



Lace Town Archers – Members Pack

Archery Etiquette

A good archer does not

- Talk in a loud voice whilst others are shooting (either on or behind the shooting line).
- Talk to another archer who prefers to be silent.
- Offer advice unless asked.
- Exclaim on the shooting line, for themselves or others, in joy or disgust.
- Walk off the shooting line while a neighbour is at full draw.
- Touch another archer's equipment without their permission.
- Walk up and down the line comparing scores.
- Shoot distances beyond their capability, continually missing and holding up shooting.
- Disturb people with loud mobile phone ringtones or speaking on the phone on or around the shooting line.
- Demonstrate behaviours on or close to the shooting line which could cause offence to another archer.
- Smoke near the shooting or waiting line.
- Leave litter on the archery ground.
- Coach or offer advice whilst shooting on the shooting line.
- Leave their equipment close to the shooting line, preventing other archers from leaving the shooting line safely.

A good archer always:

- Helps to put out the equipment and put it away.
- Takes into account other archers shooting on the same target when positioning their foot markers.
- Is considerate to other archers and allows sufficient space for each archer on their target.
- Assists with the locating of lost arrows.
- Ensures their equipment is regularly maintained so that it does not present a risk to others.

Etiquette when scoring (GNAS Rules appendix A) A good archer:

- Does not go behind the target to retrieve arrows before the scores have been taken.
- When calling scores, does so in groups of three, and in descending order, for example, 'X-10-9' pause '9-8-7'.
- While calling scores, points to each arrow as it is called, without touching the arrow or target face (106/b).
- Does not touch any arrow or the target face until all arrow values have been recorded and checked.
- When required to do so, takes their turn at scoring.
- Only withdraws the arrows of others if this has been agreed by them.
- At the end of the round thanks the Target Captain for the work done by them

Note1 Archers should note that there are different rules for FITA Head to Head rounds

Note 2 For FTA rounds you should leave the line once you have shot your arrows for GNAS rounds if there is only one archer left on the line another archer should remain on the line until they have finished.