

LMS Archery

Contact Info

Full Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Current School Grade (circle): 6th 7th 8th Gender (circle): Female Male

Parent/Guardian's Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Email #1: _____

Parent/Guardian Email #2: _____

Phone (Cell #1): _____ (Cell #2): _____

Student Email: _____

Student Cell # (for Remind): _____

Questionnaire

1) Why do you want to join the Liberty Archery Team?

2) Do you have any previous archery experience or training? Were you on a school archery team, if so where at?

3) Do you have a personal Genesis bow that you will use at competitions and/or practices?

Archery Tryout Information

Archery is a unique sport that can be enjoyed by virtually everyone regardless of age, gender, size, or experience. It is a finesse sport, where the archer does not face another team per se but the target itself. Archery helps with hand-eye coordination, self-discipline, increased attention span, and also instills increased self-confidence. The Liberty Archery team coaches are dedicated to these principles and are excited to have the opportunity to teach the lifelong sport of archery here at Liberty Middle School.

- No experience is required to try out for the archery team.
- Bows, arrows, and targets will be provided. For the team, personal bows are allowed, and recommended. It must be a Genesis Original bow.
- Participation on an elementary school archery team or club does not guarantee participation with the LMS Archery Team. Selection for the team is very competitive.
- Tryouts are being held from **Monday, November 26th through Thursday, November 29th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM in the LMS Cafeteria**. Please pick up your child promptly at 5:30 outside the LMS Gymnasium. Please do not be late.
- Team dues are **\$100**. This money will be used to support the LMS Archery team through equipment purchases and maintenance, purchasing replacement parts, and expanding the program, as well as allowing team members to participate in at least 4 competitions.
- Archers will be required to purchase at least one team jersey. A team jersey costs an additional **\$30**.
- Archers/Parents may order an optional Spirit Pack shirt for \$20 (short and long-sleeve option)
- A mandatory Parent Information Meeting will also be scheduled for **Tuesday, December 4th at 5:30 in the LMS Library** where we will discuss all things archery related (vision for the team, expectations, practice schedule, etc.), as well as **collect team dues and t-shirt orders**. The archery regular season begins in January and ends in early April.
- Completed paperwork must be turned in to Coach Kelley or the front office no later than **November 20th** to be eligible to try out for the Liberty Middle School Archery Team.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Coach Kelley at ckelley@madisoncity.k12.al.us

I, _____ & _____
(Print Parent/Guardian Name/s) (Print Student Name)

have read, understood, and accept each of the above policies regarding the Liberty Archery Team relating to tryouts and participation with the team.

(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)

(Student Signature) (Date)

Archery Consent and Release Form

To be completed and signed by a custodial parent/guardian

Completion and execution of this consent and release by a parent or legal guardian is required of all participants in the Liberty Archery Team.

Participant Full Name	
Special considerations or restrictions?	

I understand that participation in archery activities involves a certain degree of risk of injury. I have carefully considered the risks inherent in these activities and give my full consent for my child to participate in the activities of the Liberty Archery Team. **I hereby release and discharge the Team, the Coaches, The City of Madison Board of Education, its employees, volunteers, related parties and organizations, from any and all claims or liability whatsoever arising from my child's participation and safety in the team, its activities, or competitions with other clubs or individuals both on and off campus, teams, or organizations.**

Participation is entirely voluntary. Participants are required to abide by applicable rules and standards of conduct. Participation in the Archery Team is a privilege afforded by Liberty Middle School and does not confer a right of participation on any student. Students may not be admitted to the team for any reason, or may be dismissed from the team for failure to adhere to its applicable rules and standards of conduct, or when, in the sole judgment of the club/teams sponsor, the student's participation is not in the best interest of the team or other participants. Support from parents and guardians will be solicited from the coach or sponsor, and the team coach or sponsor has sole discretion and authority to disallow participation of parents or guardians whose participation is deemed to be disruptive or contrary to the best interests of the team, its participants, or Liberty Middle School. **Lastly, by signing below, you grant Liberty Middle School, Liberty Middle School Archery Team, and its representatives and employees the right to take photographs of your child and further authorize that above entities may use and publish any photographs in print and/or electronically.**

By signing, I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the consent and release.

Custodial Parent/Guardian Name (Print)		Date:
Custodial Parent/Guardian Signature		Date:
Student Signature		Date:

In case of emergency involving your child, I understand every effort will be made to contact you using the provided information below

Emergency Contact Information	Name:	Name:
	Phone:	Phone:
	Email:	Email:

LMS Archery Constitution and Bylaws

ARTICLE I: NAME & PURPOSE

Section A: Name – The name of the team shall be *Liberty Lions Archery Team*

Section B: Purpose – The purpose of the team shall be:

1. Provide a regular time and meeting place for students to participate in target shooting
2. Educate students on the safety and fundamental techniques of target shooting
3. Encourage sportsmanship, character, self-reliance, responsibility, respect, and discipline
4. Compete in archery competitions (local, state, and national)

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP, DUES, & PARTICIPATION

Section A: Membership – Tryouts shall be open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who attend Liberty Middle School. Students will be selected according to appropriate behavior, cooperation, academics, dependability, and discipline, in addition to skill level, effort, and potential. Parents/guardians will be required to sign a consent and liability form for their child to be eligible to participate in any way. Each archer themselves will be required to sign below displaying their commitment to the archery team. Archers are expected to regularly attend practices and are solely responsible for setting up and breaking down the archery range for each practice.

