

FRANKLIN COUNTY ARCHERS

RULES, ACTIVITIES AND BY-LAWS

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General Rules

1. These rules are a condition of the lease with Franklin District Council and cannot be removed; they can be amended or added to only
2. All organized activities are under the jurisdiction of the Officer of the Day, namely the Field Captain, whose decision shall be final
3. No game or wildlife shall be shot at, in or around the Club property at any time
4. No damage to flora or fauna
5. All rubbish to be placed in designated containers or taken away from the Club premises
6. Smoking in designated areas only, except when the fire risk is high when further restrictions shall apply
7. All shooting must be within designated shooting areas only
8. Alcohol is not permitted on the course
9. Broadheads shall at no time be permitted on any shooting range
10. All persons must sign in and out in the register
11. All persons must use the designated walkways
12. No full camouflage or full broken-colour clothing to be worn on the field course
13. Parking in designated areas only
14. Warning signs to be displayed during shooting and removed afterwards
15. All Juniors must be accompanied by an adult
16. All Cubs must be supervised by an accompanying parent or guardian
17. All Club rules shall be observed at all times
18. Basic safety rules shall apply at all times

Rules of Conduct

1. The night's/day's shooting is controlled by the Duty Officer (Field Captain) of the night/day. The Field Captains decisions are final. Any queries are to be taken up with the Club Committee in writing
2. Normal archery shooting rules and etiquette are to apply at all times
3. While awaiting his/her turn to shoot, an archer must stand behind and well clear of the shooting position, or behind the waiting line if one is provided
4. An archer must wait for a prior archer to finish and leave the shooting position, or wait for the Field Captains signal instructions, before advancing to the shooting line
5. No arrow is to be loaded on a bow except on the shooting line
6. A drawn bow, whether loaded or not, must be aimed at nothing other than the appropriate target butt
7. In field, when shooting with more than one archer at the peg, the archer finishing first must await the other(s) to complete their shots, before leaving the shooting position

8. At the Field Captains signal to halt, all archers must cease fire or hold immediately, irrespective of the status of the shot (even if they are about to release)
9. Touching or handling of any other archer's equipment without their permission is expressly forbidden
10. No arrows in the target or butt may be touched until all the arrows have been scored
 - Skids or glances off the ground into the target shall not be counted
 - An archer who shoots arrows in excess of the prescribed number, shall lose the score of the arrow (or arrows) of higher value
 - In the event of a miss-shot arrow, the arrow may be re-shot, providing the arrow can be reached with the bow from the archer's position at the marker/line
 - Arrows passing through the target face but retained in the butt, may be pushed back by the target captain or deputy who did not shoot the arrow, and scored accordingly
 - Arrows believed to have passed through the scoring area, but not retained in the butt may be re-shot with a marked arrow
 - An archer who shoots from the wrong marker, or at the wrong face will lose the value of that arrow. It may not be re-shot
 - In rounds where IFAA rules are followed (Mainly Field and the IFAA Indoor round), the line is part of the lower score zone and therefore, to score the higher value, the arrow must cut through the line
 - In rounds where FITA rules are being followed (Mainly Outdoor Target and some Indoor rounds), the line is part of the upper score zone and therefore, only needs to be touched to score the higher value
11. During the club training and practice sessions, consideration should be given to other archers with respect to noise and movement
12. During competition all noise and movement must be kept to a minimum
13. All visitors must check in with the Field Captain before advancing to the shooting line
14. All junior shooting activities must be under the supervision of an ADULT at all times
15. All Cub activities must be under the supervision of a parent/guardian at all times
 - During field activities the cub concerned must shoot in the parent's group, or be accompanied by the parent (in the case of a non-shooting parent)
 - Another adult may act as a guardian if suitable arrangements have been made for that round, and this has been agreed to by the rest of the shooting group concerned
 - All arrangements must be communicated to the Field Captain of the day and acceptance is at their discretion
16. All members are expected to have paid all Club and shooting fees, before taking part in Club activities. Failure by a member to observe this rule could cause them to be censured by the Club Committee

