

PORTSDOWN ARCHERY CLUB



RULEBOOK



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PORTSDOWN ARCHERY CLUB
RULES
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1. CONTROL OF SHOOTING (see also GNAS Rules of Shooting)

- a) The Field Captain (or, in his/her absence, the Vice FC) shall be responsible for the conduct of shooting. If neither is present, then the members present shall designate an Acting Field Captain for the shoot.
- b) All shooting shall take place from the shooting line. On no account is an arrow to be drawn in front of the shooting line.
- c) No-one shall shoot when others are in front of the shooting line.
- d) One archer **MUST** remain in front of the target if others on the target are searching for lost arrows.
- e) A bow (or practice aid) shall not be drawn except on the shooting line and in the direction of the target.
- f) Any archer not shooting must retire behind the waiting line *and remain as quiet as possible*.
- g) A JUNIOR member may not shoot unless an adult member of the club is present.
- h) Archers shall observe the Code of Etiquette for archery at all times (see p4 and GNAS rulebook)
- i) On the call of FAST! All archers shall repeat the word and immediately remove arrows from bow. Shooting shall recommence only on the command/whistle of the Field Captain.

2. GENERAL

- a) Every member is expected to assist with the laying out of the field and, before leaving, the putting away of all equipment used. If

arriving late for a shoot, archers shall put up their own target, in a way which does not interfere with the shoot in progress.

- b) Members finishing a shoot before the main target day shoot is complete are responsible for putting away their own target(s). Juniors should seek the help of an adult.
- c) On target days, members shall sign in on the target list *in order of arrival*. The Field Captain has the final say in case of dispute. On Trophy days, the Field Captain may allot members to targets.
- d) Tents, chairs and umbrellas shall be placed **well behind the waiting line**, maintaining adequate room for the free passage of competitors and officials.
- e) The setting up and taking down of archery equipment is not permitted in the Clubhouse.
- f) NO personal property is to be left on Club grounds. PAC cannot accept liability for any loss or damage, howsoever caused.
- g) Any loss or damage to Club equipment must be reported to a Committee member as soon as possible. Members shall be held responsible for any loss or damage caused by negligence or non-adherence to Club rules.
- h) Members are not permitted to shoot during times designated for Beginners' Courses, unless invited to do so for coaching or assessment purposes.
- i) Children on the premises shall at all times be kept under the control of a parent or parental representative. Any damage caused by a child shall be made good by the parent(s) concerned.
- j) Crossbows may NOT be shot within the confines of the Club.

3. ETIQUETTE

A GOOD ARCHER WILL.....

- a) Help to set up and take down targets, to the best of his/her physical ability.
- b) Call scores in groups of three, highest scoring to lowest, pointing to the arrows as he/she calls. Arrows must not be touched at this stage.
- c) Remain on the line with the last archer shooting.
- d) Thank the Scorer and the Field Captain at the end of the round for work on his/her behalf.
- e) Offer to pay for equipment broken accidentally.

A GOOD ARCHER

- a) Keeps noise to a minimum while others are shooting.
- b) Avoids talking to a competitor who obviously prefers to remain silent.
- c) Does not talk or make any exclamations while on or leaving the shooting line.
- d) Stays in front of the target until his/her score has been recorded.
- e) Refrains from comparing scores across targets.
- f) Keeps clear of other people's equipment unless given permission .
- g) Helps to keep the Club and its grounds tidy and well maintained.

4. DRESS REGULATIONS

- a) The accepted dress for lady, gentlemen and junior Portsdown archers follows that set out in the GNAS Rules of Shooting. That is, no denim or khaki/combat clothing at any time.

- b) At all Club Tournaments and at shoots where trophies are to be awarded, PAC archers are expected to follow the Club dress code, which is plain Forest Green and/or White, either colour of which may include Club logo.
- c) At all Club trophy tournaments, the Judge, Organiser or Field Captain may refuse permission to shoot to any archer who does not conform to the dress code.

5. INCLEMENT WEATHER

- a) On Club Tournament days, trophy shoots shall be completed even in inclement weather, unless conditions pose a danger under GNAS Rules of Shooting.
- b) The Field Captain has discretion on Club Target days to discontinue or shorten the designated shoot, if the majority of archers agree.
- c) Club dress rules do not apply to clothing worn during inclement weather, provided that the weather has been so declared by the Field Captain or Judge.

