



Abbey Bowmen (Herts.)

Rules of Shooting for the Verulam School Playing Fields, Sandpit Lane, St. Albans

Abbey Bowmen's shooting is governed by the appropriate Archery GB Rules of Shooting, available at <http://www.archerygb.org/support/operations/rules/index.php> Safety is always the priority.

1. The Verulam School Playing Field is a multi-user facility and Abbey members should understand that they may have to share the field with other users who have a legitimate right to be there. When other users are on the field the archery area must be roped off (Rule 302c).
2. Shooting at the field is permitted only outside of school hours. If access to the container is required within school hours (eg. for delivery of equipment etc.) then the school Secretary should be phoned in advance on 01727 766100.
3. If the cricket square is in use or being maintained by the ground staff, then the shooting line must be moved sideways at least 30yds from the cricket boundary in order to maintain a safe separation between the cricket and archery range. This applies even if the cricketers arrive after shooting has started which may mean interrupting a round to move bosses.
4. In all cases the shooting line must be fixed and must be remote from all legitimate pedestrian access routes. Particularly, a minimum of 25yds must be maintained between the shooting line and the entrance to the field, the access driveway, the changing rooms and the access to the (disused) tennis courts. The target range should always point away from, or be parallel to any other user or group. The target range shall not point towards other users or groups.
5. In view of the size, shape and topography of the field the following range layouts and rounds are considered safe, providing the appropriate Archery GB rules of shooting are applied. This must include the appropriate overshoot area and safety zones either side of and behind the shooting range.
 - Target rounds at all distances up to a maximum of 100yds or 90m.
 - Clout rounds at all distances up to a maximum of 180yds or 165m.
 - Flat field shooting at all distances up to a maximum of 100yds.

All other forms of shooting and range distances are excluded.

6. Solo shooting is not permitted by Verulam School.
7. Every effort must be made to avoid damage to the field, the buildings or to equipment.
8. All lost arrows must be reported immediately to the Chairman or to another member of the committee so that the school can be notified. A flag should be placed to mark the position of the boss where the arrow was lost.
9. Smoking is only permitted away from the waiting area and shooting range.
10. Access to the club equipment container is by a key. Normally, access to the container will be given only to members of the club committee and coaches. However, at the discretion of the committee, access may be given to other responsible senior club members. Access to the field is by a combination padlock. Members are given the number on the understanding that they comply with all these rules.

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