



Samford Valley Target Archers Information Booklet and Rules 2023

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(Grange Company of Target Archers Inc ABN 63 639 289 573)

Home Grounds

Samford Parklands - Mount Samson Rd Samford Valley

Management Committee

President	Brian Hagaman
Vice President	Nick Horley
Secretary	Amanda Ament
Treasurer	Alison Hagaman
General Positions	Bruce Symes & Craig Glasby

Some other Appointed Officials

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The club proudly recognises the contributions made by the Queensland Government Sport & Recreation and Moreton Bay Regional Council towards the archery facilities at Samford.





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Dear Club Member,

Welcome!

Welcome to the Samford Valley Target Archers for an exciting year of archery. At the SVTA our mission is to provide opportunities for all members to participate in archery as a sport that is safe, affordable and appropriate to a range of skill levels, ages and abilities.

We pride ourselves on being a friendly club and our volunteer coaches and office bearers are here to help you, with our goal to make your archery experience as enjoyable as possible. Safety is our absolute priority and zero harm is our policy.

This information booklet contains essential information and rules. Please take the time to read the booklet, and please do not hesitate to discuss any queries you may have with any office bearer.

Our outdoor target field and Indoor Facility are located at Samford Parklands, a sport and recreational precinct at Mount Samson Rd Samford Valley, immediately north of the Samford Village, but you enter via the entrance near the Tennis Clubs.

Club times are generally Saturday 08.30 to 16.00, Monday and Wednesday morning 9.00 to 12.00 lunch time, and Wednesday evening in the Indoor Facility 18.30 to 20.30. However please see our Club Calendar for specific details and any scheduled closures. Also weekly emails will advise of any variations. The use of outdoor field will be governed by weather conditions on the day. Opening times can change as usage rates and volunteer availability change throughout the year.

Archers on arriving at the club must sign in and pay the range fee before shooting. Parents are to sign in minors. Covid requirements must be complied with as a condition of entry.

The club has several sources of news and information including:

- The members information booklet and Rules
- Weekly email from the club President sent to your nominated email address
- Newsletters issued from time to time
- Articles in the local "Village Pump" newspaper
- Web Site www.samfordarchery.org
- Announcements and award presentations at lunch time on Saturdays
- Club Notice Boards
- Club Meetings
- Archers Diary electronic scoring and individual results history

We trust you will enjoy your membership of the Samford Valley Target Archers and we hope that archery will be a life sport for you.

Brian Hagaman
President

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Introduction

The Grange Company of Target Archers Inc. started in 1947 and is the oldest archery club in Queensland and after many years of operation out of Emerson Park relocated its main venue to Samford on 26 January 2009. While retaining our legal entity name Grange Company of Target Archers Inc. the club created a business name Samford Valley Target Archers by which it is known. At the Samford Parklands venue the club operates outdoor target archery and indoor archery.

This booklet has been adopted as by-laws by the Management Committee.

The club invites memberships from a large range of ages and abilities, and members range from ten years to eighty plus. Archery is a sport that most people can participate in, including many with a disability, and you don't have to have any particular physical attribute to become good at the sport.

Archery can be enjoyed at a social level, as a self-improvement discipline or for the competitively minded at club, regional, state, national, international and Olympic level. Archery tends to be an individual sport not so much team based, and competition is generally through individuals entering tournaments.

Safety is our absolute priority and zero harm is our policy.

The only persons permitted to shoot at the club's facilities are club members, or supervised temporary members undertaking an archery course. Visiting archers who are affiliated with SQAS and Archery Australia must receive approval by a member of the management committee to shoot at the club. Proof of membership and currency of financial status may be required. Visitors who are not Archery Australia members may not in general shoot at the club. All beginners doing a course must take out temporary membership which includes insurance as arranged by Archery Australia.

Crossbows may not be used at the club's facilities. Bow draw weights or peak weights for all types of bows must not exceed 60lb. Audits on bow weights can be undertaken. Broad head arrows or any point that may excessively damage the targets may not be used. Camouflage clothing may not be worn.

People new to the sport of archery are required to undertake an archery course at the club and develop reasonable proficiency before they can be considered for membership of the club. For those people that have recently completed an archery introductory course run by the club, the joining fee is generally waived at the discretion of the club. For experienced archers, an assessment of skills, knowledge and safety compliance can be arranged, generally on a Saturday morning by the Club Coach. In this case there is a once off joining fee which is additional to annual membership. The club reserves the right to undertake reference checks on any applicant. The receipt of an application form or payment of any fee or the issue of a card by Archery Australia does not constitute acceptance of a new or continuing membership until approved by the club.

After completing an archery course and joining the club you will be required to attend an induction session, and you will be provided with 6 arrows on loan, if we have suitable arrows in stock. Loan arrows are to be returned to the club when you buy your first set of arrows or if you do not renew your membership. While club hire bows are available, hire arrows are not available, and you will need to bring arrows each time you attend the club. It is self-evident; without arrows you cannot shoot. If you damage or lose an arrow a replacement can be hired from the club. If you have a loose fletch the club can show you how to repair it. Never shoot damaged or bent arrows.

New members are provisional members on probation for the first 12 months. This probation enables provisional members to determine if the club meets their needs, and enables the club to assess behaviour and compliance with rules and directions etc. The club or the provisional member have the right to terminate the provisional membership at any time without a stated reason.

Please refer to any government regulations and specific club rules introduced for Covid and the precautions that must be followed.

Shooting Calendar

The club has a yearly calendar and novices are encouraged to shoot designated rounds so that they can map their progress and obtain achievement medals. And OzBow rounds and awards are specifically designed as an encouragement for development in the initial few months of joining the club. OzBow archery on most Saturday mornings at 10.00 can be used as an ideal self-paced improvement program.

The club calendar can also be found on the web site. It is suggested that all members print a copy and plan their sporting year around the calendar. Some adjustments will be made to the calendar throughout the year.

The more practice you get, the more tournaments you shoot, the better you should become. So plan for regular attendance at the club. It is strongly recommended that to continue on the path of skills development that you make coming to the club a weekly habit.

Fees

Annual fees include a club fee, affiliation fees Archery Australia and the South Queensland Archery Society and also include insurance. You must not shoot at the club if you have not paid your annual fees.

There is also a small **range shooting fee** that members pay each day to visit the club to shoot. Club equipment can be hired for an additional hire charge. Fees are subject to change and are displayed at the club. Please ensure you pay your range fees when signing in; this is very important and is seen as a key obligation to continued membership. You must not shoot at the club unless you have signed in and paid your range fees.

Only club members may shoot at the club and casual archery participation by non-members is not permitted.

Membership cards are issued by Archery Australia and these must be either worn, carried with you or hung off your quiver while shooting on the range as audits are undertaken from time to time. The Archery Australia membership card states your club membership.

Archery Australia provides the foundation, the structure and fabric of the sport. Your Archery Australia affiliation covers you for insurance, supports the coaching qualification program and enables you to participate in interclub events. A renewal notice will be issued to your nominated email address and all renewals are to be made on line via the Archery Australia web site www.archery.org.au with payment to be made by card.

A Membership Card will be issued by Archery Australia with the name and to the postal address as provided in the membership database and should be received within a week or two from signing on with the Club.

Uniform

SVTA has a club shirt which is available to purchase. It is not compulsory to wear the club shirt however it is encouraged to show pride in the sport you have chosen. Although SQAS is not overly rigid, SQAS does have a dress code for major tournaments, and a club uniform, archery shirt, the SQAS shirt or all whites should be worn at major interclub tournaments. For field shoots through bush settings SQAS relaxes this dress code. Long sleeve shirts and hats are recommended for outdoor sun protection. The club supports the wearing of the club shirt by example and through encouragement. Camouflage clothing is not permitted.

Coaching

The club has Archery Australia qualified coaches to help you. The Club Coach manages the coaching program at the club.

Irrespective of your experience or qualifications you may not coach other members at the club unless approved to do so.