6. HOME GROUND RECORDS

- a) A complete record of all current Home Ground Records shall be maintained.
- b) Records may be claimed for any single or double round shot. However, where a double round is shot on the same day, the second round will not be accepted for Record purposes.
- c) PAC Junior round records (all rounds designated Junior or Short Junior, plus Metric 3, 4 and 5) will only be recorded for archers in or below the correct age group.
- d) Any archer (junior or senior) making a record claim must be a current member of the Club.

- e) The record must be shot on the Club's ground (or indoor venue) on a Club Target Day, under GNAS Rules of Shooting.

Juniors

- f) Home ground records may be established, according to age. Age related rounds are shown in the current GNAS Rules of Shooting listing National Records for Juniors.
- g) A junior may hold a record in a round designated for a higher age group.
- h) Juniors must fulfil all conditions for records as stated in GNAS Rules of Shooting and Club Rulebook.

7. CLUB RECORDS

- a) Throughout the summer season and indoors in winter, complete score records for all members shall be maintained and be available on request. **Personal Bests only** shall be recorded for Frostbite rounds.
- b) Separate records shall be kept of indoor and outdoor shooting.
- c) Records shall include a current handicap rating for both indoor and outdoor rounds.
- d) A record of each archer's personal best shall be maintained for every round.

Record Awards

PAC archers shall be awarded a Club Record quiver fob on achieving a Club Record for any round shot on a Club Target day. Any such archer shall receive this fob only once, regardless of the number of records held. Archers will be awarded a Club Record fob for each bowstyle in which they hold a record.

Members may purchase additional/replacement fobs, as long as they are the current holders of the record(s).

CLUB CHALLENGE TROPHIES AND MEDALS

1. GENERAL

CHALLENGE TROPHIES

All Club Challenge Trophies shall remain in the keeping of the Club; they shall be displayed in the Clubhouse and brought out on Trophy Days. A keepsake trophy shall be awarded to the winning archer.

ENGRAVING

The Club is responsible for the correct engraving of each PAC trophy. The cost of the engraving will be accepted by the Club for:

- a) Trophies belonging to the Club
- b) Trophies presented to the Club
- c) Trophies presented as National or International awards.

Replica cups, medals, brooches or bars are excluded from the above.

TROPHY RECORDS

Complete trophy records, with photographs and description, shall be maintained for identification and insurance purposes. The history of each trophy shall be kept at the Clubhouse.

RULES FOR AWARDING TROPHIES

- a) Club trophies (except Club Championship trophies) should not be awarded unless two or more archers have competed for the same trophy. However, at the discretion of the Committee, the Records Officer may on occasion award a trophy to a single archer in a bow style, gender or age group.
- b) Within the rules for each trophy, a keepsake trophy or medal shall be awarded.
- c) If sufficient qualifying archers shoot the round, silver and bronze medals may be awarded to second and third places.

STARRED ROUNDS

- a) These are the monthly ALBION/WINDSOR ROUNDS during April-September, the Jenkins and the Russell Beal FITA rounds. NB: the Club Championships is not a starred round.
- b) BEST GOLDS shall be awarded at the longest distance of any starred round. Best gold shall be judged by the Field Captain of the day.
- c) Points shall be awarded to each member shooting, according to the rules set out for the Flinton Horn Trophy (see p 11).

JUNIOR BADGE SCHEME

The Junior Badge Scheme shall follow the scheme set out in the GNAS Rulebook.

- a) A lapel badge and certificate may be awarded to each junior achieving the required score at the required distance.
- b) There shall be four levels of proficiency: white, black, blue, red and gold. Juniors shall be awarded their badge by reaching the agreed standard on three separate qualifying occasions.
- c) Each colour badge may only be awarded once to any junior, regardless of age group.
- d) Age group for Junior Badge Scheme categories change on the relevant birthday, i.e 12th, 14th, 16th and 18th birthday.
- e) All junior members should receive a progress card explaining in full the PAC Junior Badge Scheme at each level/ age range.

BOW DISCIPLINES

- a) Archers may shoot target archery using a recurve, recurve barebow, longbow, traditional barebow, flatbow or compound

bow and are eligible for awards in handicap competitions, subject to the conditions outlined in 'Rules for Awarding Trophies' listed above.

- b) In addition to recurve, the Club may award trophies in compound, longbow, traditional barebow, flatbow and barebow styles, by decision of the Record Officer and Committee, depending on the number of archers shooting each bow style.
- c) There are no facilities for Clout, Field, Flight or Popinjay shooting at the Club home ground and these disciplines may not be shot.

