

## Osprey Archery Club Constitution

1. The club shall be called Osprey Archers.
2. The object of the club shall be the enjoyment, encouragement, promotion and organisation of archery in the Weymouth and Portland area in all its' forms (other than bowhunting). The club shall be recognised under the rules and constitution of the Dorset and Wiltshire Archery Association, the Grand Western Archery Society, the Grand National Archery Society (otherwise known as Archery GB) and the National Field Archery Society. The shooting rules of the club shall be those of the Grand National Archery Society or the National Field Archery Society as appropriate.
3. The postal address of the club shall be that of the Secretary.
4. The constitution of the club may only be altered at the Annual General Meeting, notice being deposited with the Secretary no later than the first of April.
5. The club shall consist of the following:-
  - a) Full Members, any person who has paid the club fees
  - b) Life Members, any member who has been in the club for 25+ years, and has contributed to the operation of the club, can at the discretion of the committee be made life members. Life members shall not pay membership fees.
  - c) A junior associated club; the club can affiliate all its' junior members (minimum of three) to DWAA on payment of a single fee to DWAA, GWAS, GNAS.
  - d) All archers joining the club must have completed a GNAS recognised course. If no record of a course having been completed is available then the archer shall be assessed by a member of the coaching team and they shall decide if the archer shall be allowed to join.
  - e) Junior members as of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008 between 10 and 18 years of age shall be accompanied at all times by a parent / carer who will bear all responsibility for said junior member.
  - f) 2 full members shall be present at all times when a junior member is shooting.
  - g) It is implicit that all members belong to the GNAS.
  - h) All members shall accept the jurisdiction of the club and shall conform to such conditions, rules and regulations as may be determined by the club from time to time.
6. If in the opinion of the committee any member be deemed guilty of conduct which makes it undesirable to the club for that member to

- remain a member, the committee may recommend to a general meeting of the club that the member may be expelled or suspended from the club, and if the meeting so decides the expulsion or suspension will be immediately effective. Such expelled members may apply for re-admission to the club after a period of no less than 11 months after the expulsion / suspension. After expulsion re-admission is only allowed by the AGM, any monies paid by the expelled member to the club will be forfeited by the member.
7. The management of the club shall be vested in the committee all of whom shall be full members and shall consist of:- Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Equipment officer, Coaching officer, Records officer, Target secretary, Field secretary, Membership Secretary Field Shoot Organiser, Child Protection Officer and an Assistant. The foregoing shall be elected 2 yearly at the AGM of the club.
  8. No less than three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. Meetings shall be called by the chairperson on a regular basis or when considered necessary.
  9. The committee shall co-opt additional members ad-hoc, but these members will be without a vote.
  10. In the case of an emergency any two of the chairperson, secretary, or treasurer shall have full power to act on behalf of the club, but must report such action to the committee.
  11. Subscriptions to the club shall be fixed from time to time at the AGM. Subscriptions shall be due on the 1<sup>st</sup> May and shall be paid to the membership secretary. Any member whose subscription has not been paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> May shall cease to be a member of the club.
  12. The payment of subscriptions to the DWAA, GWAS, GNAS shall be paid promptly when requested to do so by the secretary. The payment of subscription to the NFAS for those members belonging shall be paid to the field Secretary when requested.
  13. An annual General Meeting shall be held in April. Not less than fourteen days notice shall be given to club members.
  14. Notice of any propositions for the AGM shall be forwarded to the Secretary by the proposer and seconder no later than in order that they may be included in the calling notice.
  15. The agenda for the AGM shall include reports from all committee members. The election of officers, a review of the constitution and matters arising from the previous AGM will also be included.
  16. The committee may, or two club members may, request an Extraordinary General Meeting, the demand and reason for such meeting will be deposited with the Secretary seven clear days before the meeting.

17. All members of the club may vote at General Meetings.
18. The Coaching Officer shall organise training courses to promote the sport, and shall assist in co-ordinating Have-A-Go events the club attends.
19. The club will adopt the GNAS guidelines regarding child protection and vulnerable adult matters.
20. In the event of the club becoming insolvent / disbanded any grant money spent (given in the previous 2 years) will be itemised and justified to the granting authority. Providing surplus cash is available the balance will be repaid. Any further assets will be disposed of (with preference given to other archery clubs in Dorset) and any monies realised will be shared between the remaining club members.
21.
  - a) No shooting at all is permitted on Mondays and Thursdays in order to comply with the rental conditions.
  - b) Solo shooting is permitted **ONLY ON THE TARGET FIELD NOT IN THE WOODS** and then only when the entry gate is closed, the warning displayed, and shooting will **ALWAYS** be from east to west. Anyone shooting solo accepts that they are not insured for personal injury.

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As amended at the AGM, April 2014 section 21 and 5(f) due to be amended at an EGM 2014