



Rickmansworth Archery Club shooting etiquette

Etiquette is purely a matter of good manners and behaviour towards fellow archers.

At Rickmansworth Archery a good archer:

- Does not talk in a loud voice when others are shooting.
- Does not talk to another archer who obviously prefers to be silent.
- Does not offer advice to others unless specifically asked.
- Does not make any exclamations on the shooting line which might disturb other archers who are in the act of shooting.
- Does not walk up and down the shooting line comparing scores.
- Does not walk off the shooting line while a neighbour archer is at full draw.
- Does not go behind the target to retrieve arrows before scores have been recorded.
- Does not shoot distances beyond their capability, continually missing the target and holding up shooting.
- Does not touch anyone else's equipment without their express permission.
- Does not draw or pick up another's arrows unless specifically asked to do so.
- Takes into account other archers shooting on the same target especially when positioning foot markers and always allows sufficient space for others.
- Does not smoke, eat or drink on or near the shooting line.
- Does not leave any litter on the archery grounds.
- Does not disturb fellow archers with mobile phone ringtones or speaking on the phone on or by the shooting/waiting line or targets.
- When calling scores, does so in groups of three – for example: '7-7-5' pause '5-3-1'.
- Does not touch any arrow on the target face until all arrow values have been recorded and checked.
- If s/he breaks another's arrow or equipment, offer to pay for it immediately.
- Thanks the Target Captain at the end of the round for recording the scores.
- Does not leave it to others to put out and/or put away the archery equipment but offers help when needed.

The **Field Captain** helps to keep each shoot running smoothly and to keep members safe. At all times, whenever shooting takes place, it must be under the control of the appointed field captain.

- A Field Captain must be appointed to control archery before any shooting takes place.
- The Field Captain has sole and absolute authority on all aspects of archery safety.
- No-one will shoot until the Field Captain is satisfied with all the safety arrangements for archery, the archers, and the general public.
- The Field Captain will be a full senior member of the club – juniors are not allowed to be Field Captain.
- The Field Captain will signal to start shooting by giving one short whistle blast.
- The Field Captain will signal arrows to be collected by giving three short whistle blasts.
- All lost arrows must be found before leaving the archery field. If an arrow is not found, the Field Captain must be informed.