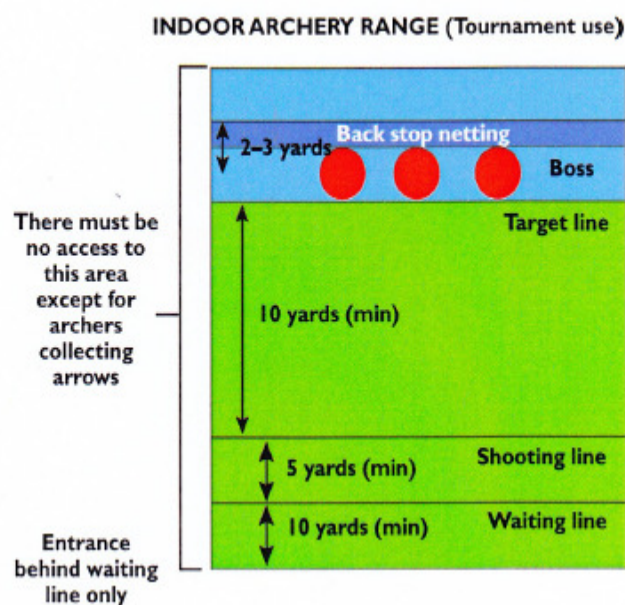


Safe Shooting

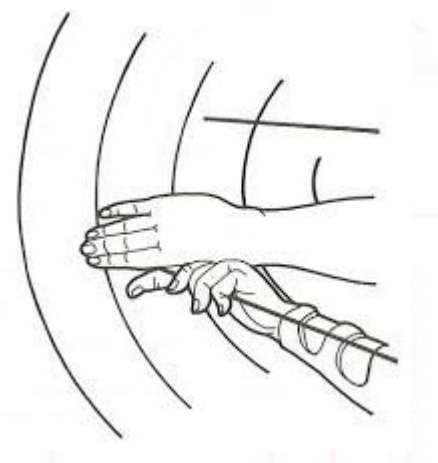
Archery is a very safe sport. Please help to keep it that way by following these simple rules: -

1. Remain behind the waiting line (see pic.1) until the field captain blows one blast on the whistle or the Shoot command is given.
2. Never put an arrow in your bow unless you are on the shooting line and facing the target.
3. Return behind the waiting line after completing shooting.
4. Do not cross the shooting line until the field captain blows at least three blasts on the whistle or the Collect command is given.
5. Do not cross the shooting line for any reason whilst shooting is in progress. You may only retrieve an arrow if you can do it from where you stand. Otherwise it is considered shot.
6. Always walk when you go to collect arrows and look down when approaching the bosses.
NEVER RUN!
7. Before pulling arrows always check to make sure other archers are sufficiently clear of the target so they cannot be injured by you while removing the arrows
8. Once you have drawn your arrows (see pic.2) from the boss return them to your quiver or carry them do so with the points down before walking back.
9. Although the field captain is primarily responsible for safety everybody has a responsibility to ensure our shooting is safe. If anybody notices a potentially dangerous situation shout "FAST". Better safe than sorry.
10. You may not shoot on your own. There must be at least two people, one to watch while the other shoots. The second need not be an archer but must be over 18. [GNAS rule 101 (g) (ii)]
11. In addition the field captain will periodically carry out a fast drill. When the call "FAST", come down, remove your arrow and return it to your quiver and move back to the waiting line.

Pic 1 – Archery range



Pic 2 – Safe arrow removal



Etiquette

Taken from the Archery GB (GNAS) 'Rules of Shooting'

A Good Archer:

1. Does not talk in a loud voice whilst others are shooting.
2. Does not talk to another member / competitor who might prefer to be silent.
3. Does not make any exclamations on the shooting line that might disconcert a neighbour in the act of shooting.
4. Does not go behind the target to retrieve arrows before his score has been recorded.
5. Does not walk up and down the shooting line or waiting line comparing scores.
6. Does not touch anyone else's equipment without permission.
7. Does not approach or leave the shooting line when the adjacent archer is at full draw.
8. Does not leave a fellow archer alone on the shooting line.
9. Does not leave litter.
10. If he/she breaks another's arrow through his own carelessness, pays for it in cash on the spot.
11. Help with setting up and putting away equipment.

The above is intended to make, not only for good shooting but perhaps more importantly, happy shooting.