Section B: Eligibility

- **Academic:** In order to be academically eligible for the Liberty Archery Team, members must achieve and maintain an average of at least a 70 (C) in **all** classes. If grades are consistently below the minimum requirement to participate, members may be placed on probation (temporarily barred from practicing with the team, competing in competitions, etc.) or possibly excused from the team.
- **Disciplinary:** If a team member develops a disciplinary issue while at school or between teammates or coaches, he or she will be subject to probation or possible excusal from the team.

Section C: Dues – One hundred dollars (**\$100.00**). This money will be used to support the LMS Archery team through equipment purchases and maintenance, purchasing replacement parts, and expanding the program etc., as well as allowing team members to participate in 4 competitions as decided on by the coach. By signing below, you understand that at no point in time will dues be refunded for any reason. In addition, parents/archers may be held responsible for replacing any damaged or destroyed archery equipment, which includes but is not limited to bows, arrows, and targets.

Section D: Fundraising – Archers/Parents are also expected to participate in at least one team-sponsored fundraiser to help purchase and maintain Liberty's archery team equipment. In the case of hosting a LMS Archery Tournament, a parent representative for each archer is required for both volunteering for the tournament as well as donating at least one snack for the concession stand. A \$15 fee will be assessed if either of the above conditions are not met in its entirety.

ARTICLE III: PRACTICES

On most weeks, the Archery Team practices twice a week on **Tuesdays & Thursdays** from **3:30 pm to 4:45 pm** in the LMS Cafeteria from January to early April (regular season). Attendance of the participants shall be monitored throughout the season to determine their participation status for competitions. All practices are closed practices.

ARTICLE IV: COMPETITIONS & TRANSPORTATION

Section A: Competitions – Team dues include entry fees for 4 competitions, as selected by the Coach. Competition dates and flight times will be decided at a later date and are subject to change. While most competitions are after school hours, please note that there are likely some competitions that require parental transportation during school hours, including but not limited to regionals, state, and nationals. Archers may have opportunities to shoot in additional competitions as a team, under coach discretion. The Coach holds the right to charge participants additional entry fees to shoot in any additional competitions. Please note that at no point in time will entry fees for any competitions be refunded for any reason.

Section B: Transportation & Safety – The team does not travel together on a bus to any competitions. Further, Parents/Guardians are entirely responsible for ensuring that their child arrives at scheduled competitions on time and are **completely responsible for their child at all times**, not Liberty Middle School, coaches, volunteers, or Madison City Board of Education. Parents/Guardians are solely responsible for their child's safety, health/medical, transportation, food, and sleeping arrangements, etc., at all competitions. Archers/Parents may choose to leave after their child's flight has ended if they choose to do so. Carpooling to competitions is allowed but a liability form will need to be signed by both parties and returned to the coach with at least 48 hours notice. Failure to do so does not indict Liberty Middle School, coaches, volunteers, or Madison City Board of Education in any way.

Section C: Regionals/State/Nationals/Worlds – If qualified for Regionals, State, Nationals, or Worlds, additional fees will be collected for each archer that is invited. Fees will include an entry fee for the competition, as well as covering coaches expenses spread amongst all participants, as decided on by Liberty Middle School. Both competitions will be invite-only and will be made by the head coach in a timely fashion. No archer is guaranteed a position for any competition until invited by the Head Coach. Also, individual participants must participate in lower qualifying competitions to be eligible for any higher level competition (i.e.. must have participated at State to be eligible for Nationals; must have participated at both State and Nationals to participate at Worlds). There will be no exceptions. If the Liberty team is extended an invitation to Worlds, Liberty may attend if an eligible team (at minimum of 12 archers balanced between males and females) is found (must follow lower qualifying competitions rule). Liberty Middle School and its Archery team will not compete as individuals if a team is not comprised. For all competitions, flight times will be selected by the coach; requesting flight times separate from when the team is shooting, as selected by the coach, will not be considered. For Regionals/State/Nationals/Worlds, all parents/guardians are completely responsible for their child at all times, including but not limited to safety, health/medical, transportation, food, and sleeping arrangements. Transportation guidelines are as followed in Section B, as well as the Consent and Release forms for participation in the archery regular season. Additionally, at no point in time will entry fees be refunded for any reason.

ARTICLE V: COMMUNICATION

Section A: All official communication will come from the coach in the form of email or Remind. Email communication will come in the form of a group/distribution list. When collecting fees for additional competitions, periodic reminders may be sent out in the form of a group message. Such emails will serve as both reminders of those of whom money has not been collected from, as well as a confirmation to those who have paid. Individual emails to parents/guardians might not be sent when organizing additional competitions or collecting entry fees. However, the coach will always respond within 48 hours of a parent initiated email.

ARTICLE VI: ADVISOR

Section A: Duties – The responsibilities of the faculty advisor shall be:

1. Attend and monitor practices and competitions (local, state, and national)
2. Maintain student-parent-faculty awareness of Archery team activities
3. Collect funds, purchase and maintain supplies and equipment required to meet the purposes of the Archery team

Acknowledgement

By **initialing and signing** below, you acknowledge receipt of the constitution and bylaws as listed above. You further acknowledge that you have read, understand, and accept each policy in its entirety.

Parent/Guardian Initials:

- _____ **Article I**
- _____ **Article II**
- _____ **Article III**
- _____ **Article IV**
- _____ **Article V**
- _____ **Article VI**

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(Print Parent/Guardian Name/s) (Print Student Name)

have read, understood, and accept each of the above policies regarding the Liberty Archery Team. I understand that by signing this form, I agree to abide by all guidelines and policies therein.

(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)

(Parent/Guardian Signature, if applicable) (Date)

(Student Signature) (Date)