



Gordano Valley Archers

RULES OF SAFETY & 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** rules and etiquette guidelines.

GOLDEN RULE

All archers are expected to assist with the set up and/or take down of the range. Please respect other club members and archers by turning up on time. Please avoid turning up **AFTER** the range has been set up and leaving **BEFORE** the range is taken down.

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 or on the range at any time.
- 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 ‘messing around’.
- Clothing should be non baggy and footwear enclosed eg trainers or similar.

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 **three times** or you hear the verbal command **COLLECT**.
- 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).
- Respect other archers and their equipment at all times.

While the above appears to be an extensive list it is by no means exhaustive.

What is really important is that we all show respect for each other and apply common sense and reasonable behavior while on the range.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Paul Maines
Chairman