



# Code of Conduct Spectators, Parents and Carers

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We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in Archery

As a spectator and/or parent/carer, you have a big part to play. That is why Archery GB is asking every archer to follow a code of conduct.

This Archery GB Code of Conduct applies not only to spectators and parents/carers but also, to all Archery GB members when supporting, watching, participating in and administering the sport of archery. The emphasis of this Code is on young people but it also recognises that spectators and parents are present in the senior sport.

## Expected minimum standards of behaviour and conduct

### As a spectator and/or parent/carer I will:

- Respect the spirit of fair play in archery
- Remember that children take part for fun
- Recognise effort and good play as well as success
- Remain behind the competitors' area
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Let coaches do their job and don't confuse the archers by telling them what to do
- Encourage the archers to respect one another as well as the officials
- Avoid criticising an archer for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in or tolerate public criticism of archers, coaches or officials

### Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others

- Respect other spectators, parents, officials, coaches and opponent archers.
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same
- Remember we all make mistakes
- Appreciate skill and good performance by all participants
- Encourage people always to settle disagreement amicably and without hostility
- Show an appreciation for volunteer coaches and organisers – their efforts contribute hugely to young people being able to take part

### I will endeavour to ensure my own safety and the safety of others

- Let the coach/official know of any injury that your child may have
- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of children above everything including standards of performance

### Protect others involved in archery from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour

- Never ridicule or admonish a young person for making a mistake or losing a competition
- Support all efforts to remove bad or abusive language or unsporting behaviour

### Abide by Archery GB Rules and Policies including:

- Archery GB Policy for Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults
- Archery GB Equality Policy
- Archery GB Anti-doping Policy
- Archery GB Bribery Policy

## Breaking the Code of Conduct

In attending an Archery GB event as a spectator or parent/carer, you are agreeing to abide by this Code of Conduct, all Archery GB policies, rules, regulations and procedures.

Archery GB therefore, has the right to investigate and take disciplinary action, as in line with the Archery GB Disciplinary Policy, Regulations and Procedures, against any alleged breaches of this Code of Conduct or our policies, rules, regulations and procedures, which may bring Archery GB into disrepute.



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