



Rules and Guidelines

Range Rules

1. Shooting will commence only when the range has been opened by a rangemaster.
2. When shooting, archers must be behind the shooting line at all times.
3. Nocking an arrow can only be done on the shooting line after the green light comes on. Arrows can only be retrieved after the red light comes on. Archers must stop all shooting when "HOLD" has been called. Signal lights may be reset only after everyone is behind the firing line.
4. Do NOT "dry fire" the bow.
5. Do NOT turn around with arrow necked on the bow.
6. Do NOT nock arrows with the bow horizontal. Keep the bow upright.
7. Do NOT crossfire. Shoot only within your lane.
8. Do NOT run inside the range.
9. Do NOT pick up arrows that have been dropped in front of the shooting line while shooting is in session.
10. Always check equipment for damage. Check bows after a dry fire. Check arrows after they've been struck or have struck a hard object such as a target stand.
11. No broad heads, firearms, or lasers. See management for use of crossbows.
12. Never handle another person's equipment without permission.
13. No sky drawing.
14. Anyone constantly violating the rules or performing actions which jeopardize the safety of other members may be banned from shooting for the day. Anyone visibly inebriated will be banned from shooting for the day. A three-strike system is in place for permanent ban from membership.

Line Calls

"Take the Line": Archers are permitted to pick up their bows and stand at the shooting line.

"Fire": Archers can nock an arrow on their bow and start shooting.

“Clear”: Archers can retrieve their arrows. Do not bring bows down range. Pick up all arrows in front of and behind the target. Promptly return back behind the shooting line so that we can start another round.

“Hold”: Stop all shooting. If you’re at full draw, slowly let down the bow tension. Remove the arrow from the bow. Step back from the shooting line and await further instruction. Any archer who witnesses a dangerous action or sees somebody in front of the shooting line while shooting is in session should make this call.

Before Coming to Shoot

1. Clothing and accessories:
 - Ideally, wear tight fitting clothing such as a t-shirt, or a long sleeve pullover.
 - Button/zip up sweaters/jackets.
 - If a hijab is worn, the ends must be secured.
 - Don’t wear baggy clothes, or clothes with accessories that can be torn off.
 - Don’t wear a scarf, dangling earrings, nose rings, or other jewellery that could get caught by the string.
2. Tie back long hair.
3. Check our facebook page in case of cancellation:
www.facebook.com/dandgfamilyarchery

Equipment and Safety

Arrow Inspection

1. Do a visual inspection first. Do NOT run over an arrow with your hand, in case of splinters.
2. Hold the ends of the arrow, and bend slightly. Listen for cracking noises.
3. If assessment cannot be made, turn in the arrows to a rangemaster.

Arrow retrieval

4. First retrieve arrows in front of the target, then the ones behind the target, and finally those on the target.
5. Make sure no one is standing directly behind the arrows as they’re being pulled.
6. Do not stand behind someone as they’re pulling arrows.
7. Arrows should be pulled straight back to avoid bending. To do so, place one hand on the target close to the arrows, and hold the base of the arrow as you pull.

Stringing

- Do NOT string/unstring a bow without knowing how.
- Do NOT teach others how to string/unstring a bow.
- On or after your second day, you may ask a rangemaster to teach you how to string/unstring.