



Gordano Valley Archers



Rules of Safety and Etiquette

In order to make belonging to Gordano Valley Archers a safe, enjoyable and fun experience for everyone, we expect all participants to adhere to the following **safety** and **etiquette** rules.

Safety

- No shouting, except to warn of danger.
- Upon seeing anyone, or anything in a dangerous position, shout “Fast”.
- No whistling. A whistle is used for safety commands and to whistle could be dangerous.
- Always carry arrows point downwards.
- Never run with arrows in your hand.
- Never point an arrow at another person or yourself, even if it is not in the bow.
- Never play around with arrows. **They can kill!**
- Never put an arrow in your bow until you are on the shooting line.
- Never release a bow from full draw without an arrow in place as this can cause the bow to break.
- Never cross the waiting line until it is your turn to shoot, unless you have the advance permission of the Target Captain. (Disabled archers may request this.)
- In front of the waiting line, there is to be **no** running, loud talking or ‘messaging around’.

At the shooting line

- Never place an arrow in your bow until you here a **single** whistle.
- Never, under any circumstances, cross the shooting line until the whistle sounds **twice**.
- On hearing a shout of “Fast”, immediately stop shooting. If you have your bow drawn, you must lower it, **do not** release the arrow.
- Once you have an arrow in your bow, keep it facing towards the target at all times.
- Never turn round with an arrow in your bow.
- Leave the shooting line immediately you have shot your arrows, unless to keep company with another archer still shooting.
- Do not leave equipment on the shooting line without the advance permission of the Target Captain. (Disabled archers may request this.)
- All equipment must be returned to behind the waiting line. (See also previous point.)

Etiquette

Taken from the GNAS Rules of Shooting:

A good archer:

- Does not talk in a loud voice whilst others are shooting.
- Does not talk to another competitor who obviously prefers to be silent.
- Does not make any exclamation on the shooting line that might disconcert a neighbour in the act of shooting.
- Does not go behind the target to retrieve his arrows before his score has been recorded.
- Does not walk up and down the shooting line comparing scores.
- Does not touch anyone else's equipment without permission.
- Does not leave litter.
- When calling scores does so in groups of three, for example '7-7-5' pause '5-5-3'.
- If he breaks another's arrow through his own carelessness, pays for it in cash on the spot.
- Thanks the Target/Field Captain at the end of the shoot
- Will assist with the setting up and taking down of the range before setting up or taking down their own personal equipment – Remember “Many hands make light work”