

# U.W.S.A.U. Archery Club Safety Rules

## General

1. All Members must obey the instructions of the club officials.
2. Equipment shall be locked up or kept under strict supervision at all times and issued **only** by an approved club official.
3. Bows, bowstrings and arrows must be carefully maintained, and it shall be the responsibility of the instructors in charge to ensure that all equipment is in sound condition before use. Only proper target pins should be used.
4. Tabs and arm guards (bracers) should be used at all time while shooting.
5. All club bows should be strung using a bowstringer **only**. When strung check that the string runs centrally along the bow and the loops of the string are in the grooves of the limbs. Frayed strings should be replaced.
6. The official in charge shall ensure that the shooting range is clear and all bosses are stable before shooting commences.
7. Archery may only be practiced on the approved shooting range.
8. All members **must be on** the shooting line when loosing (firing).
9. Bows may only be loaded when the signal to shoot has been given. Members must have their bows pointing towards the target once loading commences.
10. Shooting may only commence upon the signal from the official in charge.
11. Arrows may only be collected once the official in charge has given the signal. All bows must be left behind the shooting line.
12. When the arrows are withdrawn from the target, members should be at the side of the target; so that there is no possibility that anyone is struck. Arrows should only be withdrawn by the approved method.
13. An arrow must never be shot at an angle greater than 15 degrees to the horizontal.
14. The G.N.A.S. rules for shooting must be observed at all times.
15. All members should understand the Emergency signals. If “**Fast**” is shouted or several whistle blasts are heard, then all archers should hold the bowstring and bring it down from full draw, without the arrow being loosed (fired). Archers should then remove the arrow from the bowstring and retire from the shooting line to behind the waiting line, if one is given.
16. Targets should always be spaced and sighted with due consideration for the public.
17. Archers not shooting, or moving to and from the shooting line, should remain behind the waiting line (if one is given) or as far behind the line as is possible.
18. Spectators must stay at least as far as non-shooting members behind the shooting line and should never go to the targets without the permission of the official in charge.
19. Members should never dry fire a bow (i.e. releasing the bow without an arrow on the string).
20. Inexperienced members should **not** draw a bow back at anytime without an arrow an arrow. Only experienced archers are allowed to draw a bow without an arrow, and this may only happen **off** the shooting line.
21. If the arrow comes off the arrow rest during a draw, then the archer should come down, put the arrow back on and start again.
22. Archers must never run when collecting arrows.
23. When an arrow is being loaded, care should be taken not to impose on any other archers.

## Outdoor Shooting

1. The ranges layout must be in line with G.N.A.S. regulations.
2. The range should be placed so that it does not lie on the route to other playing areas.
3. The shooting line should be clearly defined. This line should remain fixed and the targets should be moved as appropriate.
4. The official in charge should ensure that the weather conditions do not make the shoot dangerous.
5. Signs should be placed at all ends of the range to notify the public.
6. Clout shooting or any distance shooting over 90m may not be performed.

## Indoor Shooting

1. The minimum target range should not be less than 10 metres. A suitable protective device, for example netting; shall be provided behind the targets to act as a backstop.