



Information and Good Practice Guidelines for Parents

A child member should always be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian whilst attending club archery sessions.

Archery is a potentially dangerous sport and anyone found deliberately jeopardising the safety of themselves or others will be asked to leave the course immediately. We expect you to supervise your child and/or young person and support us over issues of health and safety.

Before parents can choose not to remain with their child during a particular archery session, they must have read and signed to indicate agreement of the following conditions (see the agreement issued on joining):

- ↔ Parents will remain with their child until the session commences. In the event of insufficient supervisory personnel, the session will be cancelled.
- ↔ It is the parent's responsibility to collect their child at the time requested.
- ↔ It is the parent's responsibility to inform the club of any medical conditions which may affect their child during archery sessions.
- ↔ If your child enters any archery tournament, you remain responsible for their care.

All archers, including children, applying for Master Bowman Status or greater or a FITA 1200 or greater, become eligible for drug testing at any UK domestic tournament.

- ↔ Check there are procedures in place through which you can voice your concerns.
- ↔ If not told, find out who will provide coaching and how coaching will be carried out.
- ↔ Check that the coaches have been screened to ensure suitability to work with children.
- ↔ Check that the club offer regular training to staff and coaches.
- ↔ Encourage your children to talk to you about their training and ensure that they know how to voice their concerns if they are not happy about any situations that may arise.
- ↔ If you are discouraged from watching, ensure the club make you aware of the reasons for doing so.
- ↔ Ensure you are given opportunities to discuss matters with coaches and all involved.
- ↔ Work with the club/coach/volunteer for the benefit of the child or young person.
- ↔ Be prepared to take coaching advice on your child's psychological and physical archery needs.