

Kingston Archers

Rules and Constitution – First printed 1982; amended 1998, 2003, 2010, 2012, 2015, 2018 and 2019

General Provision

- 1.1 The club shall be called Kingston Archers Limited hereinafter referred to as the club.
- 1.2 The funds and property of the Club shall be vested in the President, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 1.3 All monies and sums received on behalf of the club shall remain the property of the club, unless in the event of the club winding up. Should this occur, once the debts and expenses have been paid, the residue shall be passed on to an organisation with similar goals to ours. The committee to recommend an organisation, acceptance of which shall be by majority vote of all members present at the meeting.
- 1.3a A decision to wind up Kingston Archers Limited can only be taken at an A.G.M. or an E.G.M. prior notice of the meeting to be given in writing to all current members, stating the proposal, at least 28 days prior to the meeting. The decision to wind up the Club will be decided by a majority vote of the members attending, subject to a Quorum being present.
- 1.4 The object of the Club shall be the promotion and encouragement of Archery in all its forms, other than bow hunting.
- 1.5 The Shooting Regulations as prescribed in the G.N.A.S. Rules of Shooting shall be accepted as governing the relevant branches of the sport of archery practiced by the Club and its members.
- 1.6 Nothing will be included in the constitution which conflicts with that of the G.N.A.S.
- 1.7 The postal address of the Club shall be that of the Secretary.
- 1.8 The postal address for Bank accounts shall be that of the Treasurer.
- 1.9 The Constitution of the Club shall not be altered or amended except at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club. Members wishing to move a proposition to alter or amend the Constitution shall submit such to the Secretary twenty-eight days before the meeting at which it is to be considered. Notice of the proposition shall be sent to all members entitled to receive notice of such meeting.

Membership

- 2.1 There shall be the following classes of membership:
Senior Members, Junior Members, Honorary Members
- 2.2 Any person interested in Archery, having attained the age of 18 shall be eligible for admittance as a senior member, or under that age, as a junior member. Minimum age for juniors is 11yrs.
- 2.3 Junior members under the age of 14 may only shoot if accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or nominated adult. Juniors cannot be given the combination to the Club store.
- 2.4 Any person or persons wishing to become a member of the Club whether affiliated through another club or not, must shoot for their G.N.A.S. affiliated Club at Tournaments, unless permission is given by the said Club to represent another, in line with G.N.A.S. Law 22(b)(v).
- 2.5 New and readmitted members will be eligible to know the combination for the Club store six months after joining the Club.
- 2.6 Any person the Club may wish to honour for distinguished service to the Club may be elected as an Honorary Member for life.
- 2.7 All Members shall accept the jurisdiction of the Club and shall conform to such conditions, shooting rules and regulations as may be determined from time to time.
- 2.8 If in the opinion of the Committee any member shall have been guilty of conduct which makes it undesirable that such a member should remain a member of the Club then an E.G.M. shall be called. The Club may expel such member, after a hearing, without being called upon to state a reason to any but the member concerned. The Club decision at an E.G.M. shall be final

Management

- 3.1 The management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Club Committee.
- 3.2 The Club Committee shall consist of: President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Senior Shooting Member.
- 3.3 A President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Shooting Member, Equipment Officer, Coaching Organiser, Records Officer, Tournament Organiser, Social Officer, Child Protection Officer and Publicity Officer shall be appointed annually by members in General Meeting and shall determine the terms of the appointments from time to time.
- 3.4 The Club Committee may appoint sub-committees and may delegate to such committee's power within defined limits.

Auditor

4.1 An Auditor shall be appointed annually by members at the Annual General Meeting.

Finance

5.1 The financial year of the Club shall be 1st September to 31st August. The Club shall cause to be prepared and shall present at the Annual General Meeting a balance sheet showing the financial position of the Club on the 31st August of the present year.

5.2 A copy of the balance sheet, duly certified by the Club Auditor, shall be sent with notice convening the Annual General Meeting to each member.