Coaching at the club is mainly provided on a volunteer basis and is subject to coaches' availability. Archery courses are held on Saturday mornings generally every month. At the course archers learn how to shoot correctly and the safety procedures. Ongoing coaching is provided for archers on Saturday mornings generally on the Mid Field, and coaches are assigned to help most Saturday mornings. Also specific coaching presentations, seminars and workshops are held from time to time and available to all and cover topics such as equipment maintenance, how to score, about the different types of archery, and things you may want to know about in time such as how to buy your own bow and arrows.

Once you have become a member, as for any sport it is important to establish your own routine for attendance and commitment to practice. It may be necessary to regularly practice, desirably 3 or 4 hours each week if you are to meet your expectations for improvement.

Any archer requiring help should seek the assistance of a coach, they are there to help you, though they will not interfere with your shooting style unless they have a safety concern or you are assigned to them. Coaches participate in shooting too, so they will make a specific time with you to help you. This will normally be on a Saturday morning. It is recommended that you complete a training plan with the Club Coach.

The bridging step, once you have completed an archery course, is to attend on Saturday mornings and ask for help from the instructors AND to shoot an outdoor OzBow round each week as the minimum to enable you to self-monitor your progress. However, do not ignore the shoots listed on the club calendar as they should be participated in early in your archery "career". In these shoots there are short distance rounds suitable for the novice archer. Early in the sport try the short distance rounds on a Saturday as they will start you down the path of preparing yourself for tournaments.

Some archers (minors or those with a disability) may need close supervision by parents or have a trained assistant with them when on the line. For example, an archer may have difficulty in nocking an arrow on the string and an assistant may be of great value in enabling the archer to enjoy the sport. Archers who cannot attend at the target can ask someone else on their target to be their "archer's agent" for scoring and collecting arrows, but acting as an agent is voluntary, and you must arrange this beforehand.

The Field Captain, a coach, club official or member of the management committee may direct that a child is to have parental supervision while shooting. Safety is the priority always. Away from the shooting line parents are to supervise their children. No young person 12 or under may be left at the club unattended by a parent or guardian. Parents/guardians are responsible for establishing supervision and support for their child, any lunch needs, and safe pick-up arrangements if they leave their children at the club.

Animals may not be brought to the club without approval. Trained and registered assistant dogs will be allowed but please obtain approval first so that guidelines can be mutually agreed.

Assistants must be trained and competent for the task they are helping with. Assistants are required to be alert and ensure that their archer is following the rules and the directions of the DOS.

Sign on and Shooting Arrangements

Before you participate in any club activity you MUST sign-on in the club house, and indicate the shooting fee that you have paid.

While coaches have Blue Cards, the club is run by volunteers and cannot provide child minding services, the club is a volunteer-based sports club and it is a parent's responsibility to manage their children's overall wellbeing, security/pick up arrangements.

You may not shoot unless you have either temporary or full current financial membership of the club and SQAS/AA, and if you shoot without these memberships or the fees not paid up you do so without the club's permission and may not be covered for public liability insurance.

Though shooting dates and times are advertised by the club in the calendar sometimes events have to be changed in the event of wet weather etc. However now that the club has an Indoor Facility there will often but not always be an alternative venue for practice in wet weather.

You may use the indoor hall for shooting once your skill levels are such as to be able to hit the 40cm target at 18m.

If you shoot at the club you must pay the range fee, bow hire fee, or event fee.

Some Tournaments have a specific event entry fee. For some tournaments, particularly interclub tournaments, you may have to register on-line well in advance, e.g. for a Target QRE (registered Qualification and Ranking Event).

On the outdoor target field there are normally several shooting lines or groups of targets separated by a no-go space. You must not enter this no-go space. One shooting line is usually established as a line for beginners, a second line for coaching archers, equipment tuning and for practice at shorter distances, and a third line for practice by members or competition as per the club calendar. Because of limitations of space no more than three groups of targets or fields of play are usually established. Each field of play is always under the control of a DOS (Director of Shooting) while shooting is in progress. All archers on a shooting line are required to act as a group for shooting control and must be under the control of someone acting as a Director of Shooting DOS. Members are not to participate unless someone is acting as a DOS or in the case of a single target on a range then someone acting as Target Captain, effectively the DOS.

You must always have a DOS with shooting control (either whistle or the indoor timing system) when participating in the Indoor Facility. You may not go forward of the shooting line until given clearance from the DOS. This shooting line extends the full width of the indoor facility. While archers are shooting indoor other archers and visitors are to stay back behind the waiting line.

The archers shooting a round should not be disturbed while shooting, unless there is a need to provide instruction/direction/alert.

From 12.00 to 13.00 on Saturday afternoon the club has a lunch break. During this period a short halt will normally be called and shooting on all lines ceases for presentation of awards and announcements. After the break the shooting line may be opened again to members.

You can shoot socially at any time the club is open and shoot any round you choose for unofficial practice, assuming the fields of play can accommodate. The rounds listed for the day may be shot for club record purposes. However for your score to be officially accepted you must comply with participation and witnessing of arrow requirements. In accordance with Archery Australia rules there must be a minimum of 3 archers participating in the scoring process. All scoring arrows must be witnessed and the score sheet must be signed by the archer and the witness certifying to the witnessing of the scores and the correct recording of each arrow value. All scores must be entered using Archers Diary, preferably at the target using a phone or other device. Paper scoring must also be undertaken. If for any reason you cannot score electronically at the target you must double score on paper and enter your score into the computer immediately on return to the club house.

Some Responsibilities as a Member of the Club

You must follow all club rules, codes, procedures, signs, and directions of club officials; these are in place for your benefit, the good running of the club and the safety of fellow archers and the public.

You must also follow AA and SQAS codes, procedures, and rules etc.

If you shoot, help!

All club members are required to assist with tasks around the club particularly when courses are on or when working bees are called. This is your obligation as a club member.

However, young people (or those not physically capable) must not at any time try to shift targets and care must always be taken by adults when shifting targets to ensure they do not over balance. Always check the security of the butt on the target you are shooting on or plan to move.

All able-bodied adult club members are also expected to assist in putting targets away at the end of the day's shoot. So, if you shoot on a target and you are strong enough to safely do so, please help to pull it back to and place it in the shed before you go home.

There may also be small tasks assigned each week to each member that assist in the smooth running of the club and if you have not been asked to do one of these please see a club official. Even juniors are required to help as a condition of membership. Working bees from time to time are also organised and all club members are to participate.

So, if you come to the club, please do not leave without helping to do something. It can be as simple as un-stacking the dishwasher or picking up rubbish.

If the floor looks dirty, please sweep it. If there is no toilet paper in the toilet, please find out how it can be replenished. If the bin is $\frac{3}{4}$ full please take a bag of rubbish up to the wheelie bins up near the council depot.

The club is also in the container recycle scheme, doing our bit for the environment, and generating a modest income. You are very welcome to donate your recyclable bottles and drink cans from home to the club.

Club Equipment

While hire equipment is available for members, beginners on courses always have first preference for club equipment. The club has a lot of hire equipment, and there will usually be adequate hire equipment available after prospective members on a course have been assigned their bows, though lighter poundage equipment will be in demand, and you may not get exactly the same equipment you have been used to.

A range of club bows is available from the lighter 15lb bows to higher 20 or 25lb bows. Depending on your stage of development you will normally move from the lighter to the heavier poundage bows. While you are very welcome to continue to hire club equipment for as long as you like, it is basic entry level equipment and if you want to develop in the sport you can expect to want to buy your own equipment after some time. However please see a club coach before doing so.

Club Facilities

There is a fridge from which cold drinks may be purchased and another fridge in which members can store their lunches and drinks, and a microwave is available in the kitchenette. There is a ZipBoil so please take care in using it as the water is very hot.

It is suggested valuables should be kept on you or locked away in your car while you are shooting on the line. There are lockers available for long term hire, however as a condition of hiring the club does not accept any responsibility for the security of the lockers or for any loss.

