

# Safety Statement

## 1. MU Archery policy on competing

- 1.1 If a shooter/supporter wishes to stay in club-organised accommodation, they must pay a deposit of half the total amount at a date before the competition, to be decided by committee. In extenuating circumstances your deposit will be refunded.
- 1.2 A current club jersey or whites must be worn by all MU shooters while representing the club in the competition venue. This includes external club wear, for example hoodies. Refusal to do so will result in you having to compete as a guest and your registration fee will not be paid for by the club.
- 1.3 Our alcohol policy is as follows; all shooters must be in a competent state to compete and must also be under the agreed limit as stated by the World Anti-Doping Agency. Should any member have cause for concern regarding the alcohol intake of a shooter they must inform a committee member. This will then be investigated fully in an impartial and confidential manner. There is a zero tolerance policy on the consumption or possession of illegal drugs prior to and during a competition.
- 1.4 Any shooter wishing to represent the club at a competition must complete the required documentation by the deadline stated by the committee. Failure to do so may result in refusal of a place at the competition. Filling in the form does not guarantee a place, as a shootout may be required if there are more applicants than spaces available.
- 1.5 Any perpetual trophies must be returned to the club within a month of the presentation of the award as they remain the property of the club, unless otherwise stated.
- 1.6 At every event, you represent both the club and the university as a whole. We expect you to behave appropriately and failure to do so may be dealt with by the club, Students' Union, or university.
- 1.7 This is by no means an exhaustive list of policies, and any breaches the committee and Students Union deems to be against the ethos of the club and university will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

## 2. Code of Conduct

- 2.1 Maynooth University archery club is fully committed to safeguarding the well being of its members. Every individual in the organisation should at all times show respect and understanding for members' rights, safety and welfare and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the organisation and the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Sport . All members should be active supporters of their fellow club members while they are competing and training.

## **2.2 Core values of students in sport**

Maynooth University archery clubs approach to sport is all members experience of sport should be guided by what is best for them. The stages of development and the ability of the new members determine the types of activity provided within the club. Our first priority as Maynooth archery club is the welfare of all of it's members and we are fully committed to providing an environment which will allow participants to perform to the best of their ability, free from bullying and intimidation.

## **2.3 Fair play**

All sports should be should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play. Ireland has contributed, and is committed, to the European Code of Sports Ethics, which defines fair play as “much more than playing within the rules”. It incorporates the concepts of friendship, respect for others and always playing with the right spirit. Fair play is defined as a way of thinking, not just behaving. It incorporates issues concerned with the elimination of opportunities for excessive commercialisation and corruption. (European Sports Charter and Code of Ethics, Council of Europe 1993).

## **2.4 Quality atmosphere and ethos**

Sport should be conducted in a safe, positive and encouraging atmosphere. A athlete centred ethos will help to ensure that competition and specialisation are kept in their appropriate place. Leaders in athlete's sport should strive to create a positive environment for the athletes in their care. They have an overall responsibility to take the necessary steps to ensure that positive and healthy experiences are provided.

## **2.5 Equality**

All members should be treated in an equitable and fair manner regardless of age, ability, sex, religion, social and ethnic background or political persuasion. Athletes with disability should be involved in sports activities in an integrated way, thus allowing them to participate to their potential alongside other members.

## **2.6** This is by no means an exhaustive list of code of conduct, please ensure that you read the Archery Ireland, code of conduct section.