

Forest City Archers Inc.

21940 Valley View Rd

Club Rules & Regulations

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The following Rules and Regulations are for the SAFETY, INFORMATION and BENEFIT of all F. C. A. members.

SECTION I - SAFETY RULES

SAFETY first, last and always. BE ALERT, STAY UNHURT.

1. All members must sign in on arrival and sign out when they depart. This is a requirement of the OAA and FCA for insurance purposes. By signing in and out archers will know if other archers are on the property and can consider their safety while shooting and retrieving arrows. A binder will be provided in the clubhouse for this purpose.

2. PRACTICE RANGES - 5 to 100 yard target areas.

Clear communication is absolutely essential when using the marked yardage target ranges. Before any archer commences to shoot he/she will ensure that no one is pulling or looking for arrows at or behind the targets. Once shooting has completed someone must shout "CLEAR" before any shooter moves off the line to retrieve arrows.

SHOOTING WILL RESUME WHEN ALL SHOOTERS RETURN TO FIRING LINE.

3. LOST ARROWS

When looking for arrows you must let other people know where you are at all times. Leave you bow and or quiver in full view of target area while you are looking. This is a SAFETY REQUIREMENT to let all people know that someone is down range and out of sight.

4. ENTERING EACH TARGET STATION

Before nocking an arrow it is your responsibility to make sure that there is no one down range of you. If in doubt yell out "IS THERE ANYONE THERE?"

5. SKY PULLING

"SKY PULLING" is not permitted. Arrows must be drawn level with the ground so that if the arrow is accidentally released it has a reasonable chance of hitting the target.

6. USE OF BOW HANGERS

It is the archer's responsibility to the condition of the bow hanger before using it to support their equipment. Archers are to use bow hangers at their own risk and are responsible for any damage to their equipment.

7. USE OF TARGETS

- a) It is the archer's responsibility to check the condition of the target prior to taking a shot. Archers are responsible for any damage to their equipment.
- b) Single spot faces are not to be used on the 20 and 30 yard targets. All fixed yardage targets are only to be shot at for their designated yardage. For example the 100 yard target is not to be used for any shot other than 100 yards. Unmarked yardage targets are for range estimating. No more than 1 or 2 arrows on a round should be shot at these targets.
- c) **BROADHEADS:** The use of broadheads is not permitted on Forest City Archers property except for the sand pit located by the upper range. Archers using the sand pit for broadheads are required to provide their own target and butts.

8. TRAIL AND TRAIL TARGETS

The trail around the club property has been marked with a series of bow hangers. From the main gate and clubhouse the trail runs behind the outhouse (counterclockwise) or down the path in front of the practice targets. Shooting the targets along this trail must be at 90° to the target or within 2 and 1/2 yards of that location either way.

It is imperative that all archers stay on the trail and the paths to the targets.

Under NO circumstances should anyone deviate from this marked trail or take short cuts when archers are using the targets.

9. 3D TRAIL TARGETS

- a) 3D Trail Targets are not to be used as a sighting in target. Restrict your arrows to one preferably, two maximum per round.
- b) 3D Trail Targets are not to be moved by club members. They have been set up in a safe location and are only to be shot at from the stake marked by their bow hanger.
- c) Club tournament targets are only used for major fund raising events and are not available for any other event.

- d) When the tournament 3D targets are replaced with newer ones, the retired ones will be placed out as trail targets. In most cases the original target vital area has been shot out. These retired 3D targets are to be treated as a stump shot. Therefore, pick a solid spot and enjoy shooting them.

10. REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAILS AND RANGES

- a) Targets are the responsibility of all archers who enjoy the use of them. Please use them with care. If they need to be repaired please contact one of the directors.
- b) Please do not litter.
- c) Please clear any fallen branches from the trails. If there are large branches which cannot be moved, please contact one of the directors.

11. FOREST CITY ARCHERS TOURNAMENTS

- a) Maximum arrow velocity is 280 feet per second in all divisions (3% tolerance). (Tournaments only.)
- b) Maximum draw weight is 80 lbs. in all divisions except Crossbow. (Tournaments only,)
- c) Any type of arrows are permitted for all divisions, except wood shafts for the Crossbow division. All arrows must be identical in length, colour, fletching and nocks.
- d) Nocking points are permitted in all divisions.
- e) Electronic devices are permitted only in the Freestyle Unlimited and Freestyle Limited divisions.
- f) String silencers, brush buttons, speed button, bow quivers and other non-aiming string accessories are permitted for the Bowhunter Unlimited, Bowhunter Limited, and Bowhunter divisions.
- g) For 3D only, Bowhunter Unlimited and Bowhunter Limited division sights may include crosshairs, levels and any number of pins. A kisser button is permitted when using a peepsite.
- h) Crossbows must be cocked by the shooter, loaded while pointed at the ground and shot freestanding. (Tournament only.)
- i) Arrows which cannot be found within a reasonable period of time after all competitors have shot will be considered lost and retrieving of such arrows will be permitted only after the completion of the tournament. Mark on the back of your score card the location of any lost arrows.

SECTION II - CONDUCT

The smooth operation and maintenance of the club, its facilities, and its equipment are the responsibility of all members.

1. CODE OF CONDUCT

A high Code of Conduct is expected from all F.C.A. members and their guests. All members will treat each other with common courtesy.

2. CONTROLLED ACCESS GATES

The combination number is marked on the back of your membership card. DO NOT give this number to anyone. No current membership card, no access permitted. You are required to lock the gate on entry and on exiting. A former member does not have the right to be on Forest City Archer's property unless they are attending a club sanctioned event such as a tournament or work party.

3. MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Club members must have current membership cards displayed on themselves or on their equipment at all times in order to use the club facilities.

4. TRESPASSERS

With appropriate caution and tact, ask for proof of current F.C.A. membership of anyone on F.C.A. property and inform them that the land they are on is for the use of members of Forest City Archers only. If they are interested in archery, tell them how to obtain a membership application. If there are any problems, the police can be contacted and please notify a member of the F.C.A. Board of Directors.

YOU ARE A PAID MEMBER AND OTHERS WHO USE F.C.A. FACILITIES SHOULD BE TOO!

5. VANDALISM & ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

Vandalism and illegal activities must be reported to the police immediately. If the individuals involved are in the process of leaving as you arrive, try to get the licence plate number and a description of the vehicle, the number of people involved and their description, and any other pertinent information. The police will request the street address for Forest City Archers - 21940 Valley View Road, Thames Centre. Please wait for them at the gate. Notify a member of the Board of Directors as soon as possible.

6. ALCOHOL AND ANY OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

The use of alcohol and archery together on club facilities is prohibited. The use of any controlled substance on club property is prohibited.

7. MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues are your clubs biggest source of revenue. It is imperative that dues be paid as soon as possible in the year. A calendar year starts from January and goes to December.

8. GUESTS

All guests must be accompanied by a member. Anyone using club facilities unaccompanied by a member will be considered a trespasser. A guest who uses club facilities more than twice per year must purchase a club membership in order to continue using F.C.A. facilities.

9. HUNTING

There will be NO HUNTING permitted on Forest City Archer's property. No member is to use the club's property to field dress game harvested in other locations.