The club has shades over the waiting areas behind some of the shooting lines. The weather in Queensland can be hot and humid. Please retreat to this shade whenever possible to minimise the risk from heat stress. Also drink plenty of water and apply sunscreen frequently. Wear a hat. Take an umbrella as a easy portable shade. Put up an additional pop-up shade which are available. Sunscreen lotion which may be suitable is supplied by the club. Water is supplied from tanks and there is a filtered tap in the kitchen. Cold water is for sale from the fridge at a modest price or you can put your own water bottle and lunch box in the club fridge to keep it cold. Please label all water bottles. The

lunch area has ceiling fans. Remember this is sport by choice so if conditions are beyond your comfort level it is your responsibility to cease and rest.

Use the soap, gel and wipes provided to minimise the spread of germs. If unwell you must not come to the club. Use the sanitisers frequently. Sanitise club equipment before use and after return. Keep at 1.5m separated if possible.

Tea and instant coffee is provided free on the strict condition that you wash up your cup by placing it in the dishwasher. Never leave a cup or plate in the sink. Members that are not prepared to comply with this simple requirement are not allowed to use the kitchen facilities.

You may not carry out any activity that has not been authorised by the management committee.

You may not carry on sales of manufactured items/money making venture/commercial activity/business on the club grounds unless authorised to do so.

Workshop Use

You may not to use any equipment (such as the bow press, arrow saw, etc.) unless you have been trained in their use and authorized to use them. Please ask a member of the management committee or a coach for advice as to who can help you. Your use of workshop and other equipment is at your risk. If you are trained and authorised to use any equipment please check that it is in proper working order before use. If you arrange for the club to undertake for you the manufacture (e.g. a bow string), modification, maintenance, repair or adjustment to your archery gear then this is done at your risk. The club has only limited workshop equipment and it may be necessary for you to see an archery dealer.

You may not use club maintenance equipment (e.g. like the mower) unless you have been trained and authorised to use it.

Toilet

Please keep the toilet clean and report any issues immediately. If you make a mess please clean it up. If toilet paper is running low please replenish it from the storage box in the toilet for people with disabilities.

Baby Change Facility

There is a fold down baby change table in the larger toilet.

First aid, Fire and Emergency

A first aid kit is available as is a snake bite kit. Fire extinguishers are located in the facility at each man-door. Evacuation plans are displayed as are emergency phone numbers. The club has an AED.

Alcohol and Drugs

Alcohol or drugs may not be brought onto the grounds without the approval of a management committee member. Under no circumstances are you to be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs that may adversely affect you while participating in archery activities. A blood alcohol limit of zero applies.

No Smoking

In accordance with AA and World Archery rules, and Queensland Government regulations, smoking is not permitted at the facility including on the shooting line, the Indoor Facility, on the archery field, at the target butts and in or around the club house. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes.

Smoking is only permitted in sign posted designated area which is located well away from the field and Indoor Facility. Smoking is not permitted in the car parking areas or near the boundary of neighboring properties.

Rules and Appeals

The authority for management of the club is vested in the Management Committee who delegates certain functions to various officers. These officers exercise general authority between management committee meetings. For day to day control at the club the most senior officer is the President followed by the Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, General Management Committee Member, Field Captain, Judges, Club Coach, Recorder and Coaches.

As a member of this club you have also joined Archery Australia Inc (AA) and South Queensland Archery Society Inc (SQAS).

This club follows the rules (including shooting rules), the codes, policies and relevant procedures of AA and SQAS and you are bound by these rules etc.

Key AA rules can be found on the AA website.

Key SQAS Codes such as the Code of Behavior – Parents and Visitors, Code of Behavior – Participants, Code of Ethics – Officials, Code of Ethics – Coaches are on the SQAS web site.

In addition, the club has its own rules, codes, policies and procedures which you must follow.

Appeals against any decision by the club must be lodged with the Secretary within 7 days or within one month in the case of rejection or termination of membership.

Tournament appeals and appeals on archery matters and matters of fact shall be dealt with in accordance with AA rules. Judges are provided at some events and are there to assist to facilitate such events and should be looked on as there to help you, and also to ensure fair play in accordance with the rules. The Organising Committee of a tournament has overall control of the events and if a Jury of Appeal has not been established the Organising Committee will act as a Jury of Appeal and consider such appeals.

Unless advertised otherwise an appeal fee of \$50 shall apply.

Non-compliance with the constitution, rules, by-laws, codes, policies, procedures or directions from officials may lead to disciplinary action which can include formal warning, restrictions, withdrawal of privileges and awards, exclusion, fines, suspension and termination of membership or other disciplinary action as considered appropriate.

Vexatious, frivolous or false complaints or correspondence, whether deliberate or unintentional may be grounds for discipline action.

Member Protection Information Officers

The club is committed to providing an environment free of discrimination, harassment, abuse and other forms of inappropriate behavior and has appointed Member Protection Information Officers both male and female to support you should you have a concern. The Member Protection Information Officer is not there to solve an issue but is there to support you and give guidance as to who you should approach. In addition, any members of the management committee can be approached for guidance.

Access to grounds out of normal club open times

You may not access the club grounds out of hours unless approved to do so. After 12 months as a provisional member, if a member renews they may apply for the issue of a Gate Key and be authorised for out of hours access. This is not a right but a special privilege and the applicant's skills, knowledge, behaviour, compliance, participation level at normal open times, contribution to the club,

attendance at working bees etc. will be assessed prior to approval by the Management Committee. If access is granted this access is unique to you and you must strictly follow all rules, policies and procedures. Access may be withdrawn at any time with or without reasons. Safety is always the highest priority.

DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY

The levels of coach qualification are....

Level 1 coach - we have about 20 active level 1 coaches (participation coaches) who are sometimes referred to as Instructors

Level 2 coaches – are development coaches

Level 3 coaches – sometimes referred to as regional coaches

While always busy helping people, most coaches are very approachable.

The club has an appointed Club Coach. This person oversees all coaches and coaching at the club as “The Club Coach”.

Qualified coaches may volunteer and then be appointed by the club to help run archery courses and help archers with shooting technique, based on the “The Ten Steps of Archery”. Unless appointed no person may coach at the club.

Development Pathway

Archers on joining the club commence their development pathway – they are usually hiring club bows for the first few months attending the Mid Field on Saturday mornings and shooting a self-paced OzBow round to score to monitor progress. Assistance is available from the volunteer coaches rostered on duty. The archer increases the OzBow distance 5m at a time as they achieve the OzBow target scores.

During this time, you may be given 6 arrows on loan. Workshops are run to show members how to fletch them and maintain them. It is important to make Saturday morning archery a habit to constantly reinforce the training you would have received on a archery course.

If you ask a coach they can sit down with you to draw up a Development Plan; this is important for those that want to move from social to competitive archery.

With all scheduled archery you must be on time to participate, and it is best to get in the habit of being early and warmed up with your equipment ready to go.

After about 2 months, if you may be interested in buying your own gear, and new members are encouraged to book some time with a coach who will take measurements and give you recommendations for a suitable bow.

You could attend a seminars/workshops on bow set up or the other training sessions held from time to time, e.g. equipment maintenance, tournament preparation, string making etc.

Once you have your own bow members will most likely be shooting “red or better” at 20m or more and may like to move to the West Field and participate in the club rounds as listed in the annual calendar. This is an ideal chance to shoot with more experienced archers. Archers generally share a target butt of up to 3 archers each. By this time, you will be entering your scores into Archers Diary and you will be able to track your progress; your rating.

From there you may like to start shooting the Monthly Club Tournament which is a handicap shoot and has a medal awarded to the archer who shoots best against their own “average” rating.

Once you are shooting club shoots you may then be thinking of inter club competitions. Or you may want to stay as a recreational social archer, which is fine. For those that are thinking competitive, an ideal avenue is the Silver Arrow Shoots which are electronic "postal" tournaments. These shoots are held generally on a Sunday or Saturday at the club in target, indoor archery, and field (though field archery is shot at Belmont), and there is one of these Silver Arrow Shoots about once a month or two. Because they are shot at the club there are only club members present even though it is an interclub shoot, so they are ideal non-pressure shoots for the newer archers. To shoot these Silver Arrow in the relevant division you need to be shooting out to the respective distances. Your Development Plan could have these distances as a target achievement.

