

Derbyshire League Shoots

Some background;

The distance and round is a Long Western which is 4 Dozen arrows @ 80 yds and 4 dozen arrows @ 60 yds.

Don't worry if you cannot reach this distance as other distances will be available, i.e. a Western which is 4 doz @ 60 and 4 doz @ 50, Short Western 4 doz @50 and 40, Junior Western 4 doz @ 40 and 30 and Short Junior Western 4 doz @ 30 and 20.

The team score is made from the best scores on the day and there are five teams comprising, 5 recurve, 3 compound, 3 longbow, 3 junior (although the junior must shoot age appropriate round to qualify) and 5 for the handicap team (and that's score handicap by the way!) All shooting club members are eligible for the handicap team whether or not they shoot the full distance or age appropriate distance round.

Age appropriate distances are:

	Boys	Girls
U18	60/50	50/40
U16	50/40	40/30
U14	40/30	30/20
U12	30/20	30/20

Now some etiquette!

Team shirts (if you happen to have one but not vital) or team colours are supposed to be worn, but again not essential, and footwear must enclose the front of the foot - so no sandals in the summer. Jeans and camo pattern trousers are not permitted at some shoots, although league shoots are a little more relaxed regarding jeans.

I would suggest that you try to get there at least one hour before the time given for sighters. Sighters are at 1.00pm. That gives you time to get set up and settled in and chat and have your lunch.

There will be three lines marked out on the range, the shooting line, five yards behind that the waiting line and five yards behind that the tent line.

All tents, bag, chairs and paraphernalia must be kept behind the tent line.

Your bow and stand is left in the space between the tent line and waiting line and archers can also stand about in this space – just look around you and see what other archers are doing and don't crowd their space!

Mobile phones must be on silent/vibrate alert. Even the most seasoned archer forgets this and the phone will only ever ring at the most inappropriate time!

There are usually four archers to a target (unless you shoot longbow and there could be six).

Score boards are set out in front of the targets along the shooting line and you will need to add your name to the score board in front of your selected target – they are numbered.

Archers shoot two at a time and in rotation. So, if you and your "partner" shoot first, on the next six arrows the other pair shoots first. So A & B approach the line shoot three, C & D shoot three, A & B shoot three and C & D shoot three. When you have scored, the next arrows are C & D Shoot three, followed by A & B, etc etc. so you are always rotating, the other archers on the target will put you right! It is custom for "C" to do the scoring, but you usually come to some agreement between yourselves, and even possibly change scorers at change of distance if you want to.

When you are on the line please remember that other archers around you will not appreciate chatter on the shooting line, when you approach or leave the shooting line please check the archers either side of you, if they are at full draw do not approach or depart until they have loosed the arrow.

If you have completed your shot and are to leave the shooting line please check that you are not the penultimate person to leave. If you leaving the shooting line leaves just one archer shooting it is nice if you stay on the shooting line until they have completed their shots.

When you are at the target scoring, call your arrows in sets of three – always highest to lowest- and point to your arrow when calling, but never touch the arrow or target face until all the scores are recorded. Similarly only collect your arrows, that have missed, from behind the target once all scores have been recorded.

When the final end has been recorded and the arrows pulled it is usual to thank the person who has scored and those that have pulled the arrows or just "thank you for shooting (putting up)with me" as appropriate.

Where the host club has provided NEW faces for the shoot, all visiting Clubs pay a donation of £1.00 per archer. If the host club supply used faces there is no charge.

At the end of the shoot, depending on the venue , when you have packed your belongings away there is sometimes tea and biscuits in the clubhouse where we all wait around for the scores, when these have been read out it's home time!

But most of all enjoy yourself and if you are unsure ASK!