



Cambridge University Bowmen (CUB)

Etiquette Guidelines 2020-21

Here are a few basic rules which should be observed at all times. Thanks to Nathan Cubitt for providing them, and recent club members for updating them.

GENERAL SHOOTING

- If you arrive at the range and other people are setting it up, help them complete this first before unpacking your own bow.
- If you wish to shoot on a boss that already has an archer shooting on it, it is polite to ask if they mind you joining them first.
- Shooting line etiquette:
 - Do not remain on the line for excessive amounts of time when all others have finished shooting and are waiting to collect.
 - Do not exclaim loudly, swear or pass comment excessively whilst on the shooting line.
 - Do not leave the shooting line while an archer in front or behind you on your target is at full draw.
 - It is polite not to leave an archer on their own on the shooting line.
- Do not pull another archer's arrows without express permission to do so.
- If pulling arrows, offer to pull everyone's arrows on the target, not just your own.
- Missing arrows (particularly applicable for outdoor shooting):
 - If an archer is missing an arrow, all other archers on the boss (and nearby bosses) should help them to look for it - the longer it takes to find, the longer it will be until anyone can shoot.
 - If an arrow is taking a long time to find, offer to fetch the metal detector and look in the next end so that others can shoot.
 - Keep track of how many arrows are in your quiver and how many you have shot in each end, so that the session is not held up looking for arrows that weren't shot.
 - Do not shoot further distances than you are capable, requiring excessive amounts of time to be spent looking for lost arrows.
- Do not leave litter.
- Do not talk in a loud voice or do anything that may disturb those who are shooting.
- Keep spare equipment handy and do not borrow from others without permission.
- Never touch another archer's equipment without permission.
- If an archer damages another's arrow through their own carelessness, they pay for it on the spot.

AT COMPETITIONS

- When calling scores, you should do so in groups of three in descending order, for example, "9-7-7" pause "7-5-3", pointing to the arrows as you score them.
- Do not touch any arrows in the boss before all arrows have been scored.
- Do not go behind the target to retrieve your arrows before your score has been recorded.
- Do not talk to another competitor who obviously prefers to be silent.
- Never walk up and down the shooting line comparing other scoreboards.
- Thank those you were shooting with, and the target captain, at the end of the tournament.