

# **ARCHERS OF ZOO LAKE**

## **CLUB RULES & REGULATIONS**

### General:

- Archery can be a dangerous activity if rules & regulations are not obeyed and followed at all times.
- Club officials, coaches and appointed range masters have the right to remove any person from the facilities that does not adhere to the rules & regulations outlined in this document or for otherwise unruly behaviour.
- When a club official, coach or appointed range master is on the field, their instruction and/or whistle commands are to be followed.
- Any and all persons on club grounds are expected to be respectful & considerate of other people.
- Club property must be treated with respect. Theft and vandalism will be prosecuted.

### Range Rules:

- Firearms are not permitted on the range.
- Crossbows are not permitted on the range.
- Hunting or disturbance of any animal/s on or near the range premises is strictly prohibited.
- No dogs are permitted on the range premises.
- Children are to be under parental supervision at all times.

### Shooting Procedure & Practices:

- NEVER point a bow and/or arrow at another person.
- NEVER shoot an arrow straight up into the air.
- NEVER shoot an arrow off into the distance where you cannot see where it will land.
- NEVER shoot an arrow until you are positive that no-one is in front of you or behind the targets.
- Always keep your arrows pointed down or towards the target.
- Shoot only at your target. Do not shoot across lanes.
- Never handle another person's equipment without permission.
- Alcoholic beverages and drugs may not be consumed prior to or during shooting on the archery range. Shooters who are suspected of being under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs will not be allowed to shoot and will be removed from the premises. For the purpose of this rule, "drugs" shall mean any illegal drug and also any prescription medication if that prescription medication affects the judgment of safe conduct of the shooter.
- Running is not permitted on the field.

When a coach or range master is on duty at the range they will control the proceedings on the field:

- Archery Range Whistle Commands:
  - Two Blasts – “Archers to the shooting line.”
  - One Blast – “Begin shooting.”
  - Three Blasts – “Walk forward and get your arrows.”
  - Five or More Blasts (series of blasts) – “STOP SHOOTING immediately and remove any loaded arrow from your bow.”
- Archery Range Procedures:
  - Stand behind the waiting line until you hear 2 whistles or “Archers to the shooting line.”
  - Keep your arrows in your quiver until you hear 1 whistle or “Begin shooting.”
  - After you have shot all your arrows, step back from the shooting line, set your bow on its stand and wait behind the waiting line.
  - After everyone is done shooting and behind the waiting line, the instructor will blow the whistle 3 times. “Walk forward to get your arrows... Stop at the target line.”
  - Stand to the side of the target and make sure that no one is standing behind your arrows.
  - After you have pulled all your arrows, return to the waiting line.

#### Equipment Regulations:

- No broad-head arrow points are allowed on the range.
- Only field arrow points are permitted.
- Peak bow poundage must be kept under 60 pounds at all times.
- Archers must be able to draw their bow with the arrow remaining horizontal for the full duration of the shot. High and low draws are illegal on target archery ranges and will not be tolerated.

#### Competition: (Representing the club)

- By having membership of the club you will be representing the club at external and internal archery events.
- While representing the club members must remain respectful and well-mannered at all times.
- Wearing of the club uniform is mandatory for all members shooting external archery events.
- Club uniforms are preferred for internal events but otherwise general attire must be white.