Specific Shooting Rules

1. The shooting rules as recognized by the Club shall be those pertaining to the International, National or other body, whose round is being shot at the time
2. Copies of those rules shall be obtained from the appropriate bodies and they shall be made available to members when required
3. At any shooting activity, the Field Captain of the day is required to ensure that all shooters have been made aware of the rules for that particular round, prior to the event commencing

Officer of the Day/ Field Captain

1. At all formal shooting occasions and events, an Officer of the Day (to be known as the Field Captain), shall be rostered from within a list of the most experienced senior members of the Club
2. The Club Committee will be responsible for making up the list of experienced senior members
3. The Field Captain shall have overall responsibility for ensuring the smooth operation of the day(s) events
4. The Field Captain will be the senior club member in charge of all the day(s) shooting activities
5. The Field Captain may delegate responsibilities to other club members, as they feel appropriate for each occasion
6. The Field Captain shall adjudicate on all questions pertaining to the shooting events, within their control
7. The Field Captain's decisions are final on the day. Any Club member dissatisfied with any decision must express that dissatisfaction in writing to the Club Committee within 7 days of the event concerned
8. The Club Committee will arbitrate the matter at its next full Committee Meeting
9. Each Field Captain must make him/herself aware of all matters, rules, regulations etc. pertaining to the day(s) events, prior to the commencement of that event
10. The Field Captain must ensure;
 - that the range/course concerned is correctly prepared for the event
 - that the appropriate targets are available
 - score cards are ready and made out and sorted into shooting groups
 - rules and instructions have been given to shooters
 - the event gets under way and is supervised
 - all cards are collected and checked after the shoot
 - awards and prizes etc. have been correctly organized for a prize-giving if applicable
 - results or any other relevant information, has been passed on to the appropriate Club officials for recording or publicity
11. The Club will publish a handbook to assist the Field Captains with these tasks
 - This hand book will contain the necessary information to complete these tasks

- The club will ensure that the latest information on the various rules and rounds published by the various International and National archery bodies is available
- The club shall ensure that any other equipment/information that from time to time may be of specific help, is made available to the Field Captain

Activities

1. The equal weighting of the five activities described below, may be altered at the discretion of the Committee to reflect the interest of the current Club membership
2. In any one year, each of the five activities must be available for member participation

Field

1. The Club shall erect and maintain a field course(s) at a suitable permanent location, which shall become the Club's headquarters
2. This shall remain open at all times for the member's use, except during such times as the Club Committee or Range Captain, after consultation with the Club Committee, deem it necessary to close all or part of the course(s)

Target

1. The Club shall erect and maintain an outdoor target range, at a suitable permanent venue as close as possible to the Club Head Quarters
2. If possible, this shall remain open at all times for the member's use, except during such times as the Club Committee and Range Captain deem it necessary to close it
3. At least one Sunday per month shall be set aside as a formal club competition day, to be known as a "Card Shoot"
4. Other competitions may be arranged at various times of the year, as deemed appropriate by the Club Committee

Indoor

1. The Club shall erect and maintain an indoor target range, at a suitable permanent venue within the Club's locality
2. At least one evening per month shall be set aside as a formal club competition, to be known as a "Card Shoot"
3. Other competitions may be arranged as deemed necessary by the Club Committee

Hunting

1. Although hunting is seen as an individual recreational activity, the Club will encourage those interested in hunting to participate regularly and help in the training of others
2. The Club will also organize from time to time, group hunting activities open to all members who have demonstrated suitable competence in shooting skills and who have acquired the appropriate technical skills and knowledge of the ethics required
3. Training programmes and rounds designed to test bow hunting shooting skills shall be made available to members from time to time but in any case, at least twice per year

