

The Gentleman & Lady Archers of Darlington

Club Constitution

NAME

The society shall be called “The Gentleman and Lady Archers of Darlington” (hereafter referred to as “the society”), and known locally as the Darlington Archers.

ADDRESS

The postal address of the Society shall be that of the secretary for the time being or such other address as may be decided by the committee from time to time.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Society shall be the promotion and encouragement of archery in Darlington and district.

The Society will endeavour to hold once a year a Target Championship Meeting and any other Meetings it requires.

MEMBERSHIP

There shall be three classes of membership:-

- Junior Years to 17 years.
- Senior 18 years and over.
- Honorary Life Members

The Society if it so wishes may honour any of its members for distinguished service in the cause of Archery by electing such person as an Honorary Life Member at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for such an election shall in the first place be made to the Societies Committee.

All members shall accept the jurisdiction of the Grand National Archery Society and the Northern Counties Archery Society and shall conform to the Conditions, Rules and shooting Regulations as may be determined by them from time to time.

If in the opinion of the committee any person shall be guilty of conduct that makes it undesirable that such a person should remain a member of the Society, the Committee may, after affording such person a reasonable opportunity of a hearing, expel such a person from membership without being called upon to state the reason to any but the person concerned and the committee’s decision shall be final, subject to any rights under the Grand National Archery Society’s Constitution.

The society’s annual subscription shall be decided on at each and every Annual General Meeting for the ensuing year.

The society shall collect all annual subscriptions due by members, and shall pay to the Grand National Archery Society such proportion, as are agreed upon from time to time.

A person being a member of more than one club within the region is required to pay only one G.N.A.S. subscription.

GNAS Subscription

All GNAS subscriptions shall become due on the 1st September each year.

The management of the society's affairs shall be entrusted to a committee, which shall consist of:

- Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- All fully paid up members.

Other officers may be elected as and when required for the organisation of Tournaments, Coaching, and Public Relations etc.

All officers of committee shall hold office for one year, as from their election at the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election or co-option as the case may be.

All funds of the Society not immediately required for payments or purchases of goods, services, etc shall be invested into the approved saving account(s) of the Society. Such account(s) will require a minimum of two signatures for withdrawals. All property of the Society shall be retained at the nominated shooting venues of the Society.

In the case of an emergency, the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, shall have the powers to act in the best interests of the Society. The committee shall meet at least once a year and at any other time it is deemed appropriate.

At a general meeting four members shall constitute a quorum.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of March at a place to be determined by the committee.

At all meetings each member having attained the age of 18 years, shall be entitled to one vote and there shall be no voting by proxy.

The Chairman shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie. Eight members shall constitute a quorum at the Annual General Meeting. Not less than fourteen days notice of any General meeting shall be sent to each member indicating the purpose of the meeting and any proposals intended to be moved.

The committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting.

The committee shall cause to be prepared and shall present to the members for approval at the Annual General Meeting, the Society's Balance sheet at the 31st of December of the preceding year, together

with the income and expenditure account for the year ended on that date. Duly certified by the Treasurer and a relevant independent professional individual.

RULES

The Society recognises the Grand National Archery Society as the governing body of archery throughout the United Kingdom.

No archer, unless a member or associate member of the Grand National Archery Society or of The Federation International De Tir a L'Arc, may compete in any archery meeting promoted under the jurisdiction of the Society.

The qualification for shooting within the region is covered by the rules of the Grand National Archery Society and shall be recognised by all members of the Society.

The constitution and Rules of the Society shall not be altered or amended, except at a General Meeting convened in accordance with Clause 18 and shall be passed by a majority out of those attending and voting at the General Meeting. Any member proposing any addition to or alteration of the Constitution and Rules shall send notice thereof, in writing to the secretary one month prior to the General Meeting.

Only amateurs are eligible to compete for the awards and honours in any tournament organised by the Society.

Discretionary power is given to the Committee to decide any circumstances not covered by these rules.

DISSOLUTION

Should the Society be dissolved or cease to exist for any reason whatsoever, if at the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any remaining funds and properties shall be held by three trustees elected at an Extraordinary General Meeting. There will be no distribution of funds or property among members. The three shall hold the funds and properties until such time as another Society is formed in Darlington or if no other club is formed within a suitable time frame then the funds and property is passed on to another archery club having similar objectives as the Society.

APPENDIX A

All subscriptions are payable to "The Gentleman and Lady Archers of Darlington".

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

The membership fee will be reviewed on an annual basis for both junior 9 years to 17 years and seniors 18 years and over.

Honorary Life Member will not pay any annual membership fees.

BEGINNERS COURSE

The Society will endeavour to run a beginners course at least once a year to encourage and promote the development of archery in the area. Costs for courses will be reviewed annually.

G.N.A.S/D.N.A.A FEE

After completing a beginner's course with the Society, any individual who becomes a member of the Society must pay this fee, which includes a premium for G.N.A.S. insurance cover. This is essential for entry in tournament or club activity.

THE RULE IS NO G.N.A.S. NUMBER, NO SHOOTING