

4. Safety rules

Caution: this is a non-official translation. The Dutch version of the safety regulations is authoritative.

When practicing archery, obviously we want to do so as safely as possible. Therefore we have the safety regulations below. The shooting range is a safe place, provided that these safety requirements are met.

Every archer should know and observe these rules:

- One may draw a bow only at the shooting line (regardless of whether there's an arrow on the bow).
- When drawing a bow, one must always do this in the direction of the target and subsequently aim for the target.
- When putting an arrow on the bow, the arrow must point to the target or to the ground.
- It's not allowed to shoot or place an arrow on the bow when there is anyone between the shooting line and the targets.
- Never aim at people or animals. Even when there's no arrow on the bow.
- If during shooting there's anyone between the shooting line and the targets, everyone must abort their shooting immediately, and remove the arrow from the bow.
- Every individual who is not shooting (except trainers), must stand behind the waiting line and is forbidden to cross this line. This waiting line is at least one meter behind the shooting line.
- Never shoot an arrow, when the angle of the arrow with the ground (elevation) is greater than 30° . Certainly not straight up, as it is unpredictable where the arrow will land. Also when drawing the bow, the elevation may not exceed 30° .
- Never shoot or put an arrow on the bow when the back door is open.



- Never release a bow when there's now arrow on the bow. Otherwise, the bow could break and injure people.
- Every archer must immediately follow any instructions from board members. These instructions may not be disputed before they've been followed.
- Beginners must follow any instructions from the trainers.
- Archers who want to use the outdoor range for the first time or at a new distance must first obtain permission from a board member. The board judges if the archer's capacity is sufficient.
- To shoot on the outdoor range, archers may not draw their bow carelessly wild or high.
- When all archers have shot their arrows, all archers can retrieve their arrows together.
- There will be no running, jumping, pushing, etc. on the range. Reckless behaviour is prohibited.
- To be able to shoot independently, one must at least have finished the 10 lessons of the beginner's course, or must have sufficient prior experience (at the discretion of the board members).
- Scoring sheets must be at least 2 meters in front of the targets.
- Target faces should be stored in the storage area, not in front of the targets.
- Bows must be placed in the designated area's or in the bow rack.
- Audience members are not allowed to accompany the archers to the targets without permission.
- Archers must at all times use common sense and observe the safety of everyone.

Every individual who does not follow the above safety precautions, will immediately be removed from the shooting range. In addition, the board can impose a fine or (temporary) suspension of the member, depending on the gravity of the offense. Take these safety precautions seriously; all of us want to be able to shoot safely and enjoyably.

