

Laois Archery

General Policies



Policy Statement

The following document is a guide to general policies for the club regarding practice sessions (including individual and club training), and covering anything not laid out in other policies. As with all of the club's policies, this document should act as a guide to proper behaviour in the club context. If you are unsure as to how any part of this document should be interpreted, please ask a committee member before taking action. There will always be a committee member present at club training, and the names and email addresses of all committee members are displayed on the Laois Archery website under the committee tab.

This document should not be viewed independently of Laois Archery's other policies, and is not an exhaustive resource. It may be changed or added to at any point at the discretion of the committee.

Basic Rules for Laois Archery Members

Laois Archery members are expected to follow the policies of the club at all times. It is important to remember that your actions may affect other archers and the reputation of the club, and by sticking to the club policies you can ensure that archery remains a fun and safe activity for all practitioners.

As well as the policies, there are some general rules that Laois Archery members should follow when attending training or practising individually.

General Rules

- All archers must be members of (or currently enrolled in a beginner's course for) IFAF or another recognised archery body.
- All archers must have undergone (or be currently undergoing) a safety course run by IFAF or another recognised archery body.
- Archers under 17 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.
- Respectful behaviour is expected at all times.
- Archers should check all equipment before shooting.
- Do not touch another archer's equipment without permission.
- Long hair should be tied back and appropriate clothing should be worn. No loose sleeves, hoodie strings, etc.
- While removing arrows from targets, be aware of others around you so as to avoid injury. Similarly, when near someone who is pulling arrows, keep clear of them so as to not be injured.

In The Hall

- Archers should be actively listening for the instructions of the line captain at all times.
- A bow must never be loaded until the archer is on the line and the line captain has given the all-clear for shooting to begin.
- An arrow must never be loosed until the archer is on the line and the line captain has given the all-clear for shooting to begin.

- An archer should never lean over or cross the line until the line captain has given the all-clear for arrows to be collected.
- Be aware that other people may be shooting while you are not, and allow them the opportunity to concentrate by keeping noise levels low.
- Be aware of the small amount of space behind the line, and avoid running or horseplay.

In The Woods

- Archers must be aware of any course restrictions (e.g. targets not to be used) before making their way out into the woods.
- When individually training, archers must use the Member's WhatsApp group **and** the sign-in sheet to alert other archers to the fact that they will be in the woods.
- Archers must hang the 'Archery in Progress' sign on the gate while they are training in the woods.
- When leaving the woods after training, archers must lock the gate and return the 'Archery in Progress' sign to its storage place.
- If using equipment from the containers, archers must ensure that the container is locked before they leave.
- Any maintenance issues should be reported to the committee as soon as possible so that they can be fixed promptly.

Fees and Rates

Laois Archery operates on a membership system. Non-members may use Laois Archery facilities and attend training only with permission from the committee on a case-by-case basis. Permission must be granted each time a non-member uses club facilities, regardless of prior usage.

Membership Fees

The club membership fee goes directly towards club overheads, such as the cost of running competitions, have-a-go's, and improving our facilities. This is a yearly fee, and must be paid to continue being a member of Laois Archery. This is separate to the IFAF membership fee, which must be paid directly to IFAF.

Adult	Child	Family
€20	€10	€40

Attendance Fees

The attendance fee for training or individual practice in the woods goes directly towards the costs of renting the hall and maintaining the woods. However, no family should pay more than €20 in one week in attendance fees, regardless of the amount of time spent training or the number of people in attendance at a time.

Adult (Hall)	Child (Hall)	Adult (Woods)	Child (Woods)
€5	€5	€5	€5