

AUCKLAND ARCHERY CLUB

SHOOTING RULES



Safety Rules

1. Treat bows as loaded weapons at all times – only point at the ground, or at a target
2. No sky-drawing
3. No dry-firing
4. All shoots are to be under the control of a Range Captain whose instructions are to be adhered to at all times. The Range Captain must be a key-holder, and shall carry an identifier.
5. A 5m waiting line shall be used for all shoots – archers must be behind this line unless shooting or retrieving arrows
6. The shooting line is controlled with a whistle
 - a. 2 blasts to come to the shooting line
 - b. 1 blast to commence shooting
 - c. 3 blasts to retrieve arrows
 - d. Repeated blasts indicate an emergency – all archers must cease shooting immediately, unload bow and return to waiting line
7. Retrieving arrows
 - a. Arrows dropped in front of the shooting line should not be collected until permission is given by the Range Captain
 - b. Always walk
 - c. Pick up arrows on the ground first
 - d. Draw arrows safely – stay out of the danger zone
8. Remain visible at all times to the Range Captain – do not loiter behind targets
9. Only enter the range behind the shooting line, unless you have permission of the Range Captain – this includes for bringing out additional target butts
10. Do not shoot if any people or animals come within the shooting zone, including behind the targets
11. Archers must wear closed-in footwear.

Range Setup, Control and Administration Rules

1. Range safety equipment must be displayed before shooting, including:
 - a. 2 red warning flags
 - b. 3 warning signs. One sign is in front of the clubhouse, another behind, and one on the far side of the range facing the mountain.
 - c. The safety rope and signs, clipped to corner of club house and trees, as far back as the shooting line.
2. A single shooting line will be implemented for all times apart from:
 - a. Practice/tournaments when a 90m line is being used

b. When directed by the Club Captain

3. Whenever practical, set up shorter distances on the side of the range furthest from club house, and longer distances closer to the club house, to increase the visibility of archers on the field for the range captain, and minimise risk of deflections.
4. Whenever archers are shooting 90m, they should do so on the side of the range closest to the club house (target lanes 1-6) with a minimum of two clear lanes as a safety gap, and must shoot in time with the rest of the range on the current 70m line.
5. No portable buttresses are to be placed any further back than the 30m line, in front of target lanes 1-4. This is due to the risk of deflections towards the club house.
6. Archers are requested to arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of shooting to register on the whiteboard and assist in setting up of the range and score sheets. Times indicated in the shooting calendar are arrival times.
7. Archers are to follow the requests of the Range Captain in the setting up of the range.
8. Practice before an organised shoot is permitted, providing a tournament is not going to be hosted. Practice on all targets must stop 20 minutes before the shoot starts to allow the range to be set up.
9. The Range Captain is responsible for ensuring the range is safe before shooting commences, and remains safe during shooting. They are responsible for handing over the Range Captain duties when leaving the range, or closing the range if no key-holder can take over.
10. Alert the Range Captain if you have a gear failure or medical emergency while shooting.
11. Archers are requested to work in with each other to accommodate archers joining the range during practice sessions. Setting up the shooting line at longer distances (e.g. 70m) minimises the delays when new distances are added.
12. Alert the Range Captain of any members of the public entering the range. Archers should be polite and courteous to members of the public.
13. Saturday mornings are prioritised for coaching and juniors until 12pm. Saturday afternoons are prioritised for organised Club shoots. Other archers may practice if target buttresses are available.
14. As Sunday is the Club's official day, priority is given to members participating in the organised shoot. During the summer season (from the Club's Opening Day until Easter) the Club's uniform, national team uniform, or all whites must be worn on Sundays. This rule is part of a lease agreement with the local council. Any archers arriving after the start time on a Sunday may be excluded from shooting. This is at the discretion of the Range Captain on the day.
15. All people entering the Club must sign the registration book on the relevant date. The book is located immediately inside the door.
16. When shooting indoors, the clubroom double doors and access way to lounge room must be restricted when shooting inside further than 10 metres. Blocking it with a table or chairs is acceptable. The indoor range should be treated like the outdoor range in terms of safety, though can be controlled with voice commands instead of a whistle.
17. It is the individual archer's responsibility to ensure that their score-sheet is correct and signed at the completion of the shoot and to assist in packing up the range. Score-sheets are to be returned to the Records Officer if present, or to the box labelled "Score-sheets" on the side of the registration desk.
18. If nobody is in the Clubhouse during outdoor shooting, archers are requested to turn off the lights and close the doors. This is both to conserve power and for security.
19. As new target faces are a costly item, please endeavour to utilise old faces wherever possible. There are stocks of the different centres to stick on if necessary.