

## Rules of the Derbyshire County League (Senior, Junior and Handicap)

- 1 The competition will be open to all archery clubs affiliated to the Derbyshire County Archery Association.
  - 2 Shooting will be under Grand National Archery Society rules.
  - 3 The round to be shot will be determined at the AGM.
  - 4 The starting time for League matches will normally be 1.00pm, but the host club may elect to start at a later time. A match is deemed to commence when the Field Captain calls for sighters.
  - 5 Fixtures will be arranged by the League Secretary.
  - 6 The fixtures will allow each Club to shoot once against each other Club during the competition.
  - 7 The fixtures will provide for the shooting of matches on four specified Sundays; 3rd in May, 2nd in June, July and September. Matches will be shot on the specified Sundays and on no other days, unless postponed as a result of inclement weather or in accordance with Rule 14.
  - 8 Visitors will pay their hosts before sighters 75p per capita fee (senior and junior), and hosts will provide new faces.
  - 9 The Secretaries of visiting clubs should contact the Secretary of their host club at least **fourteen** days prior to the date of a fixture with information of the number of archers they will be fielding and the rounds Juniors will be shooting.
  - 10 In the event of a match being postponed/abandoned through inclement weather, a new date must be fixed at the earliest opportunity between the Secretaries of the clubs concerned and such new date must be within **twenty eight** days of the postponed/abandoned match. If it cannot be resolved within **twenty eight** days, the match will be deemed a draw.
- 11a Where, after a match has commenced and, as a result of inclement weather, it is, in the opinion of the Field captain impossible or un-reasonable to continue shooting the match, the Field Captain may declare the match abandoned.
- b Before making any such declaration, the Field Captain shall have regard to any representations made to him by any of the participating clubs and shall call together the Secretaries or, in the absence of the Secretaries, such persons as are nominated by the participating clubs to speak on behalf of the clubs, and inform them that he is considering the abandonment of the match.
- c Upon deciding to abandon the match, the Field Captain will communicate his decision to the Secretaries, or the persons nominated by the participating clubs or, if for any reason this is not possible, to at least **one** member of each participating club who is present at, and shooting in, the match provided such members have remained at the venue of the shoot and are available to be told by the Field Captain of his decision. In the absence of such Secretaries, nominees or members of any participating club or clubs, the Field Captain shall be deemed to have discharged his responsibility under this paragraph.
- d In order that there should be no doubt that a match has been abandoned, the Field Captain shall call upon the Target Captains to deliver to him the score sheets which he will forthwith destroy. In the event of a score sheet or sheets not being so delivered, then the sheet or sheets as the case may be, shall be deemed to have been destroyed and will cease to have any effect in connection with that shoot or for any matter in connection with the Derbyshire County League.
- e Scores obtained up to the moment of the abandonment of a match shall be disregarded for all purposes in connection with the Derbyshire County League.
- f Abandoned matches will be re-arranged as in the case with postponed matches.

12 Clubs unable for any reason, to shoot their matches according to the fixtures will forfeit the matches to the club(s) concerned. In addition the defaulting club(s) will forfeit points previously gained or have points debited against them as laid down below:

- 2 points in the case of a two way match
- 4 points in the case of a three way match
- 6 points in the case of a four way match

13 Where a match is between two clubs and only one such club defaults, the remaining club will, for the purpose of the aggregate, shoot, and will do so in the presence of an observer which the defaulting club should be asked to provide and in the event of an observer not being forthcoming, the scores should be accepted. The round may be shot either on the home ground of the remaining club or some other ground of that club's choice.

14 Where a fixture is arranged involving **three or more** clubs and the host club defaults and is unable to provide the field and the targets for the remaining clubs, the venue for the match shall be a matter for mutual agreement between the Secretaries of the remaining clubs, provided that:

- a) if notice of default is given not less than **seven** clear days before the specified Sunday, the venue will be fixed so that the match can be shot on the specified Sunday **or**
- b) if notice of default is given less than **seven** clear days before the specified Sunday, the match and the venue for it may be fixed either for the specified Sunday **or one** of the **two** Sundays immediately following the specified Sunday **or**
- c) in the event of failure to agree upon either venue or day the matter will be decided as provided for in Rule 23.