ANNUAL AWARDS - OUTDOORS

1. RUSSELL BEAL TOURNAMENT

A FITA round shall be shot on the day nominated for this event.

The Russell Beal Memorial Salver will be awarded to the Lady or Gentleman archer achieving the highest score using a Recurve bow.

A Trophy may be awarded to the adult archer achieving the highest score at the Russell Beal FITA using any other bowstyle.

1.1 PRESIDENT'S CUP

The President's Cup shall be awarded to the adult member (of the opposite sex to the Russell Beal winner) achieving the highest score at the Russell Beal FITA using a recurve bow.

A Trophy may be awarded to the adult member of the opposite sex achieving the highest score at the Russell Beal FITA using any other bowstyle.

1.2 JUNIOR SALVER

The Junior Salver shall be awarded to the junior achieving the highest score at the Russell Beal FITA tournament using a recurve bow. Juniors shall shoot an age-related Metric round.

A Trophy may be awarded to the junior achieving the highest score at the Russell Beal FITA using any other bowstyle.

1.3. PAC LONG METRIC SHIELDS (SENIOR half day competition)

Awarded to the Lady or Gentleman achieving the highest score for a Long Metric round in each of these categories on the nominated day:

- Bowman/1st Class - Long Metric II or above
- 2nd/3rd Class - Long Metric III or above
- Unclassified and Novice - Long Metric IV or above

Awards will be made for Recurve, Compound, Barebow and Longbow if at least two archers shoot in each bow style.

1.4 PAC LONG METRIC SHIELDS (JUNIOR half day competition)

Awarded to the Junior Gentleman or Lady achieving the highest score for a Long Metric round in each of these categories on the nominated day

- Junior Bowman/1st class - Long Metric III or above
- 2nd/3rd Class - Long Metric IV or above
- Unclassified/beginner - Long Metric V or above

Awards may be made for any other style of bow if at least two archers shoot in that bow style.

2. CUMULATIVE AWARDS

2.1 FLINTON HORN

The Flinton Horn is awarded to the Lady, Gentleman or Junior archer who accumulates the most points in not more than SEVEN of the Club starred rounds.

At each starred round, points are awarded to the Lady, Gentleman AND Junior as follows:

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| a) 2 for Attendance | b) 2 for Best Gold |
| c) 1 for Highest Score | d) 1 for Most Golds |
| e) 1 for Most Hits | |

A member may only be awarded a) plus ONE of the other awards, in the order shown above.

2.2 SUMMER LADDER TROPHY

Awarded to the Lady, Gentleman OR Junior achieving the OVERALL highest handicap adjusted aggregate score for not more than SEVEN starred rounds during the year.

2.3 PAC ARCHER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the Lady or Gentleman AND the Junior who completes the most Target Day shoots in the Summer Season April 1st-Club Championships inclusive.

ANNUAL AWARDS- OUTDOORS

HANDICAP AWARDS

1. GNAS HANDICAP IMPROVEMENT MEDAL

See current GNAS Rules For Shooting. Recipient must have been a member of PAC for one year prior to the year of the award.

2. VICE PRESIDENTS' CUP

Awarded to the Lady OR Gentleman who achieves the greatest reduction in handicap during the outdoor season.

The following awards are subject to the Rules for Awarding Trophies (p8):

3. JENKINS TROPHIES

Awarded to the Lady AND the Gentleman achieving the highest handicap-adjusted score for a FITA round on the nominated day.

4. DIANA TROPHIES

Awarded to the Junior Gentleman AND the Junior Lady achieving the highest handicap-adjusted score for a METRIC round shot on the Jenkins Trophy day.

5. DG QUICK ANNUAL WESTERN TROPHY

Awarded to the Lady, Gentleman OR Junior achieving the highest handicap-adjusted score for the Western Round on the nominated day. Juniors shoot an age-related distance.

6. THE PAT CLOVER MEMORIAL SALVER

Awarded to the Lady, Gentleman OR Junior shooting the highest handicap-adjusted score for a PORTSDOWN round on the nominated day.

7. JENNIS TROPHY (half day trophy shoot)

Awarded to the Lady, Gentleman OR Junior achieving the highest handicap-adjusted score for a National round.

Archers competing may if they wish elect to shoot a distance shorter than their assigned: Gentlemen may shoot a New OR Long National; Ladies may shoot a National OR Short National; Juniors may shoot the distance assigned for their age group OR one distance shorter.

