



RICKMANSWORTH ARCHERY CLUB

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RICKMANSWORTH COMPANY OF ARCHERS

Code of Conduct

The Rickmansworth Archery Club (incorporating Rickmansworth Company of Archers), hereinafter called “the Club”, Code of Conduct exists to protect and promote the sport of archery and outlines the behaviour expected from all participants within the sport at every level.

This Code encapsulates all the sporting, moral and ethical principles that archery represents and applies to all participants when they are taking part in or involved in the sport of archery, whether in person or using online platforms (including messaging and social media).

Participants include all members, those who support members (including parents/legal guardians/carers/spectators), coaches, officials and volunteers.

The Club Values are:

- to value people for who they are and their unique contribution to archery
- to choose to work and learn together
- to strive for excellence across the board
- to act with integrity at all times

The Club Standards of Behaviour and Conduct for all participants are:

- to encourage a welcoming, safe, inclusive and open environment where skills, development, teamwork and enjoyment are promoted
- to adhere to the rules of shooting and the spirit of archery
- to display and promote high standards of behaviour
- to promote fair play and not to cheat, complain or waste time
- to do their best to make sure the sport is enjoyable for everyone
- to accept success and failure with dignity
- to be on time on shooting days
- never to take part in or accept public criticism of fellow archers, coaches, officials and volunteers
- to respect archery facilities and equipment

The Club Code of Conduct:

- to speak to fellow archers, spectators, coaches, judges, officials and volunteers with respect
- to respect the decision of officials
- to set a positive example to others



- to remember that everyone makes mistakes
- always to respect the confidentiality of other archers
- always to have the best interests of fellow archers at heart
- never to use or accept racist, sexist, homophobic, abusive, discriminatory or insulting language, gestures or behaviour
- not to discriminate against a person or group of people as a direct or indirect result of their age, disability, sex, race, religion or belief, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity status
- never to use sexually suggestive behaviour or language
- to ensure that any physical contact is appropriate and necessary and is carried out within applicable guidelines and (except in a medical emergency) only with the other person's (and/or if the person is under 18 or is particularly vulnerable with parental/carer's) consent
- never to take part in or accept bullying, intimidation, harassment or discrimination of any person
- never to use or accept the use of social media to abuse, bully, intimidate, discriminate or harass anyone
- to protect others from abuse and harm including verbal, physical abuse and threatening behaviour
- to challenge poor practice and discrimination
- to raise concerns about abuse, poor practice, discrimination or misconduct
- to seek advice from the Welfare/Safeguarding Officer of the Club's Governing Body when concerns raised are ignored
- never to take part in archery when under the influence of alcohol or drugs (excluding prescribed drugs)
- to place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each archer above everything, including standards of performance
- to protect other archers from abuse, bullying and discrimination
- to avoid being alone (no other adult is present) with children (persons under 18) or vulnerable adults, except where agreed professional services are being delivered (such as coaching)
- to tell the Club's Welfare Officer about any changes to personal information where behaviour or conduct has or may have been perceived to have breached this Code of Conduct

Reporting Breaches of the Code of Conduct:

Breaches of this Code must be reported to the Club Welfare Officer and those receiving the reports must treat them seriously and confidentially. All parties including those under suspicion of the breach should be treated fairly.

To report a breach:

- Talk to the Club's Welfare Officer about what you have experienced, witnessed or heard.
- Follow this up with a letter or email (rickyarchers@googlemail.com) and include details of witnesses to the behaviour.
- All serious concerns of abuse, bullying and discrimination should be reported to the Welfare/Safeguarding Officer of the Club's Governing Body.

Approved by the Club Committee on 1st October 2024