

SAFETY on the ARCHERY RANGE

Keeping the archery range safe is everybody's responsibility.

You should know:

- the term "FAST!"
- the importance of the shooting line,
- the role of the field captain,
- the whistle and verbal commands that control shooting.

While on the range, you must:

- always walk,
- only shoot if someone else is present,
- obey the field captain's commands,
- only put an arrow on your bow on the shooting line,
- only put an arrow on your bow after the command to shoot,
- stay behind the shooting line while people are shooting,
- keep loaded bows pointing towards the targets,
- wear shoes covering your toes,
- tuck away necklaces and remove facial jewellery before shooting,
- check with a coach about the safety of any other jewelry,
- walk to the side of the boss when collecting your arrows,
- only remove arrows if you are aware of how it should be done.

"FAST!"

The most important term in archery is "FAST!" When it is called, everyone must **stop shooting immediately** and all arrows must be returned to a quiver or the ground. Anyone on the range may, and indeed should, shout "FAST!" whenever they notice range safety being compromised.

Shooting will not recommence until the instruction has been given.

The Field Captain

The field captain is in charge of the archery range and should be the first person to approach with questions or concerns about the shooting session. The field captain usually has a whistle and should be the only person with one.

Shooting Commands

ONE BLAST of the field captain's whistle or the vocal command "shoot" signifies that the range is clear and it is safe for you to start shooting.

TWO BLASTS of the whistle or the command "collect" or "stop shooting" signifies that you must stop shooting and that it is safe to collect your arrows.

"Come down" means relax from a full draw position without shooting the arrow.

Range Layout

The targets are at the end of the range in the butts. You shoot from the shooting line. You must have one foot on either side of the shooting line while shooting. Arrows must only be placed on bows at the shooting line. While on the bow, arrows must always point towards the targets.

