

## Frequently asked (and not asked) questions.

Q. Where do I get a club shirt/hoodie?

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Q. When can I enter competitions? Do I have to be a certain standard?

A. You can enter competitions as soon as you feel confident enough, you do not have to achieve a certain standard first. For outdoor competitions, you should be confident of hitting the target at the various distances.

Q. How do I find out about competitions?

A. Entry forms are available for local competitions on the DNAA web site, they are also usually on the notice board in the hut if it's outdoors, in the tuck box if it's indoors.

Q. How do I enter?

A. Fill the entry form in, enclose a cheque for the fee and send it to the Tournament Organiser. (Update 2016 -) Some clubs now use 'on-line' entry payments so you may find that you are directed by the County web site to a company dealing with payments. Before you click on an entry payment be sure that you have all relevant details at hand before starting a payment.

Q. What do I need to take?

A. Indoors: Shooting equipment, a chair, food and drink. Outdoors: As for indoors plus warm clothing, wet weather clothing and footwear, sunblock – yes we do need it sometimes!!!! Arrive in good time to set your equipment up. Ask advice from experienced archers.

Q. Where can I get advice on equipment?

A. Ask any of the coaches, experienced archers can often advise too.

Q. Can I get coaching?

A. It's often difficult to coach members on club sessions, especially indoors. We hold regular coaching nights over the winter months when beginner's courses aren't on, come along to any of those.

Q. How can I become a coach?

A. Contact the County Coaching Organiser – Kath Hall is the current one.

Q. How can I become a Judge?

A. Contact the County Judge Liaison officer via the DNAA web site.

### *And the older questions I used to start the FAQ page:*

Q. How do I start Archery?

A. Most often you would start by taking a beginner's course with a club. It is highly unlikely that you would be able to join a club 'off the street' so to say. The only other alternative is if you have a previous history of archery and had been a member of our governing body, perhaps with another club?

Q. My children want to try, are they too young?

A. Many clubs, like ours, limits the starting age to '10 or over'. By this age, usually, children have enough strength to pull a bow and learn the skills required to shoot accurately.

Q. I did archery on holiday, with the scouting movement etc. Does this count as a beginner's course?

A. No! The courses we run are defined by our governing body and the same course at any club nationally should include the same technical and safety information.

Q. Must I join a club once I've completed a beginner's course?

A. To CONTINUE archery with a club, then yes you must join the 'society' through a club, but it doesn't have to be with the club that supplied the course. Usually you will receive a certificate to confirm suitable completion of the course. This should be valid at other clubs.

Q. What is a 'Novice'?

A. We define a novice as someone who is still in the first full year of archery. It is NOT an indication of standard achieved. NOTE: in a 'Novice' competition the definition may vary so check your entry form.

Q. Must I enter competitions?

A. NO! Archery clubs do not function like, for example, football clubs. In archery clubs, you may meet anyone from Novice to Olympic standard and there is little segregation. You are not obliged to take it quite as seriously as others at your club so are not obliged to enter competitions but also accept that some club members do enjoy competition and will take every opportunity to enter one.

Q. Could I get coaching help once I join?

A. YES! However, you must give something in return. Very few coaches ask for payment for their services but ALL will expect you to make the effort to practice what you are told to improve.

Q. What about the cost, how much is it?

A. This depends on the club you join. Currently this club pays an annual fee. Some for the National body, some for the region and some for the county, plus a little for the club. (see 'fees and venues' page.) After this we pay on a per session basis. What are often called 'Target Fees'. Other clubs may have different systems. For example, you may be asked to pay a sum each month and no target fee. If you use a club frequently this may prove cost effective?

Q. Do I need my own bow?

A. Killingworth Archers try to help you avoid a bigger outlay at the start as many people are enthusiastic only to find that they have insufficient time to do all the things that they want, and archery gets neglected. We employ a 'loan' scheme of reasonable equipment, but only for those in our club. We do not loan equipment outside the club.