



Keyworth Archers

Lost Arrow Procedure (Outdoor Venues)

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Introduction

This is a guide to dealing with arrows lost at the club's outdoor venues.

Procedure

To ensure that our archery sessions run smoothly, and that people have sufficient time to shoot and score rounds at busy times, the following guidelines have been agreed:

1. Remember the rules for arrows - outdoors, **your arrows should have enough metal to be picked up by a metal detector**. So aluminium, alloy and carbon/aluminium arrows are best, or you can add some aluminium tape to a non-metallic arrow. Wooden arrows are an exception as they don't usually become buried, but see **note 7** below.
2. It may seem obvious, but **make sure you know how many arrows you have in your quiver** before you start shooting, and check that nobody has collected your arrows by mistake after shooting.
3. If you lose an arrow, try to **limit your initial search to 5 minutes**. Take the club's metal detector with you, and **ask others present to help you** find your arrow.

After the initial search, you should only search while other archers are actively scoring and collecting arrows. This avoids holding up the session more than is necessary.
4. If your arrow remains lost, you should continue to search **after the end of the session** until the arrow is found.

5. If you still haven't found your arrow and you need to leave the venue (or it gets dark), you should:
 - **mark the target position on the field** with a single small 'X' using line marking paint, so that the search can be continued in the same area at the next session.
 - **notify a committee member** so that the lost arrow can be recorded.
 - **arrive early at the next session** to find the missing arrow before the session starts.
6. Any 'permanently lost' arrows will need to be reported to the venue management. The club may also have a duty to report the loss to the Insurance Officer at Archery GB in case of a future claim against the club.
7. Losing arrows more than half a dozen times in a session is usually a sign that you need to improve your technique. We strongly suggest that you practise at a shorter distance where you can reliably hit the target with your arrows.