



COWICHAN BOWMEN ARCHERY CLUB



RULES

THE FOLLOWING GENERAL RULES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR MEMBERSHIP AND GUESTS.

All members assume and share the responsibility of Club maintenance and preservation. Please assist by tidying up after yourself and volunteering to meet the various requirements of Club operations.

GENERAL

1. All members are to sign in and out at the door of the clubhouse even if you are shooting outdoors.
2. When you are last to leave the club, please ensure that;
 - all lights are out
 - appliances are unplugged
 - the clubhouse door(s) and gate are locked
3. The Club cannot be responsible for the loss or breakage of your equipment while in use on the Club grounds
4. If you notice any unsafe conduct, abuse of Club facilities or potential hazardous situations – attempt to resolve the situation immediately or report it promptly to a member of the Executive.

When In Doubt – ASK

INDOORS

1. All archers must know the significance of the whistle signals on a shooting range:
 - two short whistle blasts to bring archers to the shooting line
 - one whistle blast to commence shooting
 - three short blasts to stop shooting, step back from the line, put your bow down and retrieve arrows
 - A SERIES OF MORE THAN THREE BLASTS FOR AN EMERGENCY... STOP SHOOTING AND WAIT FOR INSTRUCTIONS.
2. NO RUNNING is permitted on the shooting range – Archers should always walk.
3. When approaching the target area to retrieve arrows, care must be taken not to contact an arrow remaining in the target and be aware of other archers as they remove their arrows from a target – the arrow may free up abruptly.
4. Always ensure that the archery target area is clear before shooting commences.
5. Never release a drawn bowstring without an arrow properly “nocked” (fully inserted in the arrow notch) in it. This could damage the bow. Always face a target/wall when drawing a bow, never draw with anyone in front of you.

OUTDOORS

1. Always aim at the targets
2. Never shoot arrows high into the air as the landing point is unpredictable – this is a dangerous and irresponsible act.
3. When looking for lost arrows behind a target, hang a marker on the face of the target or have someone stand by, or in front of the target, so that other archers know not to shoot.
4. Juniors must be accompanied by an adult on the field course. It is highly recommended that Archers establish their distance proficiency on the outdoor range before attempting the field course.
5. Familiarize yourself with the basic layout of the Club grounds – a map of the configuration is posted in the clubhouse. Do not back track on the field course as other archers maybe shooting behind you.

SAFETY IS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY OF OUR CLUB – PLEASE OBSERVE THE RULES