

Rimaya LLC Archery Range Rules

Archery is lots of fun, but the fun can quickly turn into tragedy unless every archer observes some commonsense rules.

Before you even think about using your bow, learn these rules and make up your mind to follow them every time you hold a bow. Remember, most accidents are the result of carelessness and thoughtlessness.

As an archer, you must learn and practice these few simple rules:

1. **All archers are required to read and sign a liability waiver before shooting privileges are granted.**
2. **Follow the instructions of the range commander.** Give attention and listen to the range commander. Ask questions if you do not understand what is said.
3. **Use proper safety equipment**, as needed. This includes an arm guard, finger tab or glove. A leader will ask the youth to reposition their safety equipment to prevent injury if the equipment is incorrectly positioned.
4. **Always use arrows of the proper length for you.** Arrows that are too short can cause injuries.
5. **Always inspect your equipment before shooting**, damaged equipment should be repaired or replaced to avoid injuries. Replace the bowstring whenever it becomes worn. Check for damaged equipment such as cracked or twisted limbs, loose nocks, or points on arrows. Cracks or chips could cause an arrow to break on release. Destroy damaged arrows.
6. **Wear snug fitting clothes, tie back long hair, remove large earrings, and clear off any pins or remove anything from chest pockets.**
7. **Always aim and shoot only at definite target:** never shoot just for the sake of shooting. Always be sure you know what your target is and that it is safe to shoot. If you're not sure, take a closer look, you are still not sure, do not shoot.
8. **Always be sure the area around and behind your target is clear before you shoot.** Never shoot if there is a chance your arrow may ricochet from the target or another object and hit someone.
9. **POINT, DRAW, and AIM your arrow only in the direction of your target**, The arrow must always be pointed (aimed) in a proper, safe shooting position. This includes no sky drawing; arm must be parallel to ground when shooting and only aimed towards the target.
10. **Never "DRYFIRE" your bow.** Always have an arrow on the string when shooting the bow." DRYFIRING", shooting a bow without an arrow, can seriously damage a bow and lead to potential injuries.
11. **Always walk, never run, on the archery range.** If you run, you might accidentally cross in front of another archer, step on arrows lying on the ground, or trip and fall into the target and be injured by arrows sticking out of it.
12. **Target and field points only.** You must bring your own target if you wish to use broadheads or any bows over 50 lbs.
13. **No crossbows.**
14. **No alcoholic beverages or smoking are allowed on the property.** Alcoholic beverages or drugs may not be consumed during or prior to sessions for safety reasons. This is strictly prohibited.
15. **No firearms, air guns, paintball guns, or BB guns are permitted on the range.**
16. **Never shoot when the line is hot.** Wait for permission from range supervisor for permission to cross the shooting line.

17. **Treat the range and equipment with respect.** Theft and vandalism will be persecuted. Do not litter and pick up any personal belongings and trash prior to leaving.
18. **Always treat fellow archers and range supervisors with respect.** Do not distract fellow shooters or range supervisor. Conversation is allowed.
19. **All minors under the age of 16 must always be accompanied by an adult.**
20. **Spectators must always remain behind shooting line.**
21. **In the event the range supervisor determines that the weather conditions are unsafe to shoot in, all shooters must leave the range and seek shelter.**
22. **No pets allowed.**
23. **In case of emergency, call 911.**
24. **Always leave bow at the shooting line** when collecting arrows.
25. **No fighting or horseplay** will be tolerated.
26. **Anyone can call an emergency ‘CEASE FIRE’ in the event of safety emergencies.**
 - a. Cease Fire Procedures.
 - Immediately put all arrows in quivers and bows on racks/hangers.
 - No one is allowed downrange until range is declared safe and clear / ‘COLD’.
 - No handling bows and / or arrows during a cease fire.
27. **If you hear the command “HOLD,” do not shoot an arrow even if it’s already nocked and the bow is drawn.**
28. **All Archers must straddle shooting line** while shooting, one foot on each side of line.
29. **No shooting at any wildlife.** If any person or animal enters the shooting area while shooting is in progress, ALL Archers must halt shooting, even if at full draw Archer MUST let down.
30. **If any Archer has doubts of any nature about safety of the shooting area, one must not shoot.**
31. **Follow the whistle commands given by the range commander.** If you are not familiar with the whistle commands, ask the range commander to give verbal commands with the whistle blasts until you are familiar with them.

WHISTLE: TWO BLASTS

VERBAL: “Archers to the shooting line.”

Meaning: Pick up the bow and move into position on the shooting line. Do not pick up the arrows.

WHISTLE: ONE BLAST

VERBAL: “Begin Shooting”

Meaning: Archers may take the arrows out of the quivers and begin shooting.

WHISTLE: THREE BLASTS

VERBAL: “Walk forward and get your arrows,”

Meaning: Archers have completed shooting. All archers have set their bows down and are standing behind the waiting line. They may now go forward to the target line and pull their arrows.

WHISTLE: FIVE OR MORE BLASTS (series of blasts)

VERBAL: “STOP, STOP, STOP, STOP” or CEASE FIRE”

Meaning: Immediately let down and put arrows back in the quiver, and step tack behind the waiting line. There is an emergency on the range.

Verbal Commands:

Line is 'HOT'

Meaning: No one is permitted to cross shooting line, all archers must remain behind the shooting line to shoot their arrows.

Line is 'COLD'

Meaning: Archers are permitted to cross shooting line to retrieve their arrows. No one is permitted to nock or aim their arrows at the target during this time.

'HOLD/CEASEFIRE'

Meaning: All archers are required to drop their bows and cease shooting, even id they have already knocked and pointed their bows.

Remember to follow those unspoken rules in archery that we call Range Etiquette.

Ask your leader for a copy.

By signing below, I hereby agree to follow all the rules listed above by Rimaya LLC and will take responsibility for any negligence.

NAME OF PARTICIPANT (PRINT): _____ AGE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____

X _____

Signature of Participant

_____/_____/_____
Date Signed

Parental Consent (required if the Participant is less than 18 years of age):

As the Parent or Legal Guardian of the minor shown above, I hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NAME OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (PRINT): _____

AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____

X _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

_____/_____/_____
Date Signed