

JOLLY ARCHERS OF HOUGHTON AND WYTON

Safeguarding Children and Young Adults

We take the wellbeing of all our members seriously but have a specific policy and a club rule to help to ensure the care of our younger members and ensure no situations of possible child abuse are tolerated.

A child or young person is defined as any person under 18.

Our Constitution states that we have adopted the ArcheryGB policy “Safeguarding Children and Young People”. A copy of the policy is on the Noticeboard with full details in the binder in the bookcase in the clubhouse. It can also be seen on the following websites:

Jolly Archers (www.jollyarchers.org.uk/Members Area/ArcheryGB logo)

ArcheryGB (www.archerygb.org /About us, Structure & safeguarding/Safeguarding/Policy and Guidance)

In our Rules we have a specific rule with respect to juniors. (**Rules-Shooting Rule 2**). This rule is accepted by each parent/guardian by signing a form agreeing to the rule when the junior joins the club.

“All juniors, whether members or not, under the age of 18 must be under the supervision at all times of a responsible adult (aged over 18 and appointed by the parent and acceptable to the Club). This person to be present all the time shooting is in progress. The responsibility for the care of the child will remain this person's responsibility at all times.

Two adults (one of whom must be an Archery GB member) must supervise juniors at all times whilst shooting. At no time should one adult take charge of a junior or group of juniors. The only instance where one adult may supervise a junior is in the parent/legal guardian/appointed adult and child relationship where the adult is a Senior Member of Jolly Archers (and as such will be a member of Archery GB).

Parents are to sign a form confirming that they agree to the Club Rules that specifically deal with children, when applying for membership.

Individuals who are acting as the responsible adult in supervising children should always have the child in sight. Supervision is not considered to be satisfactory if the adult is on the shooting line whilst a child that is not participating in the shoot is elsewhere on the field.

If the responsible adult needs to leave the field responsibility can be delegated to another consenting adult.”

Good practice

You should do the following.

- Always work in an open environment (for example, avoid private or unobserved situations and encourage open communication with no secrets).
- Treat all children and young people equally, and with respect and dignity.
- Always put the well-being of each child and young person above winning or achieving goals.
- Keep safe and appropriate boundaries with children and young people.
- Build balanced relationships, based on mutual trust, that give children and young people the chance to share in the decision-making process.
- Make sport fun and enjoyable, and promote fair play.
- Involve parents and carers wherever possible.
- Be an excellent role model – this includes not smoking or drinking alcohol in the company of children and young people.
- Give enthusiastic and constructive feedback rather than negative criticism.
- Recognise the development needs and abilities of children and young people. Avoid too much training or competition, and do not push them against their will.
- Ask for parents' written permission if you have to transport children and young people in your car.
- Copy parents and guardians in on any electronic or written communication with children or young people.

Practices to be avoided

Unless it is an emergency, you should avoid:

- Spending time alone with children and young people; and
- Taking a child or young person to an event or activity.

If these situations cannot be avoided, you need permission from the child's or young person's parents.

Never do the following.

- Take part in rough, physical or sexually provocative games, including horseplay.
- Allow children or young people to use inappropriate language or behaviour.
- Make sexually suggestive comments to a child or young person, even if just for fun.
- Reduce a child or young person to tears as a form of control.
- Fail to act on and record any allegations made by a child or young person.
- Do things of a personal nature for children and young people if they can do it themselves.

If anyone becomes concerned over a possible child abuse situation please take immediate action to make sure the person is safe and well.

There is an Incident Report Form available to complete next to this notice.

Contact numbers are on the Club Noticeboard