses up and down the steps to the container at One Leisure, Huntingdon, and the enhanced risk in bad weather, members should work in pairs to ensure their safety when moving bosses.
7. **On the shooting line**
  - (a) Ensure the boss is secured to the stand (tied if appropriate) and the stand is firmly staked into the ground if shooting outdoors.
  - (b) Do not load or draw a bow except when standing on the shooting line and facing in the direction of the target.
  - (c) Do not commence shooting until all others are back behind the waiting line and a signal has been given to do so.
  - (d) Always be aware of what is happening to ensure that the field is clear before releasing.

- (e) When drawing back the string of the bow an archer shall not use any technique which could, if accidentally loosed, allow the arrow to fly beyond a safety zone.
- (f) Stand well back from the shooting line when not shooting.
- (g) Do not proceed beyond the shooting line until all shooting has been completed and signal has been given to do so
- (h) When walking to the target be careful not to tread on any arrows and always walk to the side of the boss
- (i) When drawing arrows from the target take care that the rear end of the arrow does not injure anybody behind you. Do not commence drawing unless you are sure that all other participants have moved out of the way.
- (j) Do not run or “fool around” on the shooting range.
- (k) If you hear the signal “Stop” or “Fast” stop shooting immediately and remove any arrow which may be nocked onto the bowstring. On hearing the call all unshot arrows must be returned to your quiver.
- (l) If you see any danger, stop shooting and shout “Fast” or “Stop” to tell everyone else to stop shooting.

#### **8. Lost arrows**

If an arrow is lost on the field all present must carry out a thorough search. If not found the owner should return at the earliest opportunity for a further search. An arrow which is not found after extensive searches must be reported, in writing or email, to the Club Secretary, giving details of the area where the arrow is believed to be, the colour of the fletchings and shaft, and the initials used to label it. Failure to report a lost arrow may result in the owner being held personally liable for any injuries caused by that arrow to other users of the field. Any arrows found on the field must be reported by email to the Club Secretary so that records may be updated.

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