5.3 A bank account shall be maintained in the name of Kingston Archers Limited. All cheques and orders withdrawing monies from the accounts shall be signed by any two of the club, President, Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.

In addition money transfers direct from the club current account can be undertaken by the Treasurer and/or the allocated support person.

Bank statements and relevant invoices to be scrutinized each month by the President and Chairman to ensure all transactions are legitimate.

5.4 All cheques paid into the Club shall be made payable to Kingston Archers Limited.

Subscriptions

6.1 All members shall pay the following subscriptions annually to the Club Treasurer.

6.2 Club membership Subscriptions (except Honorary Members), these to be paid before the due date or as required.

6.3 The rate for Club Membership fee shall initially be determined by the Committee and recommended for agreement by the members in General Meeting.

6.4 G.N.A.S. Membership fee to be paid before 31st August each year. The rate for subscription shall be determined by G.N.A.S.

6.5 If all the above fees are not paid by the due dates a levy will be imposed.

6.6 Members who elect to shoot indoors shall pay an indoor shooting fee. The fee shall be determined by dividing the hire charges, the levy for which being set by the landlord, by the number of members who elect to shoot.

6.7 A member who has not paid his or her Club subscriptions by the due date in any one year shall cease to be a member of the Club unless the Club Committee considers there are extenuating circumstances.

6.8 The admission of new, or re-admission of former members who have let subscriptions lapse for a year, will be subject to the agreement of the Club Committee.

6.9 The first six months membership shall be considered a probationary period for new or re-admitted members

General Meeting

7.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held before the end of October at a place determined by the Club Committee. Not less than 14 clear days' notice of such meeting shall be sent to all members.

7.2 The Club Committee or at the request of five or more Club members, shall call an Extra Ordinary General Meeting. Not less than 14 days notice of such meeting shall be sent to Club Members. Notice of any proposition which it is intended to move shall be sent to all Club members entitled to receive notice of meeting.

Voting and Quorum

8.1 At all General Meetings. Six members shall form a quorum. Each Senior, Junior and Honorary member of the Club shall be entitled to one vote. The chairman shall, if required, be entitled to a deciding vote.

8.2 Committee meetings will be held when necessary.

8.3 In case of emergency, the President, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall together have full power to act.

Shooting

9.1 The setting up of targets and the storing away of Club equipment shall be the obligation of all archers shooting.

9.2 For the purpose of recording a score, for handicap, classification and record purposes', at least two archers must be shooting, each to record and authenticate each other's scores. Scores must be recorded on Club score sheets, these to be put in an appropriate place in the Club store, or handed to the Records Officer. All such score sheets must be fully completed, round, hits, score, gold's, named and dated to be eligible for entry in Club records.

9.3 Ranges are open except when maintenance is being undertaken.

Allocated times for maintenance are Monday morning's up to 1pm and Thursday afternoon's 1- 4pm.

Shooting times are to be displayed in the club hut.

Designated club session times are: 9.30am for 10.00am start

1.30pm for 2.00pm start

5.30pm for 6.00pm start

Note:- All evening shoots MUST finish at dusk.

9.4 Members who are unable to start at the above times may join in a round that has started at the invitation of the archers shooting.

9.5 Any archer who arrives late and elects to put up his or her own target may have their scores authenticated by any other member present.

9.6 When shooting on the Club range, there must be a minimum of two people present providing they are a minimum age of 18 years of age when any shooting is in progress, one of whom may be a non-archer to act as look-out, the archer responsible to inform the look-out of all the safety aspects applicable. Where two adult archers are present and shooting together, they will alternate on the shooting line so that the non-shooting can act as look-out.

9.7 No live mobile phones on the shooting line between whistles.

9.8 When shooting on the Club range, Novice archers during their first six months of shooting must be accompanied by an established archer of at least one year's shooting experience.

9.9 Any archer wishing to shoot 100yds. or 90mts, Shooting Longbow, Bare-bow or Compound must be 2nd Class or above in those disciplines.

9.10 Seniors are not permitted to claim records for junior rounds except in their first year of shooting.