**BOWMEN OF MINCHINHAMPTON**

**RANGE SAFETY AND ETIQUETTE**

These rules are written specifically for the Club’s outdoor range at OHMG Eastington Community Centre and must be observed by all archers using that range. For Indoor Shooting at Maidenhill, all these rules still apply, with the exception only of Rules 2, 5 and 11.

**ALL ARROWS MUST BE FOUND AND REMOVED FROM THE FIELD**

**ALL-CARBON ARROWS ARE NOT PERMITTED**

1. OHMG: Shooting is permitted only from the Shooting Line which is marked parallel to the metal fence WEST of the clubhouse (i.e. between the clubhouse and the motorway). [Maidenhill – from the Shooting Line indicated on the floor of the hall.]

2. Before any shooting commences the **boundary rope MUST be run out** and supported with sufficient intermediate posts to provide a visible and effective boundary. The boundary rope must run along a straight line from the post on the corner of the metal fence near the Shooting Line to the near corner of the “dog-leg” on the Southern boundary of the field (see attached diagram).

Also the **expanding barriers MUST be erected** along the boundary rope from the metal fence as far as they will reach.

Warning Notices must be placed at both ends of the expanding barriers.

The boundary rope, expanding barriers and warning notices must be put back inside the Container at the end of every shooting session.

3. The Shooting Ground is marked with a Shooting Line and Waiting Line. The space between these lines is to be kept clear at all times, and all equipment kept behind the Waiting Line.

4. All archers shall remain behind the Waiting Line unless they are actually going forward to shoot as part of the current shooting detail. An archer who has completed shooting their end shall retire immediately behind the Waiting Line, after having checked that their retirement will not disturb any other archer who is shooting.

5. If any person is seen about to cross the boundary rope in front of the Shooting Line or any of the other boundaries of the Shooting Area, the shout of “FAST” must be made immediately and all shooting cease until the person has retired to a safe position.

6. No bow shall be drawn, with or without an arrow, and no arrow shall be nocked onto the bowstring, unless actually on the Shooting Line as part of the current shooting detail.

7. If there are two or more archers shooting on the range, then a Field Captain shall be appointed by the archers. If the Field Captain is shooting then a second archer must be appointed to act as Field Captain. The two Field Captains must shoot on alternate shooting details.

The Field Captain will be responsible for giving whistle signals or voice commands to:

1. Call forward the alternate shooting details to the Shooting Line

2. Signal when the shooting detail may begin shooting;

3. Signal when arrows may be collected.

All archers must obey the instructions of the Field Captain.

8. When there are three or more archers shooting at a target, they may decide to divide themselves into shooting details. Details will be shot alternately.

9. Archers Shooting Alone (solo archers)

(i) Solo shooting by senior archers (archers 18 and over) is permitted. Any member shooting on their own is doing so at their own risk in respect of personal injuries.

(ii) Provided that they are an adult member (excluding honorary members) of Archery GB, one parent/guardian alone may supervise his/her own child(ren).

10. If any target on the Shooting Ground is being shot using shooting details then, for safety reasons, **ALL** targets on the Range – even if occupied by only one archer – will be shot in details.

11. Target positions are painted on the range at each distance. The target positions marked are the OUTERMOST positions, left and right. No target may be placed outside the marked positions.

12. On the Shooting Line archers must stand directly opposite their target. Shooting diagonally across the range is forbidden.

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A metal detector is available in the Club’s Storage container.

14. For novice archers and visitors to the Shooting Ground, the Field Captain is responsible for explaining and demonstrating these Rules to them before they commence shooting.

**COACHING**

Coaches are permitted in the area between Shooting Line and Waiting Line where it is necessary as part of actively instructing an archer or archers.

**ETIQUETTE**

**A Good Archer**

Does not talk in a loud voice whilst others are shooting.

Does not talk to another archer who obviously prefers to be silent.

 Does not make any noise on the shooting line, which might disconcert a fellow archer in the act of shooting.

 Does not go behind the target to retrieve his or her arrow before the score has been recorded.

 Does not walk up and down the shooting line comparing scores.

 Does not touch other people’s equipment without prior permission.

 Does not leave litter on the shooting field.

 When calling scores, does so in groups of three, e.g. “9-9-7” pause “7-5-5” (pointing at the arrows as you call them) BUT NOT TOUCHING THEM. You will lose your highest scoring arrow if you touch your arrows whilst scoring.

 If you break a fellow archers arrow in shooting at the target or while pulling them from the target, you should offer to pay for a replacement on the spot.

Thanks the Target Captain at the end of the shoot for his/her work through the day.

**EASTINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE – RANGE LAYOUT DIAGRAM**

Metal Fence Clubhouse

Boundary Rope

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Bowmen of Minchinhampton

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