

ARCHERY RANGE RULES

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1. SUPERCEDEURE

The following rules, approved by the Range Committee, supersede and supplant any and all previously published editions of the Wayland Rod & Gun Club archery range rules.

Purpose:

The purpose of these range rules is to provide for the orderly control of the archery range when shooting is taking place and to minimize or eliminate the risk of injury to shooters, guests, observers and the Club's neighbors. The receipt of Club membership, as signified by the membership card, denotes the member's acceptance of the Club rules with all of the rights, responsibilities and penalties specified hereinafter. Shooting can be, and must be, a safe sport for all of our members and friends.

2. SAFETY

SAFETY SHALL GOVERN THE RANGE

Safety must be exhibited to oneself, to others and to Club private and public property. Failure of a user to operate in a safe manner or the range officer to report any unsafe operation shall be considered a MAJOR OFFENSE. Rules of safety, which must be adhered to, include:

- a. Always point the arrow/bolt in a safe direction.
- b. Keep your finger off the trigger or the string undrawn until ready to shoot.
- c. Don't nock an arrow or load a bolt in a crossbow until ready to release.
- d. Know how the bow/crossbow operates.
- e. Be sure of your target and what's beyond.
- f. Do not mix alcohol or drugs with shooting.

3. RANGE OFFICER

The Archery range may NOT be operated or the shooting of any bow/crossbow take place without the presence of, and under the direct control of a range officer. The range officer shall assure that safe conditions prevail, that range commands are obeyed and that all range rules are followed. The range officer is responsible for reporting violations of rules and/or safety to the Club's Range Committee.

If the elected Range Officer (Vice President) is not present, any member may become a deputy range officer with full temporary authority to act as the range officer. The deputy range officer will be the first member of the day to sign for a range or, in the event that the range becomes unoccupied, the next member to sign in. If the elected or deputy range officer shall leave the range for any amount of time, the range officer must assure that a substitute range officer has been selected from the remaining parties. The departing range officer (RO) must notify the next

member on the range that they are the new range officer and must indicate the appointment in the Range Logbook upon departure. Indoor and outdoor ranges require a range officer.

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

4. RANGE LOGBOOK

A permanent range logbook, conveniently accessible in the Clubhouse, shall be provided for registration of members and guests using the Archery range. Each user shall legibly print their name and sign in the appropriate space upon arrival. Their entry shall include the month, day, year, times of arrival and departure, which range is being used, projectile used as caliber (XB for crossbow or B for everything else), and whether the user is a member or guest. In addition, the range officer (RO) column for each range must be identified by checking the appropriate space. There must be an entry in the logbook for each person on the range; including non-shooters. Place "NS" in the caliber column to denote Non-Shooter.

Failure to comply with any of the above is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

5. GUESTS

A member may bring TWO guests to use the archery range, however only one may be on the shooting line at a time under the direct supervision of the member and the member may not shoot while the member is supervising his or her guest(s). The single exception is when the guest is an experienced archer or has an Archery Certification.

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

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Guests must abide by the range rules including accurate and complete signing of the logbook for which the member is fully responsible. Any specific guest may only be brought to the ranges a maximum of three times per year.

Failure to comply is a MINOR OFFENSE.

In the event of crowded facilities, guests must surrender their place on the shooting line to members.

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

6. ARCHERY RANGE HOURS:

Ranges will be closed during work parties and may be closed for special events. Please check the Club's web site for closure announcements.

Archery Range Opens:

Monday through Sunday (including holidays), the archery range opens at 9:00 AM.

Archery Range Closes:

Monday through Sunday (including holidays), the archery range closes at sunset.

Sunset is defined as the time of sunset shown in either the Boston newspapers, as posted on the Club bulletin board, or found online for Wayland, MA.

Failure to comply with the range hours is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

7. LITTERING

No littering is permitted on Club property. No trash may be left behind including used paper targets and cartridge cases.

Failure to comply is a MINOR OFFENSE.

8. ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

No alcoholic beverages, marijuana in any form or illegal drugs are allowed on any range at any time, regardless of whether or not shooting is going on. Persons who appear to the range officer to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol will not be permitted to shoot or remain on the range. Open or empty alcoholic beverage containers will constitute de facto evidence of intoxication.

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

9. ARCHERY RANGE

The shooting of any arrow or bolt is ONLY allowed on the Archery Range.

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

The club supplied target blocks (stored in a box in front of the table on the archery range) can only be used with longbows, recurve bows, and compound bows. When using a crossbow, the user is responsible to supply their own target block sufficient for use with a bolt. Only field points are allowed to be shot on the archery range; no broadhead or judo tips are allowed.

Failure to comply is a MINOR OFFENSE.

The first archer at the range determines the shooting position. When the tree stand shooting position is being utilized for practice, no one else is allowed to use any other shooting position on the archery range. No arrows are to be knocked while anyone is down range.

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

Purposeful failure to discharge missiles within the backstop is considered a MAJOR OFFENSE.

If using the club target blocks, return them to the box in front of the table on the archery range when done and sign out in the range logbook.

10. ARROW/BOLT FIRING RIFLES/PISTOLS

Any and all rifles or pistols that fire an arrow or bolt by any means are strictly forbidden from use on ANY range found on this property.

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

11. IDENTIFICATION

Membership cards, valid and properly signed, must be carried by all members while on the archery range. These cards must be shown to any Club member upon request. It is in the best interest of the Club members to inquire of unfamiliar persons as to their membership status; i.e., ask to see a membership card.

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

12. OFFENSES AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS DEFINED

The range rules, when transgressed, carry definitive disciplinary actions in accordance with the gravity of the offense. Failure to comply with a rule shall be considered a MAJOR or MINOR offense as specified under each article of the foregoing.

A MAJOR or MINOR offense when observed by any member must be corrected immediately and without hesitation by the transgressor. Failure to immediately comply will elevate a MINOR OFFENSE to a MAJOR OFFENSE. The on-site observer must submit a detailed written report to the Range Committee or the Club Vice-President within five (5) working days of the occurrence or observation of the infraction. The report shall specify when the incident occurred and by whom it was committed. More than two MINOR OFFENSES in one calendar year constitute a MAJOR OFFENSE.

A MAJOR OFFENSE is, by definition, a grave threat to safety and requires immediate suspension of range privileges, confiscation of Club keys and membership card pending a Range Committee review. The Range Committee will notify the defendant prior to the Range Committee review of the incident, specifying the meeting time and place. Failure of the defendant to appear for rebuttal will be considered admission of the infraction of the rules specified.

The Range Committee will review MAJOR OFFENSES and may decide to:

- Immediately and permanently revoke all range privileges and confiscate the keys and membership card of the defendant,
- Suspend the defendant's Club privileges for one year from the date of the incident, at which time the defendant may reapply for membership as a new member,
- Enforce alternative penalties on the defendant, as deemed appropriate by the Range Committee, or
- Restore Club privileges and return keys and membership card to the defendant.

13. AMENDMENTS

Any Range Committee recommended changes or amendments pertaining to these range rules must be proposed to the Executive Committee for approval, then if approved, conveyed to the general membership. Notification of proposed changes to the Range Rules shall be accomplished by emailing or mailing the amendments. They shall also be posted on the Club web site for at least one meeting cycle. Upon approval, via a vote of the membership, all remaining copies of the previous rules shall be disposed of immediately and substituted with the newly revised Range Rules. The resulting body of rules shall be considered true and correct.