



CRIEFF ARCHERY CLUB

OUTDOOR ARCHERY RANGE INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

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1. Introduction

This document provides general information in relation to shooting on the outdoor range at the Crieff and Strathearn Rugby Club playing fields at Braidhaugh Park Crieff and should be read in tandem with the clubs Outdoor Archery Risk Assessment. It must be noted that:

- Crieff Archery Club is affiliated to Archery GB and the Scottish Archery Association and is required to meet the national safety standards for archery.
- The Club is covered by Archery GB public liability insurance
- All archers within the club are members of Archery GB and as such must abide by the association rules and policies

2. Archery Information

Archery Field

Risk to archers, general public and animals is minimised by the way the archery field is laid out. The majority of arrows fired by an archer will hit the target however a few may miss and go past the target and very occasionally go off at an angle.

The outdoor range must be set out in order to comply with Archery GB requirements. The exclusion zone runs from 10 yards either side of the shooting line to a point 20 yards either side of the 100 yard targets and extending to a 150 yard line. If there is a natural barrier, such as a hedge, banking or fence, this could serve as the boundary of the archery field. If there is open ground either at the side or behind the targets, then that boundary needs to be marked for safety. The club's risk assessment and range set up complies with AGB requirements.

Should a person or animal intrude into the shooting area past the safety barriers and notices whilst shooting is taking place, the Field Captain/Rangemaster or any Archer will shout "FAST" at which point all archers will stop shooting immediately, remove arrows from bow, return them to their quiver and await further instructions. Shooting will not commence until the area becomes safe again.

Shooting

The generic rules of a shooting range are in place in order to operate safely. These include:

Dynamic Risk assessment – The identified Field Captain/Rangemaster will identify any hazards that must be addressed before shooting begins (e.g. requirement for safety barriers, signs, weather related issues etc.) and will ensure that suitable control measures are in place in order to use the range in a safe manner. No shooting will commence unless any identified risks are addressed. If safe conditions cannot be maintained for both archers and the general public for any reason, then shooting will not be allowed to continue.

Minimum Numbers – On any day that field archery shooting is carried out, there must be a minimum of two persons. Before and after shooting, all archers return to behind the safety

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line. The most senior person present will act as the Field Captain/Rangemaster and will control overall safety and take control of the archery range. The Field captain/Rangemaster will use a whistle to control the archers. Whistle commands are as follows:

- 1 x whistle - to approach shooting line and commence shooting
- 3 x whistle – gives the “all clear” notification that its safe for archers to walk to the targets to score and collect arrows.

A loud shout of “FAST” is the emergency signal to all archers to stop shooting immediately, return arrows to their quiver and await further instruction. “FAST” can and should be called by **ANY ARCHER** who notices a potential danger. All archers are reminded regularly that they must remain alert and monitor safety on the range at all times.

All archers are trained to shoot in a disciplined and methodical manner and pose little risk to each other. All archers must complete a comprehensive beginner’s course before they can join the club and shoot. Archers compliance to the rules required to shoot safely is monitored by the Field Captain/Rangemaster at every shoot and any deviations would be addressed immediately.

Outdoor club days are: Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Shooting can be undertaken on other days however there must be a minimum of two persons at any one time, one must be a keyholder for the club in order to access the equipment and safety notices from the storage container and may be able to give access to the toilet facilities.

Emergency & General Arrangements

On club nights, the following applies:

- Emergency requiring evacuation – if notified, members will leave the field immediately and assemble in the carpark. The Field Captain/Rangemaster will call the emergency or other services as required.
- First Aid - There is a green first aid kit in the storage container, left hand side of the door. All accidents and injuries must be reported to the Field Captain/Rangemaster.
- Toilets - There is a toilet in the Rugby Pavilion. The pavilion is locked and keyholders will give access.

PLEASE NOTE:

ANY CONCERNS DURING AN ARCHERY SESSION MUST BE RAISED IMMEDIATELY TO THE FIELD CAPTAIN/RANGEMEASTER

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