GUIDANCE FOR SHOOTING ON CLUB DAYS

The guidance is in accordance with Archery GB Rules of Shooting (in particular 102, 103, 304 and 305) and is to ensure that, as a club and as individuals, we:

- Comply with Archery GB public liability insurance requirements
- Ensure the health and safety of all members the club and general public
- Familiarise members with good shooting practice.

It is the responsibility of all members to familiarise themselves with, and adhere to, Archery GB rules of shooting and the following shall be strictly enforced and any refusal to comply shall be reported as a disciplinary offence, that may result in the immediate suspension of shooting rights.

1. Control of shooting will be **strictly under the authority of the appointed Field Captain** who shall have the final decision on any shooting issue that arises during that club Target Day.
2. **Shooting will commence and cease strictly in accordance with the whistle.** A single whistle blast is the instruction to commence shooting; a triple whistle blast is the instruction to cease shooting and collect arrows. If no whistle is available then clear verbal instructions shall be given by the appointed Field Captain to commence and cease shooting.
3. **Archers must remain behind the waiting line** and not approach the shooting line until the instruction to commence shooting is given. *Exceptions may be made for disabled/wheelchair archers to remain on the shooting line.*
4. When archers have finished shooting their arrows at each end, **they must retire behind the waiting line.** It is permissible to wait until your target companion has ceased shooting before leaving the line. The instruction to collect arrows will not be given until all archers are behind the waiting line. *Exceptions may be made for disabled/wheelchair archers to remain on the shooting line.*
5. **No archer shall cross the shooting line** until the instruction to cease shooting and collect arrows has been given by the Field Captain.
6. **All equipment must be kept behind the waiting line** with exception of spotting scopes, which may be left on the shooting line (outdoors). *Exceptions may be made for disabled/wheelchair archers.*
7. **Archers must stop shooting immediately** upon instruction from the Field Captain. If an archer is on the line at full draw when the whistle sounds they let down carefully without releasing the arrow and retire behind the waiting line. There are NO exceptions to this.

8. **Archers shall strictly obey the "FAST" command** whether given by the appointed Field Captain or any other individual. It shall be deemed as an instruction to immediately cease shooting as per rule above. Shooting shall not be re-commenced until a clear command is given by the Field Captain either verbally or by the whistle.
9. **No member shall remain on the shooting line unless actually in the process of shooting** or waiting for an adjacent archer to finish their shot. Exceptions to this rule are only for members who are conducting coaching/instruction of a shooting archer and for disabled/wheelchair archers who are remaining on the shooting line. Any member undertaking coaching/instruction of archers on the shooting line should make the appointed Field Captain aware of the situation prior to commencement of the session.
10. Never point a loaded bow in any direction other than at the target.
11. Never point a drawn bow; even without an arrow, at anyone.
12. Never loose a bow from full draw without an arrow in it; damage to the bow, and the archer, could occur. This is known as "dry firing" the bow.
13. Never shoot an arrow from a position other than on the shooting line.
14. Always walk to the target; never run. Approach the target along a path, which is slightly to one side, to avoid arrows that may have dropped short and to avoid walking into arrows protruding from the target at eye level.
15. If scoring, official Barnstaple Archery Club score sheets are to be used at the time of scoring and scoring must be completed in accordance with rule 24. Score sheets must have full name of archer, bowstyle, date and round. On completion, score sheets should be totalled (including hits and golds) and signed before passing to the records officer. Electronic devices may be used for archers to keep a personal record and to assist with addition, but only the written score sheet is an official record.