



DEFINITION OF A CHILD

A child or young person as defined in this policy is **a person under the age of 18.**

Malvern Archers has no minimum age for a Young Person joining the sport. However, before attending an event or joining the Club, a risk assessment should be carried out to ensure the Young Person can fully understand instructions to ensure safety rules are adhered to and activities are within their physical capacity. As a guide only, 10 years of age is a good time to start.

PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

Everyone involved in the Club in any capacity must abide by Archery GB's Safeguarding and Protecting Children and Young People Policy, Procedures, Code of Conduct and guidance relating to young people.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone associated with the Club, this includes the members, committee, volunteers, coaches, officials, visiting clubs, contractors, and service providers.

It is strongly recommended that all concerned refer to ArcheryGB's reference documents on safeguarding. In particular 'Safeguarding and Protecting Children and Young People - Good Practice Guidance'

IN PRACTICE

Normal Shooting Sessions All Young People must be accompanied by a Parent¹ at all times at the Club's ranges and at Club events.

Parents may agree to appoint another person to be responsible for the Young Person whilst at Club ranges or events. This must be done in advance of attending a Club Range or Event and the agreement registered with the Club. As part of the agreement Parents must agree to be contactable and leave appropriate contact details.

Short term: If this agreement is a one-off arrangement for a single, or few occasions, then these may be recorded in the Club Booking sheet.

Long term: If it is to be an ongoing arrangement, then it must be in writing (email) to the Club Secretary detailing the agreement the validity dates and the people involved. The Secretary will enter the agreement details in the Club records and inform the Club Officers, the Club Safeguarding Officer and Coaching Officer that the agreement exists.

Lone Shooting Our outdoor range has 24/7 shooting in private grounds and therefore lone shooting is available within the ArcheryGB rules. The Club does not normally allow lone shooting for Novices² or new members without review from a senior committee member or coach. Also, in the case of Juniors Rule 103 refers. Specifically rules 103 (b) and (c) apply to young people. "Provided that they are an adult member of Archery GB, one parent/guardian alone may supervise their own child(ren)."

Kit Hire The hire agreement for kit to a young person must be signed by the young person and countersigned as Guarantor by the parent.

Approved by CWO:		Adopted by committee:	
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¹ Where reference is made to parents, this includes carers and guardians

² A Novice is any Archer in their first 12 months after their beginners course.