The next step in your development could then be to attend one of the QRE (Qualification and Ranking Events) that are held at Samford from time to time as per the club annual calendar or shot at other clubs in South Queensland. There are 11 affiliated clubs in South Queensland.

Or you may plan to shoot one of the South Queensland Championships. Get plenty of practice at the required distances in the lead up to these tournaments. Include this in your Development Plan. Some of these SQAS Championships are held at Samford on your home grounds.

SVTA has some of the best archery facilities in Australia.

Then you may look to the Archery Australia National Championships and other national tournaments both for youths and adults. Archers that are at this level could see the Club Coach about a review of your Development Plan.

And for youths there is the Trans-Tasman each 2 years, alternating between Australia and New Zealand.

And beyond that if you meet the selection requirements you could even go to international events like World Cups and World Championships. The club has archers that have been or are currently at this level.

The Archery Australia has a High Performance program. To be visible for this program you need to be shooting good scores at QREs.

The club is active in working with archers with disabilities, including visually impaired.

SAFETY RULES

Introduction

Safety is our absolute priority and zero harm our policy.

While at the club you must follow any Health Directive (e.g. Covid) and comply with the requirements that the club has put in place to mitigate risks, for example sanitisation of equipment and sign-in which are essential.

Archery has some clear potential dangers; however, the sport is a very safe sport because all archers and visitors are required, as a condition of entry to the grounds or participation in club activities, to follow some basic safety rules. By becoming a member of the club, you recognise that there are inherent dangers in the sport and you agree to abide by the rules to help keep you and others safe.

If you have any medical, physical or intellectual condition or injury that may be aggravated by the sport or that impairs your ability to participate you must seek medical advice and tell the Club Coach or member of the Management Committee. If you intend not to follow such advice you must discuss this with the President or Vice President or Secretary and get their express approval to participate. Some reasonable adjustments to the rules that you are required to follow may be able to be implemented.

Always follow the directions of the club officials. If you have any doubts, ask an official for directions.

It is the responsibility of the archer to ensure that their arrows do not go beyond the safety templates of the club, and breaches of this requirement may lead to disciplinary action, even expulsion for serious or a repeated breach.

Field Control

Subject to the overall directions of the Management Committee, or the President or Vice President, the Field Captain has overall authority to control shooting and all safety on the entire field including the Indoor Facility and can appoint a DOS for a field of play if one is not in place.

In the absence of the Field Captain the most senior club official present has the authority to undertake this function. In the absence of one of these officials then the most senior archer shall undertake this function. Seniority shall be measured by length of membership of the club.

As a sub-set of the control of the entire club grounds and facilities, a Director of Shooting (DOS) shall control a shooting line and field of play whenever there is more than one target. On joining the club all members agree to learn how to act in this function if required.

For the outdoor field, the field is wide enough to establish several separate shooting lines (fields of play) each controlled by a DOS with no go zones between them.

No person shall enter a no-go zone without approval from the DOS from both adjacent fields of play.

Archers shall strictly follow the directions of the DOS. When a DOS is on duty that person has control of the shooting line and the associated field of play and directs shooting and is responsible for safety. The DOS has the obligation to ensure all safety rules are being followed and has the authority to stop the shooting or require an archer to stop shooting and withdraw.

It is a condition of membership of the club that you agree to follow directions and rules at all times, and in the event of an incident you agree to receive first aid treatment if considered appropriate by a club official, the DOS, or the person with over all authority for safety.

Archers acting as a DOS will use a whistles or electronic sound buzzer or lights for control purposes in combination with verbal commands as necessary.

The DOS for a shooting line can be identified by the possession of a yellow flag, usually attached to the whistle.

DOS training is provided at the Induction Session for new club members, and the Field Captain provides refresher training on an annual basis.

Shooting Practice

Shooting practice prior to the commencement of controlled shooting or when the club is opened by members for casual shooting is the responsibility of the archers on the field.

If only one target is in use archers shall nominate a Target Captain to supervise shooting. In the absence of a nomination it shall be the most senior archer (length of club membership) on the target. Archers shall shoot together. Archers shall retrieve their arrows together. No shooting is allowed while archers or anyone else is at or behind the target area or forward of the shooting line.

If there is one target there must be a Target Captain in control of shooting. If there is a group of targets forming a shooting line there must be a DOS appointed. Without this simple authority process shooting may not be undertaken.

Whistle control shall be used whenever there is more than one target per shooting line. Whistles may have different sounds, so the areas can be differentiated.

Shooting Rules

An archer may only draw a bow, with or without an arrow, when standing on the shooting line or at the nominated field peg or practice line under the direction of a coach.

Archers must not under any circumstances high draw their bow.

An archer shall not “dry” fire a bow without an arrow.

An archer shall only aim towards the target. Before aiming the archer is to be satisfied that the field is clear both in front and behind the target area. If there is the slightest chance that an arrow may hit anyone either directly or from ricochet shooting must not proceed.

Never point a bow at anyone, loaded or not. Such action can result in instant exclusion. Safety is the number one priority.

Archers shall shoot only at the designated targets. If in any doubt don't shoot.

Archers shall not disturb or approach other archers during shooting except in an emergency.

An archer shall only start shooting when given the “commence shooting” signal.

No person shall approach or go forward of the shooting line or peg while anyone is still shooting. Wait until the “all clear” signal has been given.

Archers may not enter a “no-go” zone while shooting is in process in either adjacent field of play, and is to inform both DOS's before doing so to get approval to do so.

If an arrow falls off the rest, restart the shot rather than attempt to replace the arrow.

If an arrow falls to the ground in front of you or is miss fired short, do not step over the line or past the peg to retrieve it until given the all clear signal.

Running on the field (or anywhere around the club grounds) is not permitted, with or without an arrow in hand.

Archers must not pull an arrow from the target with someone behind the arrow. A maximum of two archers may draw arrows from a target provide they stand in a position each side of the target. When approaching a target, approach from the side i.e. the space between the targets.

It is the responsibility of the archer to wear appropriate protection equipment such as arm guards, finger tabs and chest protectors, and to use sun protection such as hats and sunscreen. Archers must also wear appropriate footwear. Archers should also avoid baggy shirts, sleeves or chest pockets with buttons and remove pens, pencils, sunglasses etc from shirt pockets, avoid necklaces, dangling earrings, nose rings, face pins and tie long hair back.

Sun screen lotion is provided. There is a long sleeve version of the club shirt, which you are encouraged to purchase for outdoor use. If you desire to avoid the sun altogether the Indoor Facility is available.

While water is provided at the club house, it is the responsibility of the archer to supply water to prevent dehydration. Archers should seek out shade in hot weather at every opportunity and should stop shooting if the temperature becomes excessive for them and retire to the shade.

No shooting is permitted on the approach of or during storms, and in strong wind archers are not to stand under trees.

Archers must step back from the shooting line to the waiting area when they have finished shooting their arrows to enable the DOS to check that it is clear to give the “all clear” signal. Archers are to wait behind the waiting line until given the go ahead to move forward by the DOS.

Hot weather precautions

Please wear sun protection. Wear a hat. Carry an umbrella. Use sunscreen (the club does provide free sun lotion for use by members). Watch for signs of dehydration (urine colour charts in the toilets to help you self-monitor). Drink plenty of water (there is free filtered tank water in the kitchen and cold drinks for sale in the fridge). While on the field take every opportunity to retreat to the shades between ends. If you are just practicing sit out an end or two from time to time. Remember this is sport by choice, so in very hot weather it is sometimes better to sit it out in the shade and spectate. If you are acting as DOS hold breaks between distances or ends. There are ceiling fans in the lunch area. With summer also comes the risk of storms and strong winds. Never shoot outside as a storm approaches. Do not risk being struck by lightning. Do not shelter under trees in windy weather. Do not risk being struck by falling branches. Foot protection of fully enclosed shoes is essential. No shoes no participation.

