



## Burton Constable Company of Bowmen

### Safety and Etiquette

For your own and other's safety make sure you follow these safety rules:

1. Never draw a bow, even without an arrow, except when facing the target standing on the shooting line.
2. Never aim a bow anywhere except at the target.
3. Never start shooting unless the field captain / coach approves (whistle).
4. Immediate compliance with the command "FAST!". It can be shouted by any archer who sees any sign of danger. As soon as you hear the command "FAST!" stop shooting at once, bring your bow down and return the arrow to the quiver.
5. Never go in front of the shooting line until the field captain / coach approves (whistle).
6. Never run, always walk towards the target. Look at the ground so as not to walk into or tread on any arrows that may have fallen short.
7. Never stand behind an archer who is pulling arrows out of a target or you may get an arrow nock in the face.
8. Never let go of a drawn bow without an arrow in it (dry shot). The energy that usually causes an arrow to fly can seriously damage the limbs of a bow and cause personal injury.

### Etiquette - An Archer:

1. Does not talk in a loud voice whilst others are shooting.
2. Does not talk to another competitor who obviously prefers to remain silent.
3. Does not make any exclamation on the shooting line which might disconcert a neighbour in the act of shooting.
4. Does not go behind the target to retrieve his arrows before his score has been recorded.
5. Does not walk up and down the shooting line comparing scores.
6. Does not touch anyone else's equipment without permission.
7. When calling scores does so in groups of three, for example '7-7-5' pause '5-5-3'.
8. Offers to pay in cash on the spot if he breaks another's arrow through carelessness.
9. Thanks the Target Captain at the end of each round for work in his behalf.
10. Does not walk off the line while an adjacent Archer is at full draw.
11. Does not leave litter.