



Archery GB Dogs at Competitions and Events Guidance

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Assistance Dogs

1. Archery is an inclusive sport and Archery GB (AGB) wishes to encourage everyone to take part.
2. AGB acknowledges that some participants may feel the need for the support of an assistance dog whilst participating at an archery competition.
3. Assistance dogs should therefore be welcomed at Archery GB competitions and events, unless prohibited by the landowner for a specific reason and not in breach of discrimination legislation.
4. Anyone wishing to bring an assistance dog to a competition or event should make the organisers aware of this prior to the event.
5. In line with the Archery GB Rules of Shooting (Part 11, Approved Policy on Rules of Shooting that concern archers with disabilities), assistance dogs are allowed on the field of play.
6. Formally classified archers should also be aware that World Archery has its own rule on assistance or support dogs, as follows: World Archery, Rule 21.12.10 states that for all international tournaments and/or those tournaments registered with World Archery (World Record Status Tournaments), no assistance or support dogs will be permitted on the field of play.

Other Dogs

7. Dogs, which are not considered to be assistance dogs may be allowed at competitions or events at the discretion of the event organiser.
8. Anyone wishing to bring a dog to an event should check with the event organiser beforehand if they are unsure whether dogs are permitted.
9. Non-assistance dogs should not enter the field of play nor be within 10m of the shooting line.

All Dogs

10. It is the responsibility of the dog owner to keep the dog under control at all times and, in view of the nature of the sport, this will usually involve the dog being kept on a lead at all times. In addition, dog owners are responsible for clearing up their own dog's mess.
11. If any dog causes issues with the shooting, then organisers and/or judges may ask the owner to remove the dog from the competition or event.
12. If any other attendee at an archery competition or event has concerns about the presence or activities of a dog or its owner, then they should raise this with the Tournament Organiser.

Non-Compliance

13. If an assistance dog or any other dog displays inappropriate and/or disruptive behaviour, the handler and the dog may be asked to leave the competition or event.