Incident Reports

All incidents are to be reported immediately to the DOS or Field Captain who will take the necessary action to assist, and to ensure the safety of archers, spectators, visitors and the general public until the Management Committee can assess the incident.

The DOS or Field Captain is to report all incidents to the Management Committee and to prepare an incident report for all serious incidents.

Incident reports are also to be completed by the person reporting the incident and handed to the President or Secretary or a member of the management committee.

Depending on the incident a report may be necessary to be provided to Archery Australia or other authorities.

Training

You may not participate in or undertake the following unless trained. Training is provided by;

Target and Field archery – archery course or recognition of prior learning – (Membership Register)
 String bow – induction of new members
 Arrow saw - under supervision of a coach or other trained person
 Bow press - under supervision of a coach or other trained person
 Mower operation – suppliers' instructions
 Hooter Shooter – under supervision of a coach or other trained person

Signals

Two blasts with a whistle shall be used to indicate that archers may move to the line or this command may be combined with a verbal "commence shooting" command.

A single blast of a whistle shall be used as the "commence shooting" signals.

Three blasts shall be used as the "all clear" signal indicating archers may move forward from the waiting area. The first two blasts of this signal indicate to stop shooting (time to shoot your arrows has expired) and the following third blast indicates that you may move forward. Do not move forward of the shooting line unless all three blasts have been given.

A series of blasts (more than 3) or loud verbal cry shall indicate danger and all shooting must cease immediately. The archery cry of "fast" is the traditional cry of danger and for shooting to cease immediately, i.e. to hold fast. Cease immediately, remain where you are and await further direction from the DOS.

Listen for verbal commands from the DOS, like "hold the line" which means do not move forward, or "ignore the electronic timing device while it is being reset".

Equipment

Archers are required to maintain their own equipment in safe working order for the safety of themselves and their fellow archers. Archers are required to inspect their own equipment before use. A coach or club official will inspect your equipment on request.

Archers should learn key safety items on bows and arrows to inspect, and even if hiring club equipment, they must inspect the equipment before use.

Archers must not attempt to shoot broken or damaged arrows. These are to be repaired or discarded. In addition to your own safety you have an obligation to other archers.

Archers are to take care when taking out and setting up or moving target butts to ensure that they do not over balance or collide with equipment or people. Minors are not to move heavy targets without assistance.

In wind the targets may move or even blow over if not pegged down. If arrows are in the target and it blows over they will almost certainly be damaged. To guard against such arrow damage please spike down the back legs of the target with the tent pegs provided. Arrows are expensive.

Clout

Currently the shooting of clout at the club grounds is suspended.

If you intend participating in an inter-club clout event and have not shot clout with your current equipment and set-up you must seek guidance from the Club Coach.

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

The Management Committee of the club reserves the right to exclude any person from the venue at any time with or without stated reason, and a member of the Management Committee has the right to exercise this exclusion. Breaches of any code or behavior requirement may result in sanctions being applied immediately or at a later date which may include fines, exclusion, restrictions, service orders, suspension or termination of membership or other disciplinary action.

Behaviour – Parents and Visitors

Parents and visitors to the club are required to follow the Code of Behaviour as displayed on the Notice Board which follows the principals below and seeks to exhibit the following behaviours.

Sanctions may be applied where parents or visitors do not follow this code.

- Remember, children participate in junior sport for their enjoyment not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children to participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake, having a poor shot or loosing a round or competition.
- Remember that children learn best by good example. Applaud good performance by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sport.
- Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them your child could not participate.
- Respect the judge's decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- The consumption of alcohol and smoking is not appropriate at junior sporting activities.
- Encourage beginners to learn archer's etiquette for expected behaviour on the shooting line and while scoring.

Behaviour for the Interfacing with Children and Young People

All members and all visitors (including parents and guardians) and guests are required to follow the Code of Behaviour as displayed on the Notice Board and follows the principles below and seeks the following behaviours. This code applies equally to child to child interaction.

It is to be noted that with club activities there is likely to be a wide range in ages and levels of maturity of members in attendance and behaviour must be geared accordingly.

Sanctions may be applied where members do not follow the code.

This code is supplementary to the codes of South Queensland Archery Society and Archery Australia which have been adopted by the club and apply to all members, visitors (including parents and guardians) and guests.

- At all times the language used around children and young people must be appropriate, for example swearing or unduly sexual references or innuendos are not to be made
- Inappropriate material (including pornography or overtly violent material) must not be brought into any area or facility under the control of the club
- Violent or excessively rough behaviour is not to occur
- Children and young people are to be shown respect and junior members are to show respect for seniors
- All members are to respect the directions of office bearers and in doing so set a good example for children and young people
- A coach should seek to instruct a young person with another person in attendance
- Members should not transport a young person unaccompanied by another person without the parent's or guardian's permission
- It is recognised that for archery coaching it is often necessary to physically touch and manipulate the student to demonstrate correct technique and form, accordingly coaches should check with the student before touching or manipulating and then take care not to make contact in an offensive way
- Have a sign in and out process for children and young people
- Photographs may be taken of juniors by club office bearers for official purposes, ie promotional purposes, newsletters or coaching, except where permission is specifically denied
- First aid or medical treatment may be given in the event of injury or illness except if permission is specifically denied by a parent or guardian
- Seek advice from the Member Protection Officer where concern exists of potential harassment, bullying, victimisation or discrimination etc.
- Report illegal abuse to the Department of Child Safety or the Police

Guidelines - for the Dealing with Voluntary Disclosures or Suspected Abuse

- Seek advice from the Member Protection Officer if available.
- Advise child/young person that any disclosures are confidential, unless of a criminal nature, e.g. sexual abuse. Criminal acts must be reported to authorities e.g. police, Child Protection Agency.
- MPO or club official is not an investigator of criminal allegations – they act impartially and are required to pass on information to appropriate authorities.
- If a child/young person approaches a club official with a complaint or allegation, assure the individual that they have done the right thing in coming forward. Listen actively and prompt for information, avoiding leading questions.
- If a club member/official suspects abuse, i.e. child's appearance or behaviour, approach the child at an appropriate time and place, asking questions in a conversational manner. Monitor child's reactions and responses.
- The role of the MPO is to listen, support and inform the child/young person of their options: -
- "do nothing"
- "do something yourself"
- internal procedure (Grievance)
- external procedure (legal etc).

- If a club official feels uneasy with situation or disclosure, ask the child if they would feel comfortable talking with MPO.
- If a club official or MPO is unsure or in doubt of action to be taken regarding the disclosure or allegation of a criminal nature, contact Child Protection Agency for advice.
- If disclosure of abuse (not of a criminal nature) relates to the behaviour or conduct of a club official, coach, parent, spectator or visitor to the club, suggest to the child that they advise appropriate club official e.g. President, Club Coach. (Internal procedures may be implemented). If a child is unsure or nervous with this procedure, suggest they inform or take a trusted adult with them, e.g. parent or guardian.
- Monitor and check back with the child at a later date that the situation has been resolved or improved.

Behaviour – Participants

Participants are required to follow the Code of Behaviour as displayed on the club Notice Board, the principals of which follow, and exhibit the following behaviours.

Sanctions may be applied where participants do not follow this code.

- Play by the rules.
- Always follow directions and act promptly to do so.
- Learn and follow archer's etiquette on the shooting line and while scoring.
- Never argue with a judge, the Director of Shooting or Field Captain, or other official.
- Control your temper.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team/club. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good performances made by your team/club and the competition.
- Treat other participants in the sport as you would like to be treated.
- Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please others.
- Respect the rights of all other participants.
- Abide by all Archery Australia, South Queensland Archery Society and Grange Company of Target Archers inc Policies and follow all club Procedures, including following the Archer's Etiquette.

Ethics – Coaches

Coaches are required to hold current Blue Cards when interfacing with children.

Coaches at the club are qualified as Archery Australia Archery Instructors and Coaches and are required to follow the Code of Ethics which is based on the following.

