

Responsibilities of the Field Captain

All indoor and outdoor shoots shall be supervised by a Field Captain. The Field Captain is responsible for the safe running of the shoot and shall ensure that they are familiar with, and that the shoot complies in all respects with, the current RCA Risk Assessment.

A Field Captain is akin to a judge at an away competition, or a referee in football, and on the day has ultimate decision making capability.

The Field Captain is responsible for:

1. Make sure the field party set up the field in accordance to AGB guidelines.
2. Make any decision on safety due to high wind or inclement weather.
3. Make sure the shooting is safe.
4. Ensure the field runs to whistles or voice commands.
5. Ensure the shoot runs to the timings, of a maximum of 4mins for one archer to shoot 6 arrows, or 2 minutes for 3 arrows.
6. Answer any questions regarding shooting on the day.
7. Make decisions on target allocations and round to be shot.
8. Manage shoot stoppage for equipment failure. The Field Captain can decide to pause the shoot temporarily, or more likely, let the person catch up the missing arrows, either all at once, or in parts. For avoidance of doubt, equipment failure does not include the re-gluing of fletchings, or nocks, an archer should always have spare arrows. If you do not have enough, you cannot make the shots up later, they are lost shots.
9. Manage bouncers. If there is a bouncer, then:
 - a. Imperial round - announce to the Field Captain after you have shot the remainder of your arrows, and then let them know the number of the extra arrow you are shooting, and the Field Captain will approach the boss with you after everyone has shot, to check it was a bouncer or pass through.
 - b. Metric round - with marking of targets, stop shooting straight away, as with everyone else on your boss, and attract the Field Captain. After the remainder of the field has shot, you will approach the target with the Field Captain and try to find the unmarked hole. If no unmarked hole found, an extra arrow may be shot at discretion of Field Captain.
10. Judge scoring disputes or errors.

The Field Captain's decision on the day is final.

Any issues with a Field Captain on the day should not be taken up with the Field Captain, their decision is final. Your concerns should be addressed to chairman@rochdalecompanyofarchers.com and will be looked at by the committee, not by discussion or argument on the day.