



Archery Range Rules

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Archery is a safe sport if one observes simple safety rules and uses common sense. Be aware of where you and other shooters are at all times, take good care of your equipment and be careful when handling arrows.

These rules are to be followed as written, unless directed otherwise by the Archery Range Officer. Any infringement or violation by a member or his/her guest will be sufficient cause for suspension or revocation of Membership. These rules are intended for the safety of everyone using the archery range and the unwritten rules of courtesy and common sense should be remembered and followed at all times.

The general Range Rules of the Monmouth County Rifle & Pistol Club shall apply to the Archery Range. The following additional rules, relating specifically to archery, are also in effect.

1. All bows (i.e., compound, crossbow, stick or recurve) shall not be loaded with an arrow except at the shooting line. When loaded with an arrow, a bow must be pointed downrange at all times. A loaded bow must never be pointed at another person.
2. A person must never stand in the shooting lane forward of an archer about to shoot.
3. There will be absolutely no loading of arrows on the shooting line during a Cease Fire or All Clear.
4. All bows will be made safe by letting down and removing arrows from the bow string prior to anyone leaving the shooting line. Loading of arrows and shooting of bows will not resume until the Cease Fire or All Clear has ended.
5. If an arrow or piece of equipment is dropped in front of the shooting line while shooting is in progress, it is to be retrieved after shooting has stopped and an All Clear or Cease Fire has been declared.
6. Archers desiring to go downrange to retrieve arrows must ask/request an "All Clear" from all other archers on the shooting line.
7. Shooting will commence as long as the shooting safety zone (at least 50 feet on either side of shooting line of sight to target) and the area behind the target backstop is clear of people.
8. Shooting will cease immediately if a person inadvertently enters the shooting safety zone.
9. Arrows will be directed downrange, only toward the target backstop and only from the designated shooting line. There will be no shooting of arrows vertically into the air or in any direction other than the target backstop.
10. Cracked or bent arrows must never be shot.
11. **Arrows or Bolts with Broadhead Points:** Shall be shot **only** at the styrofoam block located on the left of the target complex. All other targets will be permanently damaged if shot with broadhead points.
Crossbow Bolts with Field Points: Shall be shot **only** at the top center bag target, which is specifically designed to capture them.
Arrows with Field Points: May be shot at any of the four targets comprising the target complex.
12. Add-on targets may include paper, cardboard, balloons or similar non-fracturable materials and must be placed on the target butt faces using the mounting pins present on each butt.
13. No glass or metal objects will be permitted as targets at any time!
14. There will be no modifying or rearranging of the target butts at any time.
15. When retrieving an arrow that travels beyond the target backstop, someone should stand in front of the target to preclude any shooting. If there is no one, prop your bow up in front of the target to discourage someone else from shooting toward the backstop.
16. All members and guests must clean up debris resulting from their shooting before leaving the archery range.