

# Argyll Field Archers Byelaws

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The Argyll Field Archers Byelaws outline a code of best practice and conduct for all club members Of Argyll Field Archers and must be adhered to at all times when members are present at the field archery site. These byelaws are complimentary and do not replace all that is stated in the Club Constitution and the signed Permission with the Lorne Forest District. These Byelaws can be reviewed and amended by the Club Committee at any time and failure to adhere to them may result in disciplinary action being taken by the Committee. The term “site” refers to the Archery Field Course in Inverawe and its surrounds. All of the above byelaws are applicable to club members, associate members, and visiting G.N.A.S. archers.

- **Always take care of yourself**
  - **Always respect other archers and members of the public**
  - **Always respect the environment**
  - **Be safe, and enjoy archery**
1. All users of the site must abide by the FITA and GNAS rules governing archery – specifically field archery. Information is available on this link: <http://www.gnas.org/>
  2. Vehicular and pedestrian access to the sites must be taken over the public and forestry roads only to the car parking area and the sites. Car parking will be permitted at the right hand side of the forest road. Care must be taken to ensure that parked vehicles do not block the forest road which must remain unobstructed at all times. A speed limit of 15 mph when entering and leaving the site must be adhered to at all times.
  3. Archery is only permitted in areas leased by the club.
  4. All archers are advised to stop shooting in extreme weather for health and safety reasons.
  5. The site may be used only for the purposes of archery and associated club activities by its members.
  6. All users of the site must be G.N.A.S. affiliated archers and visiting archers must seek permission from the Committee to use the field course prior to use. All agreed fees must be paid in full to the club by visiting archers.
  7. All users of the site must remove all litter, pet animal excrement and equipment prior to departure.
  8. All users must recognise that the forest is open to the public and they must foster good relations with the public. If a member of the public enters the site whilst archery is in progress, archery must cease until they have left the area. For further information on the Scottish Outdoor Access Code follow this link: <http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com/default.asp>
  9. No open fires are permitted on the site.
  10. All users must respect and protect any archaeological features on the sites and ensure they are not disturbed i.e. sheep fank.
  11. All users must ensure that protected and rare species, including red squirrels, bats and butterflies, on the site are not disturbed. All users should respect and leave undisturbed all flora and fauna to the best of their abilities.
  12. All users should wear at least one item of high visibility clothing on their upper body when using the site.
  13. No crossbows are allowed.
  14. No bow hunting is allowed – it is a criminal offence.

15. The rules and insurance under G.N.A.S dictate that if a junior archer is shooting he must be accompanied by an adult insured archer who is not shooting and is acting in a supervisory capacity. If more than one insured adult is present with the junior in all cases one adult must not shoot and act in a supervisory capacity. Under no circumstances is a lone archer permitted. A minimum of two adult insured archers must be present when shooting on the course or practice area.
16. Gates must be closed by all users of the site. Access to the site must be through designated access points.
17. Archers are advised to wear strong footwear at all times.
18. Arrows must remain in the quiver of all users unless they are within the boundaries of the field archery courses or practice area.
19. No offensive behaviour or language will be tolerated at any time whilst using the site.
20. All users are warned to take the necessary precautions against ticks and other harmful insects and plants. With the rising prevalence of lymes disease extra care is strongly advised. For further information go to:  
<http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk/articles/article.aspx?articleId=236>
21. In the event of injury either personal or to another whilst on the site a member of the committee must be informed as soon as is reasonably possible and an accident report must be completed.
22. In the event of damage or loss of property, the site, equipment, the course infrastructure, or any other associated part of the field course including plant and wildlife this must be reported to a Committee member as soon as is reasonably possible.
23. All users of the site must take responsibility for their actions at all times.