4. The test rounds shall be set out over 20 targets with a maximum range of 30m and with targets that show the major kill zones set out appropriately
5. These may be scored with points or a simple kill/wound designation, but in any case, must require at least a 75% success rate
6. The Hunts Master will be responsible for organizing at least three (3) Club hunting activities each year

Social

1. The Club Committee shall arrange at least two non-shooting social activities per year which are open to all Club Members
2. These shall be such day or evening events as are deemed appropriate by the Club Committee at the time; keeping regard to overall cost and suitability to the majority of members including families

Anniversary Tournament

The Club shall hold an Annual Anniversary Tournament on the 2nd weekend in May

1. This tournament shall be an unmarked animal round field tournament of at least 2 rounds duration
2. If possible, it shall be staged over two days with more than 2 rounds being shot
3. An invitation shall be made to all clubs to attend this tournament and its festivities
4. Awards in the form of pennants or cards shall be printed for presentation and a prize table made available to the first 3 place getters in each division of the tournament, based on overall aggregate tournament scores
5. A decision to restrict or extend the number of award placings may be made by the Club Committee, according to the actual number of entries in each division
6. In general, there should be at least three entries in any one category for it to be treated as a separate division
7. The divisions for this tournament shall be set as follows:

Unlimited: Any type of freestyle equipment shot with a release aid

Limited: Any type of freestyle equipment shot with fingers

Un sighted: Any type of bare-bow equipment

Graded: For all graded shooters including ladies and juniors

Ladies: For open lady shooters

Juniors/Cubs: For open juniors and cubs with the proviso that if numbers justify it a separate cub division shall be made available

Longbow: For traditional type equipment, i.e.: Longbow with feather fletched wooden arrows

8. It is an important aspect of the tradition of this tournament, that an emphasis be generated towards fellowship of the bow, participation for its own sake and enjoyment of all aspects of the occasion

Club Championship

1. The dates for the Club Championship and rounds to be shot shall be decided on by the Committee, taking into account the experience of the Club's archers
2. The Championship tournament shall include three separate disciplines;
 - Outdoor Target
 - Indoor Target
 - Field
3. The winners of each division in each discipline shall be presented with awards, in the form of certificates and any trophies which have been donated for such position

Open: Any type of equipment or style except crossbow

Freestyle: A sighted bow of any type except crossbow, shot with fingers

Barebow: Any type of bare bow or bow hunter style shot with fingers without sights, except a cross bow

Ladies: Lady Archers shooting any style or bow except a cross bow, and who are not classified as a graded shooter

Junior: Open junior shooters between the ages of 13 and 16 inclusive

Cub: Un-graded juniors 12 years and under

Grade: Graded Senior and Junior archers, male and female (exclusive of cubs), who have not yet attained open status

4. All graded archers, juniors and cubs will shoot from their normal pegs or ranges during the Championships
5. Only full club members are eligible to enter the Club Championships
6. The Club may, at the discretion of the Club Committee, invite other archers to participate in this event
7. Visitors may not take awards other than those special awards which may be established for that purpose
8. Awards and trophies shall be presented at a social occasion
9. Awards and trophies for the annual hunting competitions are to be presented at the same occasion
10. The hunting competitions themselves are to be timed to coincide with the Annual Championships

Club Grade System

1. All members of the Club on first joining shall be appointed an appropriate shooting grade in each discipline, according to their ability
2. The grade system allows fair competition within the club, while at the same time providing for a structured progression of each archer's ability
3. Established archers joining the Club shall be placed on an appropriate grade by the Registrar and Coaching Director according to their shooting record and their initial performance within the club
4. New archers will automatically be placed in the novice grade and will progress from there according to their individual abilities
5. The system shall have eight steps:
 - Learner:** The beginner/first time shooter
 - Novice Grades:** Graded 1 to 3; the grade shooters progressing through the instructional programme
 - Open Grades:** C to A; the established archers having fully graduated from the novice grade programme. They are graded according to predetermined score levels. All archers, both senior and junior, participate in this programme
 - Cubs:** Will be a grade in their own right, shooting from the equivalent Novice Grade 1 positions. Cubs of exceptional skill may be allowed to shoot as juniors in the overall programme and will be given three trials to test their skill. After this if they continue outside their grade they must then remain as full juniors
6. Each novice grade step shall have its own distance pegs or ranges to shoot from in any event in any of the disciplines with the exception of the FCA Hunter's course and hunting qualification round
7. Learners are first time archers learning the basics and should not be allowed to compete until placed in the grades by their coach