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being.
- Ensure the athlete's time spent with you is a positive experience.
- Treat the athlete as an individual.
- Be fair, consistent and honest with athletes.
- Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your athletes.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the sporting activity.
- Any physical contact with the athlete should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the athlete's skill development.
- Do not harass athletes.
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured athletes.
- Be a positive role model for your sport and the athletes.

General Behaviour

No one may be intoxicated or display conduct which may be inappropriate or disruptive to others including;

- Being disorderly or argumentative
- Being bad tempered, aggressive or use offensive language
- Being intimidating or doing things that may be construed to intimidate
- Not following directions
- Swaying, staggering or falling down
- Speech which is loud or boisterous
- Having rambling conversations with officials
- Having difficulty in paying attention or comprehending others
- Annoying fellow members and others

ARCHER ETIQUETTE

Archers should have respect for other archers who are shooting. They are trying to shoot the best they can and deserve the opportunity to execute their shots without undue noise or distractions, either from archers or spectators behind the line or from other archers on the line.

Do not talk on the line.

Step back from the line as soon as you have finished shooting all your arrows.

Do not “spot” your last arrow. This is particularly important if you were the last or nearly the last archer still on the line. The Director of Shooting needs to know as soon as all archers have finished so he can give the all clear to move forward. Spotting last arrows unnecessarily delays the event.

Please take care not to trip over another archers’ equipment.

Do not pick up or touch other archers’ equipment without their prior permission.

Never move forward to score/retrieve your arrows until given the all clear.

Please offer any assistance that you can to other archers if asked (e.g. during an equipment failure).

When moving forward to retrieve arrows from the target, walk carefully, especially if you are aware an arrow may have fallen short of the target.

Do not touch the target butt, the target face, or any arrow in the target until all arrows have all been scored.

Make sure each arrow value is called and tallied correctly before removing any arrows from the target.

Generally there will be two scorers per target for the recording of double scoring. If there are three archers on the target, one of the other archers will call the arrow values for all arrows and any other archer on that target will check that the caller is giving the correct values (mistakes do happen sometimes despite best intentions!). Once scoring has been completed the remaining archer (or archers) will mark the arrow holes (this is always done at tournaments) and commence carefully pulling the arrows from the target, working from the outside towards the centre. If there are only three archers on the target, then the scorers usually take it in turns to help the non-scoring archer in marking the arrow holes and pulling arrows.

If you are not pulling arrows from the target stand back out of the way to allow those archers pulling arrows plenty of room to avoid possible injury.

In tournaments, and even at Club events, all archers are on public display, and to promote the sport and present a good image, archers should always endeavor to present themselves well (dress and manner) and act responsibly, in keeping with the nature of the sport.

Respect the DOS and Judges at all times, and strictly follow their directions.

SCORING

Archers Diary is now available that allows scoring from the target electronically onto a device such as a smart mobile phone. Electronic scoring allows your scores arrow by arrow to be recorded in a database for your benefit.

One archer is to score electronically on a device and another on a paper score card as the official document. If you do not score electronically at the target you must enter your scores into the computer immediately after the event.

All scoring of club rounds for a tournament or competition shoot to be valid (except for OzBow) must be witnessed, i.e. see the arrow in the target, agree its value, and confirm its recording before it is withdrawn from the target. From 1st January 2019 you must have the archer and 2 witnesses. The archer and the witnesses certify the scoring by signing the score sheet. It is not permissible to ask an archer that did not see the arrows in the target and witness the recording of the arrow values to sign a score sheet, so please do not ask someone to do this. The witnesses must be members, however if you only have say two archers shooting on your target the third scorer may be an archer from an adjacent target, that come across to do this scoring and arrow witnessing role each end, or you could use a not shooting scorer that would move forward from the waiting area with the archers each end.

For a score to be valid for Club or SQAS records, or at SQAS interclub events 3 archers must participate in the scoring process.

Please make sure your paper score sheet is completed fully as incomplete score sheets will be discarded unrecorded. As an official document they must be completed fully, neatly and accurately. Always include your membership number which is displayed on your membership card, as you never know when your score may be a record. Please place score sheets in the score sheet box by the door for the Recorder at the end of the day.

For those events not requiring a judge, all arrow corrections must be initialed in black or blue biro by the 3 people scoring on the target, the archer and the 2 witnesses. For those tournaments where a judge is required only the judge may change an arrow value recorded on the paper score sheet and in this case the judge initials the score sheet with a red biro.

RATINGS/CLASSIFICATIONS/AWARDS

Ratings

In archery as in other sports like golf you can obtain a rating. Each time you shoot a round that is in the club calendar you can convert the score to a rating. Archery Australia has published rating tables that enable all scores shot in any round to be converted to a rating. This way no matter what round you shoot you can compare how you are progressing from week to week. Ask a coach how to use the rating tables and keep a record not only of your scores but also of your rating achieved.

Classifications

Archers can gain classifications of White, Black, Blue, Red and Gold classification, Master Bowman and Grand Master Bowman and Elite Bowman Bronze, Silver and Gold for attainment certain scores in specific calendar events throughout the year. Those awarded receive the relevant badges at cost. It is a very worthy goal to progressively gain these classifications.

All Gold Badges

An archer who shoots a 6-gold end in a tournament (i.e. a shoot as per the club calendar) may purchase an “all gold” badge, with a bronze backing for club tournaments, silver backing for state championships and gold backing for national championships. The first badge is free but subsequent badges are at cost.

Perfect Badges

For 6 tens in an end in a tournament, archers may purchase a “perfect” badge, with a bronze backing for club tournaments, silver backing for state championships and gold backing for national championships. These badges are at cost.

OzBow Medals

Ozbow rounds are designed to particularly encourage an archer’s development and prepare you for higher levels of challenge. OzBow bow medals are available for purchase. They are available for any club member shooting the designated target score for an OzBow round on any day.

Club Records

The club Recorder will keep a record of your scores shot each week and process claims for you, however score sheets MUST be fully completed, signed and submitted by leaving them in the score sheet box.

State, National and World Records

The club Recorder will submit State record claims, on your behalf for both minor records, i.e. those shot at a competition event on the club calendar, or major records, i.e. those shot at a State Championship tournament.

Age Groups and Divisions

Age groups are Cub, Intermediate, Cadet, Junior, Open, Master (+50), Veteran (+60), and Veteran+70, in both men and ladies, compound, recurve, long bow and bare bow (no sights) divisions. In archery the younger ages retain their age until the end of the year whereas the seniors progress from the beginning of the year they turn 50 etc.

Age Divisions

Age Divisions - joining in 2023

1. Under 14 – pay the Youth fee

Anyone born in the year 2010 or since then i.e. they are younger

An athlete may compete in the cub class in tournaments when the competition takes place up to and in the year of his/her 13th birthday.

2. Under 16 – pay the Youth fee

Anyone born in the years 2008 or 2009

An athlete may compete in the intermediate class in tournaments when the competition takes place up to and in the year of his/her 15th birthday.

3. Under 18 – pay the Youth fee

Anyone born in the years 2006 or 2007

An athlete may compete in the cadet class in tournaments when the competition takes place up to and in the year of his/her 17th birthday.

4. Under 21 (if under 18 years old) - you pay the Youth club membership fee as a minor

Anyone born in the years 2005

An athlete may compete in the junior class in tournaments when the competition takes place up to and in the year of his/her 20th birthday.

5. Under 21 (if 18 years of age or over) - you pay the Adult fee

Anyone born in the years 2003 or 2004

An athlete may compete in the junior class in tournaments when the competition takes place up to and in the year of his/her 20th birthday.

6. Open – pay the Adult fee

Anyone born in 1974 to 2002 inclusive

An athlete of any age may compete in the open class in tournaments.

7. 50+ pay the Adult fee

Anyone born in the years 1964 to 1973

An athlete may compete in the master's class in tournaments when the competition takes place up to and in the year of his/her 50th birthday and thereafter.

8. 60+ pay the Adult fee

Anyone born in 1954 to 1963 inclusive

An athlete may compete in the veteran's class in tournaments when the competition takes place up to and in the year of his/her 60th birthday and thereafter.

