



# Pioneer Archers Inc.

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## Shooting Rules

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*The Pioneer Archers are committed to providing a safe environment for the participation of athletes and spectators whether they be members, their families and friends, and other sporting personnel while attending an event.*

## 1) Shooting Control

- a) Shooting control shall be in accordance with the World Archery and/or AA rulebooks. Ends are not normally timed on Club days (but will be at tournaments).
- b)
- c) Shooting control is normally by whistle:
  - i) Two blasts of the whistle indicate that you may take your place on the shooting line.
  - ii) One blast of the whistle indicates you may begin shooting. Do not raise your bow until this whistle is blown.
  - iii) Three whistle blasts signify that the end is complete and you may move forward to score your arrows.
- d) If there is any danger or if something needs to be rectified on the target butts, then multiple blasts of the whistle during shooting means that everyone **MUST CEASE SHOOTING IMMEDIATELY**. You must remove any arrow that is in your bow and place it back in your quiver, then step back from the line and wait for the Director of Shooting (DoS) to signal that it is safe to recommence.
- e) When it is safe to recommence the end, the DoS will blow one blast on the whistle.

## 2) Equipment failure:

- a) If you have an equipment problem, hold your bow above your head.
- b) This will alert the DoS, so that arrangements can be made for you to repair the fault and then either complete the end, or shoot “make-up” arrows later on.

## 3) General Safety Rules

- a) A bow must never be loaded with an arrow unless the archer is standing on the “Shooting Line” and the signal to start shooting has been given.
- b) A loaded bow must only be pointed at the assigned target. It must never be pointed at another person.
- c) Never “dry fire” a bow (i.e. without an arrow in it) – you could destroy it.
- d) Never shoot an arrow straight up into the air. It can end up hitting another person or yourself.
- e) Archery equipment must only be used in places that are especially set up for target practice.
- f) Never shoot a cracked or bent arrow – check your equipment each time before use.
- g) When proceeding to the target to collect your arrows **walk, never run**.
- h) Always walk up to the **side** of the target butt, so as not to accidentally walk into the arrows lodged in the target or the ground.
- i) Open shoes, camouflage (in field shoots) or no shirt or sleeveless tops are not suitable while shooting, and are not permitted.
- j) Always string a longbow or recurve bow in the correct manner. This will reduce the possibility of damage to the bow and injury to the archer.

- k) Be sun-smart – wear a hat & sunscreen, and on hot days, remember to drink plenty of water.
- l) iPods or MP3 players are ***not permitted*** anywhere on the shooting line or target (or field) ground. The only exception to this rule is if the device is used as a timer by the DoS.
- m) Mobiles phones should to either turned off or placed on silent or vibrate mode.
- n) Young children must be kept under control at all times, and they are not normally permitted on the target ground unless under the direct control of an adult.

## Notes

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