The following trophies are awarded using keepsake trophies only:

8.1 PAC OUTDOOR STAFFORD TROPHY (half day trophy shoot)

Awarded to the Lady or Gentleman achieving the highest handicap-adjusted score for a Stafford round shot outdoors during the summer season. Outdoor handicap rating will be used.

8.2 PAC JUNIOR OUTDOOR STAFFORD TROPHY

Awarded to the Junior Lady or Gentleman achieving the highest handicap-adjusted score for a Stafford round shot outdoors during the summer season. Outdoor handicap rating will be used.

MONTHLY AWARDS - OUTDOORS BASED ON HANDICAP

1. MONTHLY ALBION MEDAL

Awarded to the Lady OR Gentleman achieving the highest handicap-adjusted score at the monthly Albion shoot.

Note: An adult may win this award only once in each season.

2. MONTHLY WINDSOR MEDAL

Awarded to the Junior Lady OR Gentleman achieving the highest handicap-adjusted score for a Windsor round at the monthly Albion shoot.

Note: A junior may win this award only once in each season.

ANNUAL AWARDS

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - OUTDOORS

Archers participating in the Club Championships take priority on this day and other rounds may only be shot if there is sufficient target space.

The President or the Chairman shall appoint a Lord or Lady Paramount for the day.

1. ROUNDS TO BE SHOT

The round to be shot will alternate between a GNAS Imperial Round and a GNAS Metric round.

Even dated years:

Ladies - Hereford

Gentlemen - York

Juniors: Bristol Round by age group according to GNAS Rules of Shooting

Odd dated years:

Ladies - Metric I Gentlemen - Gents FITA

Juniors: Metric I, II, III, IV or V by age group according to GNAS Rules of Shooting.

Awards are made for the highest score, unless specified as a handicap award.

2. HANDICAPS

- a) Archers must have a handicap to be eligible for a handicap trophy.
- b) The Jubilee Cup, Barnard Trophy and Overs Trophy are awards based on ACTUAL handicap and therefore not applicable to archers without a handicap.
- c) Handicap medals in each class are awarded only to placed but otherwise unrewarded archers.

AWARDS

1.1 YORK/GENTS FITA ROUND - THE FISHER CUP

- a) Champion - Recurve Gent
- b) 2nd place- Colbourne Trophy
- c) 3rd place - Bronze medal

Champions may be acknowledged in other bowstyles if there is sufficient competition in each style, i.e. at least 3 archers.

1.5 GENTS HANDICAP AWARDS

Awarded to the highest unrewarded handicap adjusted score in each of these categories:

- MB, Bowman or 1st Class)
- 2nd Class) Silver medal
- 3rd Class)

2.1 HEREFORD/ METRIC I ROUND - THE GRIFFITHS CUP

- a) Lady Champion - Recurve Lady
- b) 2nd Place- Jeffery Shield
- c) 3rd Place Bronze Medal

Champions may be acknowledged in other bowstyles if there is sufficient competition in each style, i.e. at least 3 archers.

2.2 LADIES HANDICAP AWARDS

Awarded to the highest unrewarded handicap adjusted score in each of these categories:

- MB, Bowman or 1st Class)
- 2nd Class) Silver medal
- 3rd Class)

3.1 BRISTOL/ METRIC ROUNDS - THE BANYON GOBLETS

- a) Junior Champion Boy a) Junior Champion Girl
- b) 2nd highest unrewarded score boy/girl - silver medal
- c) 3rd highest unrewarded score boy/girl - bronze medal

Champions may be acknowledged in other bowstyles if there is sufficient competition in each style, i.e. at least 3 archers.

3.5 JUNIOR HANDICAP AWARDS

Awarded to the junior with the highest unrewarded handicap adjusted score in each of these categories:

- MB, Bowman or 1st Class)
- 2nd Class) Silver medal
- 3rd Class)

4. PAMBER FOREST CUP

Awarded to the Lady OR Gentleman achieving the highest handicap adjusted score at the Club Championships. The Gent and Lady Champion are not eligible for this trophy.

5. JUBILEE CUP

Awarded to the Lady OR Gentleman shooting nearest to their handicap at the Championships.

6. PORTSDOWN CHALLENGE TROPHIES

- a) Awarded to the Lady, Gentleman OR Junior shooting the Best Gold in each bowstyle, as long as there is more than one archer shooting that style.

7. BARNARD TROPHY

Awarded to the Junior scoring lowering own handicap by the most points on the day.