9. 70+ pay the Adult fee

Anyone born in or before 1953 i.e. they are older

An athlete may compete in the veteran 70+ class in tournaments when the competition takes place up to and in the year of his/her 70th birthday and thereafter.

EQUIPMENT FOR ARCHERS

Club members that have moved into the ranks of the more advanced archers and who have progressed to owning their own bow and arrows may want to consider owning the following equipment;

- Bow (of course!)
- Arrows
- Quiver (always with you)
- Bow square (to measure/record nocking point, tiller, peep height, brace height, etc). These should be written down.
- Small note book to record all measurements, notes and changes to equipment (so you know where you started and what you have done).
- Set of Allen keys. There are excellent sets available through archery dealers or hardware stores. (The alternative is to have individual keys but these are easier to lose) Note: Keep an eye on the condition of each key and get a new set once there is a bit too much play. Otherwise you could strip the head of the screw and make it impossible to either tighten or remove.
- Bow stringer (recurve)
- Spare nocks
- Spare wrist/finger sling
- Lens cloth (compound)
- Hood for scope (compound) - comes in handy if the sun is at awkward angle
- Bow stand of some type (even if only an old arrow)
- Carry enough spare arrows so you feel comfortable that you can finish a round even if you have a damaged arrow, a fletch falls off, a point comes out, etc.)
- Spare release aid or finger tab (Note: Losing or misplacing this item is NOT permitted as an equipment failure at tournaments). This is a bigger item than most, but archers regularly attending tournaments should endeavor to have a spare, as finances allow.
- Super glue gel (not for minors and younger juniors). It's great for repairing a loose fletch, repairing a loose tie-in nock, etc.

Tackle Box

- Bow string wax
- Fletching glue (handy for lots of jobs)
- Spare nocks
- Spare points
- Spare fletches
- Spare Dot for scope (compound)

Always take with you to Archery sessions!

- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Plenty of water

Other Equipment to think about

- Spare string/cables (keep last set - just in case you need it in an emergency).
- Other equipment, such as a fletching jig, which archers could consider purchasing at some stage. Someone else's jig may not be set up for your fletch setup.
- More advanced equipment such as arrow cut off tool, bow scales, bow press, heating tool to remove points, string making jig, string material, serving material, D loop rope, etc. are all available to buy, but your club or local archery dealer will have some or all of this equipment as well as experienced archers who can assist/teach you how to use them over a period of time.

CHECK YOUR EQUIPMENT BEFORE YOU SHOOT

The minimum skills that archers of any age are to acquire before bringing their own equipment to the club is to ensure their equipment remains in good order and is safe to operate. These items should all be checked regularly:

- Write down all the current measurements relating to your bow in your notebook.
- Check your nocking point and peep height and security
- Check the condition of your string and cables regularly and wax or ask someone experienced if they need replacing.
- Check the condition of your serving (ends and centre) as above
- Check your nocks are not damaged
- Check your arrow is not damaged
- Check points are firm
- Check all screws/bolts are snug (not overly tight!)
- Check fletches are firmly glued (this includes the centre as well as ends)
- Check for indications of wear on any fletch(es) which may indicate interference
- Keep scope lens clean (compound)
- Check limbs and riser for any cracks or delamination

ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONS and AWARDS

Interclub Silver Arrow

- 3 x Clout (if available)
- 3 x Indoor
- 3 x Target
- 3 x Field
- Awards as per SQAS with no club medals

Monthly Club Tournaments – Monthly Handicap Winner – the Monthly Medal

- Target (720 round)
- Handicap winner on the day awarded the monthly medal

Club Championships

- Target, Short Range, Indoor and Field
- Para and VI Club Champions; Target, Short Range and Indoor

Overall Club Champions

- Aggregate of points best 3 of 4 tournaments
- For Para and VI best 2 of 3 tournaments
- 3 points for win, 2 points for second, 1 point for participation
- Must shoot at least 2 tournaments to be considered.
- In the event of a tie the highest points from the Target event shall decide the Overall Champion.
- Award presented for greatest aggregate in each division

Most Improved/Encouragement Award(s)

- Determined by the Recorder and President.
- Awarded at the end of the year

QRE's

- National Ranking list
- No club awards

Ron Tucker Tournament

- Award/prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd against percentage of GMB

KNOW YOUR SHOOTS

Always check AA Rule Book for current updates

Archery Australia Outdoor Target Rounds

Name of Round	No. of arrows	Distances	Target Size
WA 90/1440	144	90, 70, 50, 30	122/80
WA 70/1440	144	70, 60, 50, 30	122/80
WA 60/1440 (Fremantle)	144	60, 50, 40, 30	122/80
AA50/1440	144	50, 40, 30, 20	122/80
AA40/1440	144	40,30,30,20	122/80
Long Sydney	120	90, 70, 60, 50	122
Sydney	120	70, 60, 50, 40	122
Long Brisbane	120	90, 70, 60, 50	122/80
Brisbane	120	70, 60, 50, 40	122/80
Adelaide	120	60, 50, 40, 30	122/80
Short Adelaide	120	50, 40, 30, 20	122/80
Hobart	90	90, 70, 50	122
Perth	90	70, 60, 50	122
WA 60/900 (Canberra)	90	60, 50, 40	122
Short Canberra	90	50, 40, 30	122
Jnr Canberra	90	40, 30, 20	122
Mini Canberra	90	30,20,10	122
Grange	90	60	122
Melbourne	90	50	122
Darwin	90	40	122
Geelong	90	30	122
Newcastle	90	20	122
Holt	90	50	80
Samford	90	40	80
Drake	90	30	80
Wollongong	72	90, 70	122
Townsville	72	70, 60	122
Launceston	72	50, 30	80
WA 70/720	72	70	122
WA 60/720	72	60	122
WA 50/720	72	50	80
AA50/720	72	50	122
AA40/720	72	40	122
AA30/720	72	30	122
SV20/720	72	20	122

Unofficial Rounds OzBow

OzBow	30	10m to 70m	122
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Indoor Target

WA Indoor 18 m	60	18 m	40cm
WA Indoor 25 m	60	25 m	60cm
Aust Indoor 18m	30	18m	40cm
Aust Indoor 25m	30	25m	60cm

Field

24 Target Field long marked	72	6–60 m	20, 40,60,80
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Rounds Shot by Archers by Division

CLOUT ROUNDS

Class	180m	165m	145m	125m	100m
Men	C	R BBC	L BBR		
Women		C	R BBC	L BBR	
Master & Vet Men	C	R BBC	L BBR		
Master & Vet Women		C	R BBC	L BBR	
J(20&U) Men	C	R BBC	L BBR		
J(20&U)Women		C	R BBC	L BBR	
Cadet Men		C	R BBC	L BBR	
Cadet Women			C	R BBR BBC L	
Intermediate Boys and Girls			C	R BBC	L BBR
Cub Boys & Girls				C	R BBR BBC L

720 TARGET ROUNDS for Target QRE Tournaments **SUBJECT TO REVIEW**

Round	OPEN		MASTER		VETERAN		20 and Under		Cadet		Intermediate		Cub	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Boy	Girl	Boy	Girl
WA 70/720 122cm	R	R					R	R						
WA 60/720 122cm	BBR BBC		R	R			BBR BBC		R	R				
WA 50/720 80cm	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C				
AA 50/720 122cm	L	L BBR BBC	L BBR BBC	L BBR BBC	R C L BBR BBC	R C L BBR BBC	L	L BBR BBC	BBR BBC					
AA 40/720 122cm						R C L BBR BBC			L	L BBR BBC	R C	R C		
AA 30/720 122cm											L BBR BBC	L BBR BBC	R C L BBR BBC	R C L BBR BBC

Only one option is usually offered at a tournament. The option of WA50/720 for Vet Compound in red bold italics is not normally offered at SVTA for QREs. The round to be shot by Vet Women of AA40/720 not the AA50/720 is subject to checking with AA.

