

College Sport Auckland Archery Range Safety Protocols

Please go over these instructions with all archers prior to the competition.

Whistle Commands

- At the start of each end, archers will be standing **behind** the 5m waiting line.
- 2 whistles will signify that archers may move to the shooting line and pick up their equipment.
- 1 whistle will signify that archers are allowed to shoot their arrows.
- 3 whistles will signify that archers can go forward of the shooting line to collect their arrows.
- **Emergency Stop:** If a series of repeated, short blasts on the whistle is heard, this is the signal for an emergency cease-fire. Archers must immediately draw down their bows without losing an arrow, un-nock any arrows on the string and take one pace back from the shooting line and wait for further instructions from the range captain.
- After each archer has shot all of their arrows, they must retire behind the 5m waiting line, in order to allow the range captain to see who is still shooting, and so that the remaining archers are not disturbed.

Loading the Bow

- Bows may only be loaded when an archer is on the line with one foot on either side, and only when instructed to by the range captain via whistle commands.
- Please ensure that you load your bow in the upright position, so as not to contact the archer next to you when they he/she are at full draw.
- A loaded bow may only be pointed at the target, or at the ground in the direction of the target. It may not be pointed above the target whilst being drawn (sky-drawing). Archers seen to be drawing above the target line will be asked to stop by one of the event officials.

Safety on the Shooting Line

- When on the shooting line, archers must have one foot on either side of the line before starting to shoot.
- If an arrow falls in front of the shooting line, and cannot be reached without moving your foot positions, please signal the range captain and the arrow will be retrieved for you to shoot, once other archers have finished shooting.
- If you have a gear failure, raise your hand to attract the attention of the range captain and step back from the shooting line. The school manager may assist with getting the attention of the range captain or an event official.
- When the command is given to go forward and score the arrows, pick up all arrows lying on the ground in front of the target first.

Removal of Arrows

- Archers must stand clear, to the side of the target when arrows are being pulled.
- No archers to stand in front of the arrows.

Protective Equipment

- Armguards must be worn by all archers. Fingertabs are encouraged to be worn.