

Old Basing Archers



The Management of Safe Shooting at Old Basing Recreation Ground.

Introduction.

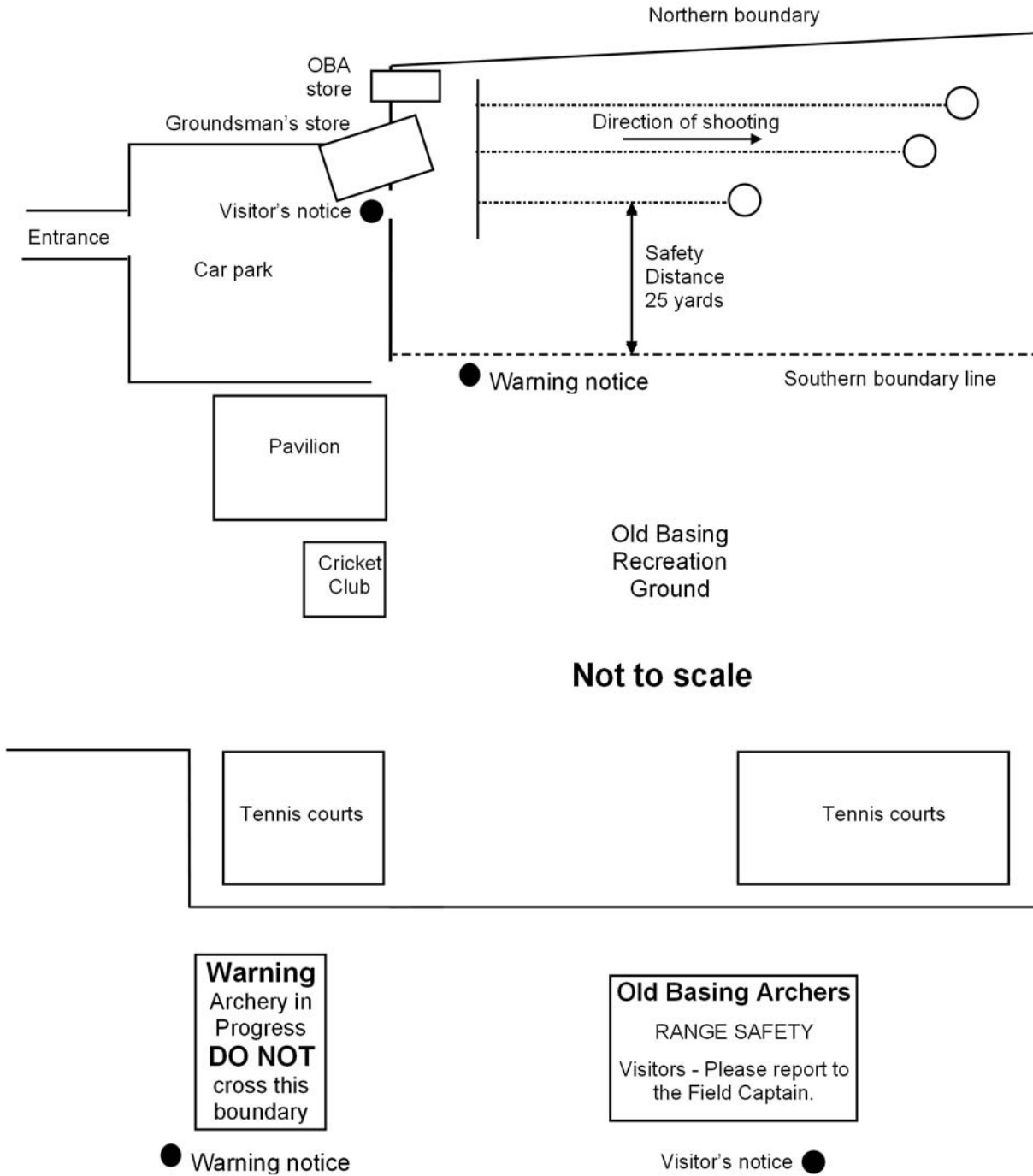
This document describes the procedures that are necessary to manage the activities and conduct of archers using the shooting range on Old Basing Recreation Ground (OBRG).

