

GNAS Rule 307 Dress Regulations for Target Archery

(The Rule is quoted in full lower down the page)

The infamous Rule 307 basically outlines an acceptable dress code which should be worn at tournaments.

The Dress Code specified in the Rule strictly applies to Record Status Tournaments, but most archers except novices will wear clothes that comply at all tournaments they attend.

Our two club indoor tournaments attract a fair number of 'first-timers' who probably won't have special tournament clothes yet, and as the shoots don't have record status there's no pressure at all to wear the recommended colours. But even at important Record Status Tournaments some people will turn up in clothing that conflicts with Rule 307.

The essential requirement of the Dress Code is to wear clothes that are either Plain White, or Plain Green, or a Club Outfit that has been registered with GNAS.

If you speak to archers who have been in the sport for many years they will tell a familiar tale of a lapsing adherence to the dress codes. I have recently attended a record status shoot where some archers turned up wearing camouflage trousers or denim jeans. The judge did take the offenders names and said they would be removed from the line if they wore non-conforming clothing at any future event.

These cases are most likely a blatant disregarding of the rules and not a simple case of misunderstanding them. Much time and effort is put into setting up a tournament and most are run at little or no profit, so the least an archer can do is turn up in appropriate clothing.

My personal concern with this rule relates to an acceptable green (dark green to be precise). At the event I mention I did wear green trousers, although they were light and not dark green. Technically I felt I could have been as guilty as those wearing blatantly incorrectly coloured clothing, so I felt it necessary to clarify an acceptable green.

I contacted GNAS and after some discussion, the person responding agreed that Olive Green would be an acceptable green in their eyes, but 'Olive Drab', which means a Khaki-like colour, is specifically disallowed. However, GNAS don't believe it is necessary to go into further details. Ultimately, what is acceptable is down to the judge attending on the day. So, as far as green is concerned any green which is not Khaki and a form of dark green (including Olive Green) should be acceptable. However, I have now purchased whites (that's real white - white and not cream - white) so I don't have the dilemma of an acceptable green playing on my mind at the shooting line. The white trousers probably look better with our registered Club Top, too.

So, if you attend a tournament please wear appropriately coloured clothing!

The Rule:

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GNAS Rule of Shooting Number 307. Dress Regulations

- (a) Members of the Society shooting and officiating at tournaments granted National or World Record Status by GNAS are required to wear the accepted dress of the society as detailed below.
- (b) Ladies are required to wear a dress, skirt, trousers or shorts with a suitable top which is not strapless, nor beachwear.
- (c) Gentlemen are required to wear trousers or shorts with long or short sleeved shirts.
- (d) Footwear must be worn at all times during the tournament.
- (e) **Colours**
 - (i) *The recognised dress of the Society is plain dark green or white. There is no objection to wearing green and white garments together. Minor piping on the garments is permitted.*
 - (ii) *A club, county, region, affiliated association or sponsoring archery retailer may register alternative shooting colours. For members of such a body or archers supported by such a sponsoring archery retailer to shoot at a record status tournament in their shooting colours, these colours must be registered with the Society at least one month before the end of the previous affiliation year. The process for registration of shooting colours is included in the Shooting Administrative Procedures.*
 - (iii) *Registered upper body garments shall consist of no more than four colours. A single colour may be registered for lower body garments to produce a uniform. If lower body garment colours are not registered then lower body garments in the Society's recognised dress colours must be worn. Blue denim, olive drab and*

camouflage patterns are not acceptable as shooting colours.

(iv) The name and/or emblem of an archer's club, county, region, national association/society, affiliated association or sponsoring archery retailer may be worn on upper body garments

(v) Members of the Society who are officiating at a National or World Record Status tournament shall not wear club, county or regional shooting colours if they are acting in the capacity of Chairman of Judges, Judge or Director of Shooting.

(vi) At National tournaments where there is a Home Nations' team competition incorporated into the event, nominated members of the teams will be permitted to wear the dress of their Home Nation (i.e. England, Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales), as approved by their organisation, throughout that tournament.

(vii) Archers who are members of other national associations or societies that are affiliated to FITA may wear the shooting uniform of their home country.

(viii) A member of the Society who has represented Great Britain as an archer at an international tournament may wear their international shooting uniform, as an alternative to the accepted dress detailed above, for the remainder of that season and the following one.

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(ix) An archer who affiliates directly to GNAS may nominate one club whose shooting colours they may wear. In this case they will be required to show evidence from the club (preferably a letter from the Club Secretary) confirming that they are a member of that club and the club has granted them permission to compete in those shooting colours.

(f) If the judge in charge of the tournament declares the weather inclement, waterproof clothing worn only during this time is not subject to these regulations, either for those members of the Society competing or officiating. However, waterproofs in the recognised dress of the Society or the registered shooting colours are recommended.

(g) Advertising material must not be carried or worn except in conformity with FITA rules.

(h) Any archer not conforming to the above regulations shall be required, by the Judge and Tournament Organiser, to leave the shooting line and will not be permitted to take part in the competition.



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