

# OAKRIDGE ARCHERS

Shrigley Hall  
Nr Bollington  
Macclesfield

## CONSTITUTION

This constitution dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 replaces the constitution adopted on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2006.

### 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 affiliated to the National Field Archery Society (N.F.A.S.)
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 affiliation fees to the Club (renewable at the 1<sup>st</sup> March each year) and the N.F.A.S.
  - 3.1 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 well being 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.

4. **The Business** of the Club shall be conducted in accord with the wishes of the members as expressed at the Annual General Meeting.
5. **A General Meeting** shall be held annually, usually between March 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>. The agenda shall include:
  - a) Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting;
  - b) Officers Reports;
  - c) Election of Officers;
  - d) Any resolutions duly submitted.

The time and venue of the A.G.M. shall be circulated by the Hon. 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 Hon. 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.

5.1 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 Hon. Secretary, with notice and the purpose being given to the membership by the Hon. Secretary two weeks prior to the meeting. Voting, etc. will be in accordance with the A.G.M. rules, noted above.

6. **The Committee** of the Club shall be Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Treasurer, Field/Safety Officer, and up to three General Officers. They shall be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting to serve for a period of 3 years when they shall stand down but be eligible for re-election. Elections will not be held simultaneously 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.
7. **The Committee** shall meet from time to time as necessary for the satisfactory conduct of the Club's business.
8. **Decisions** shall be made by simple majority vote except as laid down in Item 12. At General Meetings voting will be by a show of hands, each senior 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.
9. **The Safety Rules** of the Club and N.F.A.S. must be carefully observed at all times and in all places.

10. **Winding Up of the Club** - (In the event of Oakridge Archers being wound up).

All assets of Oakridge Archers to be donated to the N.F.A.S. committee after any outstanding accounts have been settled.

11. **This Constitution** can only be revised or amended at a General Meeting of the Club, or any E.G.M.

12. **The Preamble** to this constitution may only be amended by a majority of seventy-five percent of the membership

## **OAKRIDGE ARCHERS By-Laws**

As at 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 (This replaces By-Laws dated 1<sup>st</sup> March 2006)

- 1, Annual membership is renewable each year on 1<sup>st</sup> March.
  - 1.1 The current fee is £25.00 per adult. Reductions for partners, other members of the same family, juniors and others may be decided by the committee as the need arises.
2. The current grounds are rented from the Shrigley Hall Hotel and all of their rules shall be upheld by all members of the Club.
  - 2.1 Show courtesy and etiquette at all times to golfers playing on the golf course;
  - 2.2 No dogs are allowed on the grounds at any time.
3. Any non-shooting visitors must be Associate members of the N.F.A.S., unless dispensation is given for one-off visits sanctioned by the Committee.
4. Any N.F.A.S. Independent Member may be asked to provide evidence of competency at archery before being given permission to shoot on the clubs ground.
5. The Club operates a Children and Vulnerable Adults policy.