



## CONSTITUTION OF OLD BASING ARCHERS.

February 2008.

1. The Name of the Club shall be "**Old Basing Archers**" hereinafter referred to as the Club. The Club incorporates Old Basing Junior Archers, which exists only for the purposes of affiliation to appropriate organisations but otherwise has no existence separate from the Club.
2. The object of the Club shall be the practice of Target Archery and the promotion of Archery in all its forms other than Bow Hunting and Crossbows.
3. The Club shall be affiliated to, and observe the shooting regulations of, the Grand National Archery Society (GNAS).
4. The Club consists primarily of Shooting Members who must all be affiliated to GNAS, either through the club, another club or as direct members. Evidence of GNAS membership will be required if not affiliated through the club. Honorary members who are no longer actively shooting need not be GNAS affiliated.
5. There shall be three Officers of the Club elected annually. Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary; who, as members of the Committee, shall be responsible for the management of the Club.
6. There shall be a Committee, elected annually at the A.G.M., to assist the Officers in the management of the Club. The number of Committee members to be approximately 10% of total shooting members, or a minimum of two. The Committee members must undertake the following GNAS defined roles: Child Protection Officer and Records Officer.
7. A quorum shall consist of 50% of the Committee of which at least two must be officers.
8. A General Meeting shall be held annually in February to elect Officers / Committee, set the subscription and to confirm proposed revisions or amendments to the Club Constitution. Members shall be notified in writing or by email no less than fourteen days before the meeting. Officers and committee members may be re-elected without restriction, with a recommendation that terms be limited to 4 years in the interest of club growth.

In the event of circumstances requiring it, an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be requested by either the Committee or any Club member having a seconder. Members shall be notified in writing or by email no less than fourteen days before the meeting.

9. Adult Shooting Members only may vote at the AGM or EGM.
10. Notification of any proposed changes to the Club Constitution shall be sent in writing or by email to all members at least fourteen days in advance of the meeting at which they will be considered.
11. The Club's financial year shall end on December 31<sup>st</sup> with accounts presented at the AGM. A bank account(s) and/or savings account(s) shall be maintained in the name of the Club. All cheques and orders withdrawing moneys from the account(s) shall be signed by any two of the Club Officers.
12. The Treasurer shall submit for approval, to the A.G.M. a statement of accounts audited by any Adult Member of the Club who is not, at the time of audit, a Committee Member. The statement of accounts shall be made available for inspection by members, if requested, seven days prior to the A.G.M.
13. Membership shall be as follows:
  - Adult Shooting Members (by subscription)
  - Junior Shooting Members (under 18 years of age, by subscription)
  - Honorary Life Members (by election at an AGM)
  - Life President (by election at an AGM)
14. The Committee reserve the right of Membership of the Club and reserve the right to accept or reject renewal. The Committee also has the right to determine a membership limit for the club and manage excess demand through a waiting list, on a first come first served basis.

15. Junior members can only be admitted to the Club with the express permission of a parent or guardian; who will be advised of the rules governing their participation, as published from time to time by the Committee. The Club will align its rules and guidelines with the Child Protection Policy of GNAS.
16. Annual subscriptions are recommended by the committee and agreed at the AGM. Subscriptions are due on May 1st each year; Junior or Senior Citizen status will be determined at that date. Failure of payment within a reasonable period will result in the withdrawal of shooting facilities. The Officers of the club may agree, in exceptional circumstances, to modify the term and fees of the subscription for a member or prospective member.
  - i) Families with juniors may qualify for discounted subscriptions as follows:
    - 2 members of a family 10% (one to be a junior)
    - 3 or more members of a family 18% (maximum of two adults)
  - ii) Senior Citizens (of state pensionable age) qualify for discounted subscriptions at least 10% below the adult subscription.
  - iii) Honorary Life Membership shall be awarded to persons who have made a significant contribution to the development of the Club over a period of time. Nomination for Honorary Life Membership shall be made and seconded by Adult Shooting Members and awarded by a majority vote at a General Meeting.
  - iv) The position of Life President shall be recommended unanimously by the three Officers of the Club and awarded by a majority vote at a General Meeting. The Life President, if a Shooting Member or Club Coach, may attend Committee meetings and vote accordingly. A Life President, if they so desire, may resign their Presidency should this be dictated by their personal circumstances.
17. Beginners will be required to pay an instruction fee, as determined by the Committee, for initial periods of instruction and use of Club equipment. On completion of the instruction the full Club subscription is due, minus a proportion of the instruction fee as determined from time to time by the Committee.
18. The Committee shall maintain the Club Rules as guidance to the Club members on the conduct of shooting, club competitions and other matters as required for the smooth running of the Club for the benefit of all members. These Rules shall be displayed on the Club noticeboard and circulated by mail, website or email as necessary from time to time. Failure to comply with these rules can be considered as a disciplinary matter including, if necessary, expulsion from the club in the manner described in article 20 below.
  - i) All members on joining shall be given a copy of the Club Constitution.
  - ii) Up to date GNAS and Club Rules of Shooting shall be available in the Clubhouse at all times.
  - iii) It is the responsibility of each member to be aware of, and act in accordance with, these Rules.**
19. Visiting GNAS, National Field Archery Association and British Longbow Society members shall be allowed to shoot on target days, with the permission of the field captain, on the payment of a target fee to be determined from time to time by the Committee.
20. If the committee determines that any Club member has been guilty of inappropriate conduct and, after warnings, should not remain a member of the Club then an EGM shall be called. Subject to the outcome of the EGM, the Club may then terminate their membership. The Club decision at an EGM shall be final.
21. Anyone presenting a trophy to the Club shall have the right to regulate the terms on which it shall be awarded, subject to the approval of the Committee.
22. The fee for attending a GNAS coaching course shall be paid by the club when the member obtains the coaching certificate, other coaching courses and events will be reimbursed at the discretion of the Committee.
23. In the event of the club having to be wound up, an EGM will be called to inform the members and to administer the club's assets.