Grade Distances

Indoor Grades

Distances:

Learner	6 metres
Grade 1	9.2 metres
Grade 2	11.5metres
Grade 3	14.4metres
Open	18 metres

1. In any round with other than a standard 18m range, the grade distance is determined by deducting 20% from the Open distance and each subsequent grade to find the next range in the sequence

Outdoor Grades / Target Grades

Distances:

1. The grade distance to be shot in each case is determined by calculating as above, beginning with the longest open distance in each case
2. The maximum initial outdoor distance for learners is 10m, then extending it to Grade 1 of the Club Grade Round

The Collegiate Round and Club Grade Round

Distances:

Cub and Grade 1	25.6 metres
Grade 2	32 metres
Grade 3	40 metres
Open Grades	50 metres

Field Grades

Distances:

1. In unmarked animal rounds the four colour coded pegs are set out at the grade distances for each of the target sizes
2. These are a set of maximum and minimum parameters within the Standard Club Round measurements (see Range Layout)

Learner	Shoot on a fixed practice target butt, maximum initial range 10m then extended to Grade 1
Grade 1 and Cubs	From the Yellow Peg
Grade 2	From the Blue Peg
Grade 3	From the White Peg
Open	From the Red peg using the normal sequences of pegs for the round

1. Grades 1 and Cubs shoot all arrows from the one peg
2. In one or two arrow rounds that use closer pegs, graded shooters must not use pegs beyond their normal shooting distances

3. Graded shooters may change pegs in the closer rounds as long as both pegs lie within their normal grade range
4. In marked and unmarked IFAA rounds Grades 1, Grades 2 and Cubs shall shoot from the IFAA Cub peg. Grades 3, Grades 4 and Juniors shall shoot from the IFAA Junior peg
5. In FITA Field Rounds Cubs and graded shooters use the peg which is placed in the appropriate sequence for their grade. BECAUSE of their greater degree of difficulty, it is not recommended that Graded Archers shoot IFAA or FITA rounds
6. Grade archers, Juniors and Cubs may compete outside/beyond their grade only three times
7. If they compete above their current grade for more than three competitive rounds they must stay in the new grade from that point on
8. To graduate from one grade to the next a grade archer must obtain score levels of 75% of the possible for the round being shot
9. Only one grade score is needed to move from Grade 1
10. Three 75% score levels must be achieved in each of the other grades
11. The final decision to regrade is made by the Registrar after consultation with the Club Coach and Coaching Director
12. In the event that an archer shoots his final grade score for a particular grade during a tournament, that archer does not change grades until the tournament has been completed
13. Graduation is not automatic on completion of the grade scores but is formalized but the Club Registrar
14. Learner archers do not obtain grade scores as such but are placed into the system, usually at Grade 1 stage, by the Club Coaching Director in consultation with the instructing coach, when it is felt that a suitable standard has been reached
15. To qualify as grade scores all score cards must be witnessed by at least one other archer or adult and must be forwarded to the Club Registrar who keeps the Club record of all member's progress and who will recommend the appropriate awards
16. Score cards must contain the name of the archer, the witness, the date, the round, the archer's current grade and the score, preferably kept by using a running total
17. Novice and grade shooters are under the overall supervision of the Club Coaching Director who may at the request of a club coach or instructor hold an archer back or delay a grade if it is felt to be of ultimate benefit to that archer, even though the three grade scores may have been attained