

Samford Valley Target Archers

Policy – Control of the Field of Play

Preamble

This policy has been put in place by the Management Committee to improve safety.

The policy is designed to specify the requirements for DOS control of an archery range at the club.

Policy

Whenever there is more than one target in use on range on the grounds at the club the field of play of that range shall be controlled by a DOS (Director of Shooting). The DOS shall be responsible for safety on the field of play he/she is in control of.

Requirements

The DOS shall be either;

- a Judge, or
- an Archery Instructor/Coach, or
- a committee member with appropriate experience, or
- a Club DOS, or
- a club member instructed in the process and accepting the responsibility of the role

Competency and Training

A Club DOS shall receive training by the Club's Field Captain, a Judge or Archery Instructor/Coach and may function as a DOS as required.

A club member may be passed control of the field of play and function as a DOS, however in this case it is the responsibility of the DOS passing over control to brief the new DOS in the correct process and responsibilities. A DOS shall only pass over control to a person who he/she considers competent.

Control of Shooting

The club grounds may be separated into a number of ranges, however all fields of play must be separated by safety zones in accordance with the Archery Australia Safety Policy.

No archer may shoot on a range where more than one target is in use unless a DOS is in attendance and the DOS is in control of the field of play for that range.

The DOS shall use a sound signal (whistle or buzzer etc) to control shooting safety, and may supplement these signals with voice commands, lights or flags.

The DOS must take reasonable measures to see that the entire field of play of the range that he/she is responsible for, and any safety zone between ranges, is clear prior to and during shooting.

When a single target is being used and a DOS is not in attendance on that range, the archers shall nominate a Target Captain or in the absence of a nomination the archer with the longest period of club membership shall to be the Target Captain. The Target Captain shall be responsible for safety on that target. The Target Captain is not a DOS for a range however is to control safety on the target by instruction.

A DOS shall not leave the field play open for shooting if he/she leaves the range, unless control has been passed over to another DOS. If a DOS closes a range he/she should advise the Field Captain or a member of the Management Committee so that a new DOS can be assigned.