1440 & 900 TARGET ROUNDS for World Archery Registered Tournaments

Round	Open		Master		Veteran		20 & under		Cadet		Intermediate		Cub	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Boy	Girl	Boy	Girl
WA 90/1440	R C						R C							
WA 70/1440	BBR BBC	R C	R C				BBR BBC	R C	R C					
WA 60/1440	L	BBR BBC	BBR BBC	R C BBR BBC	R C BBR BBC		L	L BBR BBC	BBR BBC	R C				
AA50/1440		L	L	L	L	R C L BBR BBC				L	L BBR BBC	R C	R C	
AA40/1440											L BBR BBC	L BBR BBC	R C L BBR BBC	R C L BBR BBC
WA60/900 (Canberra)	R C L BBR BBC	R C	R C	R C	R C		R C L BBR BBC	R C	R C	R C				
Short Canberra		L	L	L	L	R C L BBR BBC		L	L BBR BBC	L BBR BBC	R C	R C		
Junior Canberra											L BBR BBC	L BBR BBC	R C L BBR BBC	R C L BBR BBC

SAMPLE New Archer Development and Training Plan

This plan should be monitored each week and updated as appropriate.

Name: **Sally Smith**

Date: **1.1.2017**

Objectives

- Short Term Consolidate basic technique
 Mid Term Achieve OzBow target score for 30m distance
 Long Term Then "graduate" to the West Field and participate in club shoots

Measures

Weekly

1. Attend weekly training and practice Saturday 09.00 to 12.00
2. Attend weekly "announcements" at the club Saturday at 12.00 to gain an understanding of what is happening
3. Shoot a minimum of 30 arrows a week scoring an OzBow self-paced development round

Monthly

1. after 8 Saturday morning sessions achieve the OzBow target score for 30m
2. after 2 months see a club coach to be measured for what equipment would be suitable for purchase
3. after 3 months arrange to purchase your first bow

Annual

1. Shooting club shoots
2. Progress to longer distances when shooting "red or better" at a distance

Tasks/Goals

	Now	Future
Practice	09.00-12.00 each Saturday	
Technique	ten steps reinforcement	
Equipment	club bow	
Physical	rubber physio band each night	
Mental	practice focus and concentration	
Tournament	OzBow self-paced program	

Notes:

Working on stance and release

Progress/Achievements/Celebrations:

Ten steps being followed, good bow hand position not gripping the bow

Notes to Help Shoot Field Properly

You are not allowed to take with you any notes that may be used for calculating angles, and distances apart from your normal sight setting notes for those divisions which allow sights, the recording of the present personal scores and any part of the WA rules. Barebow and Longbow; you do not have a sight and no sight setting notes may be taken into the field. WA Rule 22.6.3.

You may use binoculars to spot your arrows.

You can stand within approx. 1 metre in any direction beside or behind the shooting peg on your side of the peg, **but** not in front of the peg.

Start your scoring on the card on the target number that you start on, i.e., start shooting on Target 4 and then score against Target 4 on the scorecard. **TIP:** Scorers place both sets of scorecards for the group in the same order to help reduce the possibility of making a mistake and putting the wrong score against the wrong archer.

Remember that you have to **rotate the order of shooting** at each target. On your first target the archers with the lowest competitor's numbers shoot first unless the group decide to change the order. Once the order has been established you must maintain the order for the entire round. Remember what target you started on (e.g. odd numbers) so on all odd numbers you are first up. If only 3 on a target the 3rd archer will shoot on the left-hand side.

On 40cm faces – Archers 1 & 2 will shoot top left and top right.
Archers 3 & 4 will shoot bottom left and bottom right.

On 20cm faces - Archers 1 & 2 will shoot columns 1 & 3
Archers 3 & 4 will shoot columns 2 & 4

Remember if you shoot the wrong target (e.g. 40cm or 20cm faces) they will be scored as a miss. (No ifs or buts).

On a 20cm face if you shoot 2 arrows into the same face you lose the top scoring arrow. This is provided you have not decided to shoot 4 arrows. Call a judge if in doubt of how to score if a shooting error has occurred.

If there is a mistake in the arrow value called and written down, put **one** diagonal line through it and put the corrected arrow value alongside. All archers in the group **must** sign the corrections

Mark all arrow holes.

You cannot re-shoot an arrow.

An arrow shall not be considered shot if you can touch it with your bow or any part of, without moving your feet and if it has not rebounded.

Pass through or a rebound. If all agree on the value of the arrow, then it is scored as such. If all don't agree then the lowest unmarked arrow hole in the scoring zones will be the value. Call a Judge if in doubt.

Make sure that your score cards are filled in correctly (and agree) before handing them in. Equipment failure! If you have equipment failure on any target the rest of the group must finish shooting their arrows for that target. When they have done so, the group goes forward and scores all arrows that have been shot, and then returns to the road. Tell an official (judge) that you have an equipment failure and note the time. You will have 30 minutes to get it fixed and return to the target that it happened on. The rest of your group waits for you. If you have any arrows to make up on that target you then may do so. Any other group that has come up behind while your gear is being fixed,

they may shoot through. If you are unable to get your gear fixed within 30 minutes the rest of your group may carry on shooting and you will lose these arrows that they have shot since starting again.

Please remember to proceed around the course in the order of increasing target number. Do not skip a lane and decide to come back to shoot it. It is extremely unsafe to go backwards on a field course.

LONGBOW ONLY: String and face walking are not permitted. WA Rule 22.5.4.

Notes on Use of Archers Diary

There are usually Indoor and Target flights set up for each Event in Archer's Diary e.g. "Sat morning target and indoor". Try to choose the correct flight for your round type when you're registering. Although the system will allow you to enter, say, an indoor round into a target flight, it can cause time lockouts and other issues for the archers actually shooting the target flight.

Morning Target		Practice: 9:00 AM	Competition: 9:30 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> Day 1, Flight 1	Open	Compound	Newcastle
<input type="checkbox"/> Archer wants lunch?		Face:	
Morning Indoor		Practice: 9:00 AM	Competition: 9:30 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> Day 1, Flight 2	Open	Compound	WA Indoor 18m
<input type="checkbox"/> Archer wants lunch?		Face:	WA 40cm

Don't select the rounds starting with an "X".

If you've registered for the wrong round and haven't started scoring yet, sign into iscored.today on one of the laptops inside the club house. You can then RIGHT-CLICK on your name and choose Edit, allowing you to change your round. Don't forget to Sign Out of iscored.today on the laptop so you can sign in and select your name on your mobile device.

If you've registered for the wrong round and you've started/finished scoring, write a note on the top of your paper scoresheet to let the Club Recorder know to change it for you.

Write legibly on your paper scoresheet. If scoresheets can't be read, they can't be processed.

Write the arrow values in descending order (X, 10, 9, 8 ...).

Manually add your arrow values on the paper scoresheet and then check them to your digital score.

Working this way will ensure you're catching all but 10/X errors (see below). The paper scoresheet is the official record and always overrules iscored.today.

If you make an arrow value error on your paper scoresheet, strike it out with one diagonal line and neatly write the correct number next to it. Don't overwrite the number to "fix" it or scribble over it.

Ensure all arrow value corrections are initialed by the archers on your target i.e. the archer and from 1 January 2019 two witnesses.

However if it is an event where a judge is required to officiate at, then only the judge can change the arrow value.

If you make an arrow value error on iscored.today, tap the incorrect value to remove it and then select the correct value. You also have a time window to tap back into a previously-finished end to amend arrow values. Write a note on the top of your paper scoresheet if iscored.today contains an error and you've been unable to fix it.

Manually add up your X/10 or 10/9 counts on the paper scoresheet and check them to your digital scoring. This can catch any 10/X value differences between the paper scoresheet and the digital scoring. This is especially important for competitions and record claims when a 10 or an X can make a difference to the outcome.

Don't sign your own scoresheet until you've checked every required field first. It's YOUR official scoresheet; don't expect other archers to complete or submit your scoresheet for you.

Remember to "Sign Out" on your device once you've finished digital scoring.

Don't submit incomplete scoresheets as they won't be processed.