For the purpose of this rule "Host Club" means a club which has undertaken to provide the field and targets for a match laid down in the fixtures.

15 At each of the shoots, on each specified Sunday, each club will compete against each other club shooting on the same field whom they have not competed against earlier in the year.

16 A club team score shall consist of the highest scores obtained by members of each competing club, as specified below:-

- Five** Recurve scores
- Three** Compound scores
- Three** Longbow scores

Each club will advise the League Secretary in which bow divisions they will be competing prior to the commencement of the season's competition.

17 Only fully paid-up members of a club who are affiliated to the County Association may have their scores included in the aggregate score of that club for the purpose of the leagues.

18 Archers who are members of more than one club affiliated to the Derbyshire County Archery Association will declare to the League Secretary before the first match is shot and in writing, the club for which they intend to shoot for the purpose of this competition.

19 Points counting towards the final placings for the season will be awarded to each club as follows:

- 2 points for each win
- 1 point for each draw

For the purpose of this rule a draw will be declared when the aggregate scores of two teams are equal in:

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- (i) the number of points scored
- (ii) the number of hits recorded
- (iii) the number of golds obtained

in that order.

- 20 The checking of the aggregate scores will be a matter for the clubs concerned, and scores submitted to the League Secretary must be agreed by a representative of the opposing club(s), or in the case of a match shot as provided for in Rule 13, by the observer. The presence on a submitted score sheet, purporting to show the aggregate score obtained by each club, of the signature of the member of an opposing club, or the signature of any person signifying that they acted as an observer at a match shot as provided for in Rule 13 shall be conclusive evidence that that member of an opposing club, or observer, as the case may be, has examined the aggregate score sheet and agreed with it. The League Secretary has discretion to amend results which are mathematically impossible!
- 21 All results will be received by the League Secretary by the clubs concerned by the **fourteenth** day of the month following that in which the match is, or the matches are shot provided that in the case of a match fixed under Rule 14 (b) or (c) the results will be received either by the **fourteenth** day of the month following that for which the match was originally fixed or within **seven** days of the shooting of the re-arranged match, whichever is the later.
- 22 Each club is responsible for ensuring that results obtained by that club against its several opponents are sent to, and received by, the League Secretary within the above time limits.
- 23 Any failure to agree on any point, be it a matter of interpretation of the rules or otherwise, shall be resolved by a sub-committee appointed in accordance with Article 7 of the Derbyshire County Archery Association constitution.
- 24 In the event of failure to agree as set out in Rule 23 only the written submissions of the parties failing to agree will be considered.
- 25 For the purpose of arriving at a clubs' aggregate score for inclusion in the County League table, the League Secretary will set each clubs' score on each appointed day against each of that clubs' designated opponents. The aggregate for the season will be the total of the scores so obtained on each appointed day.
- 26 There will be a Junior league competition for recurve archers under the age of 18 years who have not been included in a Senior league team in the same calendar year. Teams will comprise up to a maximum of the **three** highest scores and Juniors must shoot at least the round appropriate to their age. All other rules of the Senior league will apply to this competition.
- 27 A Handicap league competition is run concurrently with the league which is open to all classes of archer and equipment (including compounds and longbows). Each club is responsible for correctly recording their members handicaps and allowance. The League Secretary has discretion to apply corrected handicap allowances where inconsistencies with submitted scores exist.

The five archers to make the club team are those with the highest adjusted scores. Juniors are eligible for this competition.

In the event that the total adjusted score of two or more competing clubs are tied, the winner will be the team with the highest unadjusted score.

Apart from Rule 16, all other rules of the Senior league will apply to this competition.

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