



DORSET AND WILTSHIRE ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

Revised 2014

GENERAL

- 1 The Association shall be called The Dorset and Wiltshire Archery Association, (herein after referred to as the Association).
- 2 The object of the Association shall be the encouragement, promotion and organisation of Archery in the counties of Dorset and Wiltshire in all its forms other than Bow Hunting. The Association shall be recognised as the governing body of Archery under the rules and constitution of the Grand Western Archery Society (GWAS) and the Grand National Archery Society (GNAS), trading as Archery GB (AGB). The shooting rules of the Association shall be those prescribed in the GNAS Rules of Shooting.

Archery Clubs and similar organisations whose members are affiliated through them to the Association shall not include in their Constitutions any provisions which conflict with those of the Association.

- 3 The postal Address of the Association shall be that of the Honorary Secretary.
- 4 The constitution of the Association may only be altered at a General Meeting, notice being deposited with the Secretary in accordance with item 16 and 18 herein.

MEMBERSHIP

- 5 The Association shall consist of the following members:-
 - (a) Full Members: Any person resident in Dorset or Wiltshire, or a Member of a Club situated in Dorset or Wiltshire who has paid their fees to the Association, GWAS, and GNAS/AGB.
 - (b) Junior Associated Club: A Junior Club, as defined by GNAS/AGB, that has paid its fee to the Association, GWAS and GNAS/AGB.
 - (c) Associated Members (shooting): Any person who has nominated in accordance with GNAS/AGB Rules to shoot for the Association and has paid their fees to the Association, GWAS and GNAS/AGB.
 - (d) Associate Member (non shooting): Any person who has paid their fees to the Association.
 - (e) Honorary Member: The Association has the right at an AGM to honour a person by paying their Association Membership for any period nominated.

All Members shall accept the jurisdiction of the Association and shall conform to such conditions, rules and regulations as may be determined by the Association.

- 6 If, in the opinion of the committee, any Member or Club of the Association is deemed guilty of any conduct which makes it undesirable to the Association for that Member or Club to remain a Member of the Association, the committee may recommend to a General Meeting of the Association that the Club or Member be expelled or suspended from the Association and if the General Meeting requires the expulsion, this shall be considered immediately effective. Such expelled parties may apply for readmission to the Association after a period of not less than eleven months after expulsion or a period of suspension. After expulsion, readmission is only allowed by the AGM. Monies paid to the Association by the expelled party, will be forfeited by the party.

MANAGEMENT

- 7 The management of the Association shall be vested in the committee, all of whom shall be Full Association Members, which shall consist of :-

President.	Chairman.	Honorary Secretary.
Honorary Treasurer.	Tournament Organisers.	Protection Officer
County Coaching Organiser.	Judges' Liaison Officer.	Equipment Officer.
Senior Records Officer.	Junior Records Officer.	
Senior Team Manager.	Junior Team Manager/Rep.	
Representatives of the Association to GWAS Council.		

The above shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, except the President who shall be elected for a period of three years. If there are no nominations for Tournament Organiser or Coaching Organiser, the committee may co-opt appropriately. The posts shall be considered effective immediately.

- 8 In the absence of the Chairman the committee shall elect a Chairman from the meeting. The duties of the Chairman being vested thus: shall have the casting vote.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 9 Not less than five members of the committee shall constitute a quorum which must include two of the following, Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer the meeting having been called by the usual practice
- 10 The Committee may co-opt up to three additional members, with a right to vote.
- 11 In case of emergency, any two of the; Chairman, Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer shall have the full powers to act on behalf of the Association, but must report such actions to the committee.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 12 Subscriptions to the Association shall be fixed from time to time at General Meetings, and any changes reported to the Secretaries of Clubs within the Association and to Associate Members. Subscriptions shall be due at the same time as those of GWAS and GNAS/AGB, and shall be paid to the Honorary Treasurer. If applicable any member of the Association, whose subscription has not been paid by the above date shall cease to be a member and may only be re-admitted if the committee can be shown good reason for non payment.

ASSETS

- 13 All assets; equipment, trophies etc, are the responsibility of the Committee.
- 14 A person, who does not have to be a member of the Association, shall examine the accounts of the Association annually for the financial year.

GENERAL MEETINGS

- 15 All Members of the Association may vote at General Meetings.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 16 Notice of any propositions for the AGM shall be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary, by the Committee or the proposer and seconder no later than 28 days before the AGM in order that they may be included in the calling notice of the meeting.
- 17 An AGM shall be held in the autumn. Not less than 21 days notice in writing shall be sent to Club Secretaries and to Associate Members. Members affiliated through Clubs shall be notified by their Club Secretaries.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held for:-

Chairman's Report.
Honorary Secretary's Report.
Honorary Treasurer's Report, which shall include an independently verified presentation of the accounts of the Association.
Review of the Constitution.
Motions received by the Honorary Secretary.
Election of Officers.
Any Other Business.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

- 18 The Committee may, or at the request of any two members, call an extraordinary General Meeting.

The demand and reason for such a meeting shall be deposited with the Honorary Secretary for seven clear days. During which time the Honorary Secretary will issue a calling notice to all Club Secretaries and Associate Members, advising them of the demand and its reason, and giving at least 21 days notice of the subsequent General Meeting.

TOURNAMENTS

- 19 The Association shall promote and organise annually, when possible, a County Championship Open Meeting, and such other tournaments as the committee may decide.
- 20 Only Association Members may compete for County Awards.
- 21 Any Archer selected to represent the Association must be a paid up member of the Association.
- 22 Should an event for which a trophy or trophies are awarded be discontinued, such trophies shall be re-allocated in accordance with the wishes of the donor, or if this is not possible, in accordance with the spirit in which the original donation was made.

DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 23 In the event that this may occur, an extraordinary general meeting will be held so that decisions affecting the equitable distribution of its assets can be decided.