

# OAKRIDGE ARCHERS

## CONSTITUTION

This constitution dated 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 replaces the constitution adopted on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011.

### PREAMBLE

Oakridge Archers (the Club) exists to foster and promote Field Archery as a sport in which archers enjoy themselves by shooting at inanimate objects of suitable sizes, placed at distances unknown to the archers, set in natural undulating terrain populated by trees and shrubbery and with few or no clear-laned targets.

The Club believes that Field Archery being originally devised to simulate hunting and to provide as much pleasure as possible in the practice of the sport, all courses should be constructed with this in mind.

The Club believes that in the true spirit of Field Archery, the archer is competing against himself, the field, the peculiarities of the terrain, the organizers design and layout of the round with the natural objects and obstacles that have been included.

1. The Club shall be called Oakridge Archers and will be registered with the National Field Archery Society (NFAS)
2. The Objects of the Club shall be as set forth in the preamble
3. Membership is open to any archer willing to abide by the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Club and paying the current annual membership fees to the Club (renewable by the 1<sup>st</sup> March each year) and NFAS.
4. The Committee reserves the right to suspend, withdraw or refuse membership to any person or persons who act in a manner to the detriment or wellbeing of the Club. The reasons for any such action will only be disclosed to the person or persons involved, and those person/persons may appeal to the Committee and attend in person at a private meeting with the Committee whose final decision will be binding.
5. The Business of the club shall be conducted in accordance with the wishes of the members as expressed at the Annual General Meeting.
6. The Annual General Meeting shall be held annually, usually between January 1<sup>st</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>. The agenda shall include:
  - a) Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
  - b) Officers Reports
  - c) Election of Officers
  - d) Any resolutions duly submitted

The time and venue of the AGM shall be circulated by the Secretary not less than four weeks prior to the date of the meeting. Resolutions and Nominations, proposed and seconded, shall be forwarded to reach the Secretary not later than three weeks prior to the meeting. The Agenda shall be circulated to all members not later than two weeks prior to the meeting and the Accounts will be presented at the meeting.

7. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee, or any three members signing a request and giving the reason in writing to the Chairman or Secretary, with notice and the purpose being given to the membership by the Secretary two weeks prior to the meeting. Voting, etc. will be in accordance with the AGM rules, noted above.
8. The Committee of the Club shall be Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Field/Safety Officer, Deputy Field Officer, Equipment Officer and up to two Committee Members. They shall be elected by ballot at the AGM to serve for a period of 3 years, except the two Committee Members which are one year terms. Elections will not be held for all posts at anyone time, but over a cycle of 3 years, with 2 or 3 officers being elected each year. In exceptional circumstances this will be waived at the discretion of the Committee. Any officers who stands down is eligible for re-election.
9. The Committee shall meet from time to time as necessary for the satisfactory conduct of the Club's business.
10. Decisions shall be made by simple majority vote except as laid down in Item 14. At General Meetings, voting will be by a show of hands, each adult member present having one vote on any decision. Members below the age of 16 will not be allowed to vote. The Chairman shall have only a casting vote. A quorum shall be four committee members at any Committee Meeting and a majority at any AGM or EGM.
11. The Safety Rules of the Club and NFAS must be carefully observed at all times and in all places.
12. Winding Up of the Club – (In the event of Oakridge Archers being wound up) All the assets of Oakridge Archers are to be donated to local NFAS clubs at the discretion of the members after any outstanding accounts have been settled.
13. This Constitution can only be revised or amended at a General Meeting of the Club, or any EGM.
14. The Preamble to this constitution may only be amended by a majority of the adult members attending at any AGM or EGM.

## OAKRIDGE ARCHERS By-Laws

As at 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (This replaces By-Laws dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011)

1. Annual membership is renewable each year by 1<sup>st</sup> March.
2. The current fee is £50.00 per adult, and £25 per junior up to and including the membership year in which their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday occurs.
3. No dogs are allowed on the grounds at any time.
4. Any non-shooting visitors must be Associate members of the NFAS.
5. The Club operates a Children and Vulnerable Adults policy in keeping with that of NFAS.