

WELLAND VALLEY ARCHERS

CONSTITUTION

- 1) Name – The Club shall be called “Welland Valley Archers”

- 2) Object – To promote and encourage participation in the sport of archery.

- 3) Committee – The business of the Club shall be conducted by a Committee of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Junior Representative and such other members as may be determined at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Committee shall be elected at the AGM to serve for one year. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional Committee members as and when it deems necessary. Said additional Committee members may be given voting or non-voting status at the Committee’s discretion. Decisions can only be taken when a quorum of at least fifty percent of the Committee eligible to vote is present. The Committee shall meet at least once a quarter. All motions at meetings of the Committee shall be decided by a simple majority vote. In the event of a tie the Chairman shall have, in addition, a casting vote. Should the Chairman not be present, then those present shall elect a Chairman from amongst themselves.

- 4) General Meetings – A General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year no later than two months after the close of the financial year. At each General Meeting all members of the Club may vote. Any proposed change to the Constitution shall be decided only at an AGM or Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM). An EGM may be called by the Committee or by 25% of the members in writing to the Secretary who must convene the meeting within one month.

- 5) Membership – New members must be approved by the Committee but membership shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of archery, on application, regardless of sex, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis. The Committee may refuse or remove membership, but only for good reason such as safety, conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made via an EGM - please see disciplinary/appeals procedure. Every member shall be supplied with a copy of the Constitution and have access to the Grand National Archery Society (GNAS) Rules of Shooting. Junior members shall only be admitted from the age of 8 years and when sponsored by an adult member. When shooting they have to be accompanied by an adult until the age of 13 years.

6) Child Protection – Welland Valley Archers will adopt and maintain a Child Protection Policy. A copy of the Policy and Procedures will be issued to all members, including parents/guardians of junior members.

7) A) Club Subscriptions - The annual Club subscription and target fees shall be decided at the AGM or EGM and are payable on 1st April. The Treasurer shall write to inform members who have not renewed their Club subscriptions two months after they are due, if the subscriptions are still not paid one month later members will be said to have resigned from the Club.

New members will pay on a pro rata basis

B) Archery GB Subscriptions – Archery GB, EMAS (Regional) and L&RCAA (County) subscriptions (which are in addition to Club subscriptions) are due no later than 1st October. To comply with Archery GB regulations, that all shooting members must be members of Archery GB, the Treasurer will collect these fees in a timely manner in order to meet Archery GB deadlines.

New members will pay on a pro rata basis as stated by Archery GB.

8) Finance – The financial year shall end on 31st December. At each AGM the Treasurer shall submit for approval by the meeting a Statement of Accounts audited by a member who is not a member of the Committee at the time of the audit. Purchase of Club equipment shall be sanctioned by the Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Committee. The Treasurer will recommend to the Committee, for approval, investment of monies not immediately required for day to day operating purposes. In raising funds the Club shall not undertake any permanent trading activities. The income and property of the Club shall only be used to promote the objects of the Club.

9) Disbandment – In the event of disbandment of Welland Valley Archers all fully paid up members shall receive one share per year of membership, 1st February to 31st January. Debts also to be paid by the same formula.

10) Affiliation – The Club shall be affiliated to the County and Regional Societies acting as branches of GNAS and shall abide by the Constitution and Rules of GNAS.

11) Visitors – Visiting members of GNAS shall be allowed to shoot whilst accompanied by a member of the Club on payment of the standard target fee.