



## **The Grand National Archery Society**

### **Code of Practice for Archery Demonstrations**

**If you are involved in such an event we cannot stress too much that SAFETY MUST BE YOUR PRIME CONCERN.**

**GNAS Public Liability Insurance covers demonstrations at fetes, gymkhanas, charity events and so on, provided the GNAS Code of Practice is adhered to. If we wish to keep this protection, indeed to be able to obtain insurance at all, great care must be exercised at all times.**

1. The event should be operated by a GNAS club and properly recorded in the Club's minutes prior to the event.
2. If it is impractical to provide first aid facilities at the event, ensure you are aware of the nearest first aid facilities. The provision of a telephone, which could be used in an emergency, or certainly making yourself aware of the nearest telephone should be a priority.
3. An accident book (the Club's accident book is sufficient) must be available at the event. Any incident, however slight and whether or not it may result in an insurance claim must be recorded. The information recorded should include names and addresses of all persons involved and any witnesses. A copy of this information should be sent to the GNAS insurance brokers via the GNAS office within 7 days of the incident.
4. Each target boss should be securely anchored so that it cannot blow off its stand. Likewise stands must be anchored to prevent them from blowing over.
5. Shooting must be at no more than 60 yards and the GNAS Rules of Shooting concerning safety areas must be observed at all times.
6. An experienced non-shooting GNAS adult member must take overall control of the demonstration and only experienced GNAS members must shoot.
7. The supervisory GNAS adult member must ensure it is not possible for the public to pass behind the targets into a danger area or indeed walk across the shooting area. Both sides of the ranges must be adequately roped off and responsible adults should be appointed to watch each side of the range to ensure this does not happen. (Please refer to GNAS rules of shooting).
8. Always check that the area is clear before and during shooting. A clear signal must be given to indicate it is safe to shoot immediately prior to arrows being shot. A second signal should also be given to indicate that shooting should be brought to a halt either for the collection of arrows or for safety reasons.

**It is important to remember that any financial gain (excluding reasonable expenses) from such an event should be made to the subscribed club and not to an individual person. This is a requirement of the GNAS Public Liability Insurance policy.**