8. THE OVERS TROPHY

Awarded to the Junior scoring nearest to own handicap on the day.

10.1 PERPETUAL PARTNERS - ROLLING PIN

Awarded to the family couple with the highest combined score in any combination of bowstyles.

10.2 PERPETUAL PARTNERS - HANDICAP TROPHY

Awarded to the family couple with the highest combined handicap adjusted scores using any combination of bowstyles.

10.3 SOLO AWARDS (One SENIOR, one JUNIOR)

Awarded to the archer who has to shoot alone in a bowstyle due to lack of competitors. Awarded on highest handicap adjusted score against any other 'shortage' bowstyles, or at the Lord/Lady Paramount's discretion.

10.4 LORD/LADY PARAMOUNT'S AWARD

Awarded to an archer who is unable to shoot the designated round but who shoots a full day at a shorter distance. The award will be made on highest handicap adjusted score.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - INDOORS

The round shot, at the Club's agreed indoor venue, shall be a Portsmouth round. In the event that there are more eligible archers than the venue can hold, the Championships shall be shot on two dates and the awards presented at the next viable home ground shoot.

1.1 GLASGOW JUBILEE CUP

Awarded to the Gentleman achieving the highest score at the Indoor Championships using a Recurve bow.

1.2 HUSSEY CUP - LADIES

Awarded to the Lady achieving the highest score using a Recurve bow.

1.3 JUNIOR HUSSEY CUP

Awarded to the Junior achieving the highest score using a Recurve bow.

1.4 COMPOUND TROPHY

Awarded to the Lady or Gentleman achieving the highest score using a compound bow.

1.5 LONGBOW TROPHY

Awarded to the Lady or Gentleman achieving the highest score using a longbow.

1.6 BAREBOW TROPHY

Awarded to the Lady or Gentleman achieving the highest score using any form of barebow - recurve, traditional or flatbow.

1.7 PERSONAL BEST TROPHY

Awarded for the greatest improvement in handicap at the Championships.

1.8 BOTTOMS UP TROPHY

Awarded to the archer shooting nearest to their handicap at the Championships.

1.9 FULTON SHIELD

Shall be awarded to the archer with the highest total handicap adjusted score over the **6 designated Fulton Days** in the winter indoor season

CLUBHOUSE AND STORE

Facilities are provided for members to improve their shooting and to help maintain their equipment.

New members may borrow Club bows and arrows at the Committee's discretion, until they are able to purchase their own. Beginners will need to demonstrate that they are able consistently to hit the target at 20 yards before they are permitted to shoot indoors; they must then use their own equipment, not PAC's.

It is the members' responsibility to ensure that all Club equipment is returned to its appropriate place and safely locked away.

Members may not keep personal archery equipment in the Club store on a permanent basis.

1.1 KEYS

Members may obtain a home ground key from the Committee provided that they:

- are senior members (juniors may not have keys).
- have demonstrated their competence regularly at Club target days.
- have been a Club member for at least 3 months.
- are approved as responsible for Club security by the Committee.
- pay a refundable deposit against return of their keys to the Club.

1.2 EQUIPMENT

Members may use Club equipment outdoors, provided that it is cared for and stored safely. This includes foam and straw bosses, stands and all associated hardware. Club bows and arrows can be available for a limited time, at the Committee's discretion.

Members should refer to the Field Captain, Equipment Officer or Committee members for training in how to set up, take down and ensure the security of Club equipment.

1.3 FACILITIES

The Club provides facilities for making hot drinks and temporary storage of refreshments. There are also toilets at the Clubhouse.

Members are responsible for ensuring that the Clubhouse remains a tidy and hygienic place.

- All crockery and cutlery must be cleaned and put away.
- No food must be left in the Clubhouse between target days.

- In cold weather, members must ensure that the water is turned off at the stopcock and pipes drained (including flushing the toilets).
- Toilets must be maintained in a clean and sanitary state at all times.

Notes

- *The current Rulebook was approved by the Committee in June 2014.*
- *This Rule Book is for the governance of all members of Portsdown Archery Club. Members are expected to know and abide by its contents.*
- *Minor adjustments within the spirit of the Rules may be made by the Committee, at a meeting of which minutes are kept and published.*
- *Major alterations to this Rulebook must be presented to the membership at a General Meeting.*

This Rulebook is formulated to ensure the safe enjoyment of the sport of archery at Portsdown Archery Club. Members are required to ensure that visitors are aware of Club and GNAS safety standards and that they are able to adhere to them.