

NFAS Dog Owners Code of Conduct

In line with the National Field Archery Society Shooting Rules and Safety Rules on Page 15, Section 24), which clearly states –

“Keep dogs under close control. Anybody bringing a dog to a venue used for field archery is responsible for its behaviour at all times and in all areas. During competitions and when in proximity to anybody shooting (including practice), all dogs must be controlled and on a lead of no more than three metres in length.”

The NFAS Committee would like to also reiterate the following Code of Conduct to be followed and adhered to at all times by all archers (shooting and non-shooting) and all dog walkers (shooting and non-shooting):

1. All persons (shooting and non-shooting) wishing to bring a dog/dogs to an NFAS 3D Championship or National Championship must declare so on their champs entry form, stating how many dogs they will be bringing.
2. All dogs must be supervised by a responsible adult AT ALL TIMES.
3. All dogs must be controlled and on a lead of no more than three metres in length - preferably on a FIXED lead.
4. There MUST be a responsible person on the other end of that lead AT ALL TIMES in ALL AREAS (campsite/parking/NFAS-controlled areas etc).
5. Ensure that you have plenty of water for your dog with you AT ALL TIMES.
6. All dog waste/fouling must be cleared up, removed and disposed of correctly either using the bins/skips at catering stops and/or admin, or taken off the course to be disposed of correctly outside of the venue. NO dog waste should be left on the courses or venue areas, and NO dog waste bags should be left in the open or discarded anywhere other than as previously stated.
7. 'Scooping' is all part of being a responsible dog owner. Please DO NOT leave dog waste tied in plastic bags to trees, fences or anything else.
8. Respect the owners of the estate and grounds being used and adhere to the countryside code - especially woodland, farm land and particularly in case there is livestock in the area. A lot of shoots take place where ground nesting and game birds can be found.
9. A dog/dogs that are constantly vocal - be it barking or whinging/whining - may be required to leave the course, which will mean the person responsible for them will also be required to leave and, therefore, would not be able to continue on the course that day.
10. Dogs found left unattended in vehicles will be reported to the RSPCA.