The governing body for the sport of archery in the United Kingdom is the Grand National Archery Society (GNAS). Their Rules of Shooting describe the conduct of shooting and their insurance policy provides third party cover for members.

The GNAS Rules of Shooting may be downloaded from the GNAS website (refer Contacts).

It is a condition of membership of Old Basing Archers (OBA) that all members and all visitors shooting with the Club are current fully paid up members of GNAS or are covered by a GNAS scheme such as the Beginner Archer rules.

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General layout of Archery range on Old Basing Recreation Ground

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The Sport

The OBA activities on the OBRG will be confined to the training, practice and competition of the sport of Target Archery. Other forms of the sport, e.g. Clout, Popinjay, Flight, etc. are prohibited on OBRG.

The Range

Archery must only be practiced on the range area designated by Old Basing Recreation Ground Committee (OBRGC). The agreed area is the land laying parallel and adjacent to the northern boundary of the Recreation Ground and extending from the car park on the western side to the Recreation Ground boundary on the eastern side.

The southern boundary of the range shall be a continuous boundary rope or tape on posts at least 0.6m high extending the entire length of the range in a generally east/west direction whatever the distances being shot by the participating archers. At least one easily legible notice shall be displayed adjacent to the southern boundary of the range informing that archery is in progress and that in the interest of safety the boundary rope must not be crossed by anyone (refer diagram).

The boundary rope must be parallel to the line of shooting and at least the safe distance from the southernmost target line as dictated by GNAS rules. At the present time (2005) this distance is 25 yards.

Numbers

Rule 103 (a) and 103(c) of the GNAS Rules of Shooting will be observed at all times.

These state:

Rule 103 (a) “ ... there must be a minimum of two people present each being a minimum 18 years of age when shooting is in progress, one of whom may be a non archer to act as lookout. The archer is responsible to inform the lookout of all safety aspects applicable. Where two adult archers are present and shooting together they will alternate on the shooting line so that the non-shooting archer can act as lookout.”

Rule 103 (c) “Juniors. When junior archers (ie archers under 18) are shooting individually or in groups they must be supervised by an adult member ...of the Society.”

[Ed : the “Society” is GNAS].

There will be no deviation from or adaptation of these rules.

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Bow types

The only bows allowed to be used on the OBA range are those recognised by the GNAS Rules of Shooting as longbows, recurve and compound bows for Target Archery.

Compound bows with a draw weight exceeding 60lbs peak weight are prohibited at OBA

Notwithstanding the GNAS Rules of Shooting, crossbows are prohibited at OBA.

Responsible persons.

Every meeting of the Club at which shooting activities are undertaken must be controlled by a Field Captain appointed for the occasion. This applies to sessions whether for coaching, training or competition.

Field Captain

The Field Captain must be a responsible adult and may participate in the shooting activity.

The Field Captain must ensure that all participants adhere to the GNAS Rules of Shooting.

Archer's responsibilities

Every archer is responsible for his or her own conduct and the conduct of any juniors for whom they hold responsibility.

The required standards of conduct and etiquette to which archers must adhere are those defined in the GNAS Rules of Shooting.

Every archer is responsible for informing the Field Captain of any perceived threat to safety or potentially dangerous activity.

Visitors and non-members

Visitors to the recreation ground and friends of attending archers may join archers behind the shooting line provided that their presence is made known to the Field Captain. A notice shall be displayed on the gate adjacent to the Groundsman's Store informing that visitors must make themselves known to the Field Captain (refer diagram).

Visitors and non-members are prohibited from crossing the shooting line whether the session is for coaching, training or competition.

To minimise the risk of visitors straying onto the range from behind the shooting line, the double gate adjacent the Groundsman's Store should in general be kept shut.

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Contacts (as at March 2006)

OBA Committee Members will change from time to time.

The Clerk to OBPC will be informed of changes as they occur.

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