



Bebington Archers

G.N.A.S. Affiliated
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CONSTITUTION AND RULES

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- 1) The club shall be known as "Bebington Archers".
- 2) The affairs of the club shall be managed by ten Officers, nine of whom shall be elected each year at an Annual General Meeting to be held in April. The exception to this will be the External Tournament Organiser, who shall be elected at the first ordinary meeting held after the Annual Open Tournament each year.
- 3) The Officers of the club shall be :-
Chairman , Vice Chairman , Hon. Secretary , Hon. Treasurer , Records Officer , Club Coach , External Tournament Organiser , Equipment Officer , Social Secretary and Junior Section Organiser.
- 4) Regular meetings of the club open to all members shall be held on any weekdays and at intervals to be decided by the membership. At these meetings, any member may bring up any subject and express their views. All members are entitled to one vote. In the event of a tie, the Chairman has the casting vote. A quorum shall consist of five members, two of whom must be Officers.
- 5) Membership of the club shall be open to ladies and gentlemen aged 18 years and over and to junior boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 17 years inclusive. Juniors aged 10 to 12 shall also be allowed to shoot and become members, but only if their parent or guardian is also a shooting member of the club.
An exception to the above junior minimum age limit will be allowed in the case of existing members who have children under 10 wishing to take up archery. Here, the sponsoring member will put a case to a club meeting for them to decide whether it would be right for that junior to be allowed to take a beginner's course and subsequently join the club. If the club meeting agrees, the junior would be allowed to join, with the sponsoring member being entirely responsible for the behaviour and wellbeing of the junior under the age of 10.
Senior members of the club must take responsibility for supervising the junior members when they shoot. Juniors and beginners who have not yet completed a course of instruction are only allowed to shoot in the presence of an experienced adult archer.
- 6) Three non-fee-paying categories of membership shall exist in the club. "Life Membership" entitles the holder to shoot at club events and vote at club meetings. "Honorary Membership" shall be on a one year basis and attracts no shooting rights and no voting rights. "Associate Membership" shall be offered on a five year basis, with no shooting or voting rights, to ex-members who wish to stay in touch with the club but not shoot. These memberships shall be offered at the discretion of the paying membership and will be voted on and confirmed at one of the regular club meetings.
- 7) The financial year shall start on the 1st April and finish on 31st March.
- 8) All club subscriptions are due on 1st April annually and are to be paid by cheque to the Hon. Treasurer or direct into the club bank account by means of standing orders set up by the members. The club fees will be proposed by the treasurer at the last club meeting before April each year to enable the treasurer to send out renewal notices before the new club year begins in April. Said fee to be ratified at the AGM.
The annual club subscription will be set at a level sufficient to cover the costs of outdoor and indoor archery plus the annual GNAS fee. From the 2007 club year, the annual fees will be increased to

cover mid-week indoor coaching sessions to be held during the winter months.

Members will be given the option of either paying the full subscription by one single cheque at the start of the club year or paying by 10 equal monthly standing order amounts across the club financial year.

Juniors must have the signature of a parent or guardian on their form as security to the club.

Applications for membership made after 1st August will have a discount applied to their subscription equal to half the current club element of the annual subscription, but there will be no discounts in respect of the GNAS, Indoor archery or indoor coaching elements of the annual subscription.

The club element of the annual subscription for Juniors, Students, Disabled and O.A.P's aged 65 and above shall always be set at half the full adult rate.

Members not having paid or started to pay their club fees by April 30th will have all shooting rights withdrawn until the full annual subscription has been paid to the Hon. Treasurer.

Should members feel that they would not renew their subscription on financial grounds, provision has been made for up to a two year sabbatical to be taken in respect of all fees except the GNAS fee. This can be put into operation upon application to the Hon. Treasurer and the payment of the required GNAS fee only.

- 9) New members must be introduced and proposed by existing members of the club and approved by the club membership at one of the regular meetings. Visiting archers wishing to shoot may do so by applying to the Hon. Secretary or by being introduced by a member at no charge. G.N.A.S. or F.I.T.A. members only.
- 10) All days of the week are to be target days. Club days shall be Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday in the Summer and Sunday in the Winter.
- 11) Fees may be charged at the discretion of the club instructors for the use of the club equipment. The fees are currently set at £10 per month payable in advance and equipment is only to be loaned out for a maximum period of three months before consultation with the coach about any loan period extension must take place.
- 12) The club shall affiliate each year to the G.N.A.S. and shooting shall be carried out under G.N.A.S. or F.I.T.A. rules.
- 13) An Extra-ordinary General Meeting may be called within 14 days of receipt by the Hon. Secretary of a written, signed request from any five members. The request must state the nature of the meeting.
- 14) A quorum of five officers can cancel or refuse membership without giving reasons except to the person concerned.
- 15) Disciplinary Matters shall be dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the attached Disciplinary Procedure.
- 16) If, in the opinion of the club, any member is not willing to support or represent the club, or shall have been guilty of conduct which makes it undesirable that such a person be allowed to remain in the club, then the club shall have the right to expel such a member.
- 17) Discretionary power is given to the officers to decide any circumstances which are not specifically covered by this constitution.
- 18) Parents of junior archers attending beginners courses should remain in attendance for the full duration of the course to ensure the wellbeing of the junior archers.
In the event these juniors subsequently join the club, it is preferred that the parents should always be in attendance whilst their children are shooting. They must provide the club with a contact number upon joining the club to be used in cases of emergency if they are ever called away from such shooting days. In such cases, the parent will be required to return to the field at least half an hour before normal finish time to ensure their child is collected safely and does not have to become the

responsibility of one of the club members when normal shooting finishes.
It is also the responsibility of the parent to make the club aware of any medical conditions the junior may have or any physical or learning disabilities the junior may have before they join the club.
