



Westcombe Field Archers

Club Rules

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Membership

Westcombe Field Archers offer three forms of membership: Senior, Junior and Family. Senior membership is £45 per year, Junior £5 and Family is £80. Membership is due on 1st June.

Membership is open to all at the discretion of the committee. Established archers are required to provide evidence of experience or be assessed.

Beginners must complete a course of instruction prior to joining the club. This is usually over 6 weeks at a cost of £30.00. That cost is deducted from the cost of initial membership.

For insurance reasons it is a requirement of the club that all members **must** have full current NFAS membership.

Members are not allowed to bring non-NFAS members onto the field course or any other shoot ground for informal shooting. Shooting for non-NFAS members must be arranged through the Club Coaches.

Any medical conditions must be disclosed on the membership form, any subsequent ones must be reported to the Club Secretary.

Junior Members

Any members under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or shoot guardian at all times when at premises or events controlled or organised by the club.

Archery Styles

The Club offers Field Archery only.

Equipment

Bow Types

American Flatbow (AFB), Barebow (BB), Bowhunter (BH), Compound Limited (CL), Freestyle (FS), Hunting Tackle (HT), Longbow (LB), Primitive (PV), Compound Unlimited (CU), Crossbow (XB) are all permitted at the club.

Bows may be of any draw weight.

See the latest NFAS rulebook for full requirements of all bow types.

Arrows

Arrows may be made of wood, aluminium, carbon or any other composition. They **must** be named with at least an initial and a surname. The club

reserves the right to dispose of arrows found on the course that are un-named. Broadheads or bodkins are **not** permitted at the club.

Guests and Visitors

Shoot fees are payable by all guests or visitors using the club facilities. Current fees are £5 per visit.

All guests must be full NFAS members, and be able to show proof at the time of their visit.

Emergency Information

Location of Woods:

Dykes Woods, Westcombe, Culmhead, Taunton, Somerset TA3 7DT

GPS co-ordinates for car park: Latitude: 50.940899 Longitude: -3.137697

The location of the ground is displayed on the cabin noticeboard in case of emergency.

Nearest A&E hospital

Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, Somerset. TA1 5DA

Open 24hrs tel: 01823 333444

Distance: 7.2 miles, 18 minutes driving

For field course or wood safety issues please contact:

Paul Inkpen: 07882 423822

Ash Woodward: 07584 414295

Good conduct and practice

- Always respect the landowner's property and do not drop litter.

- Refer to the latest NFAS rule book for full details of competition safety rules.
- In an organised competition, only shoot when permitted by a Marshal, and never distract other archers.
- Never shoot an arrow directly up in the air or where you cannot see it land.
- Never point or loose an arrow in any direction other than the intended target.
- Never move between targets with an arrow knocked on the string.
- Never stand forward of an archer who is about to shoot
- Never shoot a cracked or split arrow.
- No high draws of bows are allowed.
- Take care when drawing arrows from a target to ensure that no one is directly behind you.
- If possible shoot in pairs around the woods. If not, let someone know where you are going and what time you expect to return.
- Try and carry a mobile phone and whistle with you when shooting in the woods. Reception is available in parts of the woodland.
- Archers should always ensure that the target and visible overshoot areas are clear of other archers before shooting. If there are concerns about the safety of a shot, do not shoot.
- Always keep to the marked path when moving between targets. The marked path should always be followed when you have finished shooting as other groups may still be shooting.
- Be aware that deer frequent the woodland. Therefore, please be vigilant for deer ticks. Wear clothing that covers arms and legs. Further guidance is available from the NFAS website.
- Assist other archers to retrieve lost arrows.
- At all times be courteous and promote the sport of archery.

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