

# *Cloth of Gold Special Club Rules*

Field Archery Club

July 2019

The club is run according to the rules of the NFAS.

## **Contact numbers for Gaddesden Estate**

Head Gamekeeper (in case of emergency) **078 5090 7367**

Estate Office (during office hours) **01442 252 421**

### **1. Access**

The wood at Gaddesden Estate is available for use from dawn to dusk throughout the year. Our entrance is on the road to the Stables and Cricket Club and we park on the grass outside our entrance. For Open shoots the parking is back by the hedge on the Cricket Club side of the road.

Each parked car must display the club member's ID, and all visitors (except at Open shoots) must display a Visitor card to show that they are attending the club. The estate often checks each car.

Please respect the estate staff and be quiet near the Estate Office where we have our storage.

The rope boundary by the bridle path is the end of our territory.

### **2. Use of the Woods**

For security, all club members must carry their membership card, and check that each person they see on the course also has their card with them.

The woods will usually be closed for course laying for two weeks before an Open shoot. There will no shooting when work is being done on the course. This includes the practice butts.

When shooting the course, once the target has been hit you must move to the next target. Multiple hits on the target are not permitted. With A and B pegs you shoot a maximum of two arrows. This rule does not apply to the practise butts.

IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED that you shoot round the course by yourself. If there is no one else about, you should take your mobile phone and ring a designated person to say you have started round the course, and then ring them again when you have finished.

### **3. Visitors**

Visitors who are members of NFAS may be admitted to shoot on our course provided prior notice is given to the secretary or an officer of the club. The visitor must be accompanied by a club member who will advise on their conduct and explain the club's special rules. They may shoot upon payment of £5 per day for adults, £2.50 per day under 16.

Visitors who are NOT members of NFAS can attend a designated Introduction to Archery day as individuals with an introductory lesson on a one-to-one basis with a club official or coach. We occasionally arrange an Introduction to Archery day for members of a group, cost to be advised.

No member under the age of 18 years is permitted to bring a visitor to the woods to shoot.

#### **4. Wildlife and environment**

Any club member caught shooting at, harming or harassing any of the wildlife will have their membership terminated and any visitor will be refused membership and visitor rights. Be aware of the possibility of ticks carrying Lyme Disease in our woods and wear appropriate clothing.

Be aware that some parts of the course contain bumble bees which nest in the ground.

The landlord cares about his trees. Nails or staples must not be used in trees, and bark must not be damaged when removing arrows.

#### **5. Club Championships or Special Events**

In order to preserve the spirit of the above events, only scores shot on the day and in company with other competitors will be accepted for awards. Shooting the course or part of it before the day will result in disqualification. Club members cannot enter our Open Shoots.

#### **6. New Members**

On their first visit to the club, NFAS members who wish to join the club must be accompanied round the course *once* by a club official to assess their safety. Non-NFAS members must be accompanied up to *three* occasions.

#### **7. Lapsed Membership**

A lapsed member is a member who does not rejoin the club in the club's next year after expiry of their current membership, but wishes to join in a year following. This member will be treated as a new member and will have to complete an application form, and follow the procedures as for a new member.

#### **8. Minimum Age for Membership**

For reasons of safety the minimum age for individual membership to the Cloth of Gold will be 16 years. Children aged 8 to 16 may become club members as part of a family so their shooting parent/guardian joins at the same time and accompanies them at all times while in the wood.

A visitor to the wood under the age of 16 years is one who attends for the clubs' official Open Shoots only and must have an NFAS membership card.

#### **9. Drinking/Smoking**

No alcohol or controlled substances are to be consumed at the wood by any club member or visitor. Consumption of the above outside of the club's premises, and then attending to shoot, is also forbidden.

No smoking is allowed in the wood. Sand buckets are provided at the entrance for cigarette butts.

Contravention of these rules will result in the offender being escorted from the wood. If this rule is disregarded a second time, in the case of a club member, their club membership will be terminated.