

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Granting Permission to the Barony)
of Three Mountains of the Kingdom of AnTir in the)
Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., to Conduct)
Certain Activities at Camp Wilkerson During Its)
Reserved Use on June 13, 2009)
_____)

ORDER NO. 30 - 2009

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Forest, Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations prohibit the use of bows and arrows, or other weapons capable of injuring any person or wildlife, in any County Park, including Camp Wilkerson, without the express permission of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Barony of Three Mountains, a branch of the Kingdom of AnTir in the Society for Creative Anachronism, an international Middle Ages/Renaissance recreation group (hereinafter the "Barony"), has applied for a permit to hold a group meeting at Camp Wilkerson, a County park, on June 13, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Barony has requested permission to conduct an archery tournament during its reserved-use stay, which activity will be conducted with experienced adult supervision, a copy of said written request and explanation of how the tournaments shall be conducted being attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the Barony has given assurances that the use of bows and arrows will be well supervised and done safely, and have further agreed to abide by any conditions placed upon the Barony in connection with these activities; and

WHEREAS, both the Society for Creative Anachronism and the Kingdom of AnTir have written policies in place for target archery, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibits B and C, respectively, and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the Barony has signed a Hold Harmless Agreement indemnifying the County from and against any injury to person or property arising from its activities during its stay at Camp Wilkerson, and has provided an adequate Certificate of Insurance and Additional Insured Endorsement listing Columbia County, its officers, agents and employees, as additional insureds;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The Barony is granted permission to use bows and arrows during its supervised tournament to be conducted on June 13, 2009, all such activities to take place under experienced, adult supervision and in compliance with the policies, procedures and rules as outlined in the attached Exhibits B and C.

2. The archery tournament shall be set up in the lower meadow, an area of the Park that is segregated, by the natural contours of the land, from the rest of the Park.

3. The areas where the tournament is to be conducted shall be roped off with "caution" or other warning signs and a safety zone or archery backdrop present as outlined in Exhibit B.

4. All hay bales and/or other items used for the tournament shall be removed from the Park prior to or upon departure.

5. The Barony shall comply with all park rules and regulations during its use of the park, except as specifically exempted by this Order.

6. The Barony shall not enter the Park until 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2009, and shall vacate the Park by 8:00 p.m. on June 13, 2009.

DATED this 5th day of June, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: [Signature]
Chair

By: [Signature]
Commissioner

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Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: [Signature]
Office of County Counsel

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EXHIBIT A

Shelly Casson
6028 SE Knight
Portland OR 97233

ENTD MAR 28 2009

Columbia County Forests, Parks & Recreation
1054 Oregon St
St Helens, OR 97051

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for allowing us to use your park for our event. I have heard a lot about previous events held there and I am very excited to be able to use it, too.

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that we will have an archery tournament held on your property. As Archery is an integral part of what the SCA does, we have very strict guidelines on how the field is set up to ensure that no one is hurt. We have a "Marshal-in-Charge" that oversees everyone who is shooting. They make sure that the conduct is appropriate and that the field is clear. We also have a credentialed first-aid responder on site.

We will be providing an insurance certificate listing Columbia County Forests Parks and Recreation.

We appreciate your approval of our application for the use of your park for this tournament. Please call me if you have any further questions, 503-544-4522.

Sincerely

Shelly Casson
Shelly Casson

*I was not aware that the Cleaning deposit needed to be paid at this time. I will pay this when I send our insurance Certificate. I, however, cannot submit for it until I have final approval.
Thank you*

Columbia County Forests, Parks and Recreation
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 St. Helens, OR 97051
 Phone (503) 397-2353
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FACILITY USE APPLICATION & PERMIT

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City: <u>PHD</u>	State: <u>OR</u>	Zip: <u>97206</u>	City: <u>PORT</u>
State: <u>OR</u>	Zip: <u>97207</u>	City: <u>PORT</u>	State: <u>OR</u>
Phone (hm): <u>503-844-4522</u>	(wk): <u>503-257-0515</u>	e-mail: <u>Fax 003-254-8960</u>	
Type of Activity: <u>Bowse Arrows Tournament</u>		Estimated Attendance:	
Arrival Date and Time: <u>Sat June 13 2009 @ 7 AM</u>		Departure Date and Time: <u>Sat June 13 2009 @ 10:00 AM</u>	
Contact Person - Day of Event: <u>Shelley Casson</u>		Contact Person Phone #: <u>503-844-4522</u>	
Insurance Certificate Requirement: Alcohol <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group Size >50 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Access <input type="checkbox"/> Catering <input type="checkbox"/> Non-perk equipment <input type="checkbox"/>			
Lodge / March		Sat June 13, 2009	\$300.00
Schoolhouse			
Field		Day-use fees included	
@ Camp Willerson		Need letter of intended use	
Payment Type: <u>for archery</u>		Other charges:	
Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MC <input type="checkbox"/>	Card#	Expires	Sec code
Name on card:		Extra staff	\$
Card Card Processing Fee will be 2.99% or \$2.00, whichever is higher.		Extra garbage	\$
If your payment is not received by _____ your reservations will be automatically cancelled.		TOTAL CHARGES: \$ 300.00	
		Paid	
		200.00	
		Separate Check for Cleaning Deposit \$ 300.00	
PLEASE USE THIS FORM AS A BILLING INVOICE, IF ONE IS REQUIRED. <i>Mailing today</i> <i>Two originals in old code</i>			
I have read and understand the Columbia County Park Rules and Regulations, I agree to inform persons participating in this proposed activity of the Columbia County Park Rules and Regulations and agree to comply with the conditions set forth in the permit.			
I understand that I am required to sign and return a Hold Harmless Agreement before my reservations are confirmed, and that I will be required to provide a Certificate of Insurance and Additional Insured Endorsement acceptable to Columbia County as well.			
I further understand that alcohol is not permitted in Columbia County Parks without prior approval from the Board of County Commissioners, and if I receive approval to provide alcoholic beverages while at the park I will be required to provide proof of liquor liability coverage in a form and for an amount acceptable by the Board of County Commissioners.			
If submitting this application on behalf of an organization, I hereby represent that I have the full authority of the organization to sign and submit this document on its behalf.			
Applicant's Signature: <u>Shelley Casson</u>		Date: <u>3/26/09</u>	
Application: Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/>		Staff:	
Receipt # <u>4446</u>		Date Received: <u>March 30, 09</u>	
(Rev. 5.08)		Deposit Received <input type="checkbox"/>	

See prev attachment

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is by and between Society for Creative Anacronism hereinafter referred to as "Permittee", and Columbia County, a political subdivision of the State of Oregon, hereinafter referred to as "County". Barony of Three Mountains

In consideration of the permission given by County for Permittee to use the County's facilities at Camp Wilkerson, on June 13, 2009 for the purpose of Bow & Arrow Tournament, Permittee agrees to release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents and employees, successors and assigns from all claims, suits, actions, liability, damage, loss, cost or expense, including but not limited to attorneys fees, that the County, its officers, agents and employees, successors and assigns may sustain or incur on account of: (1) any damage to or destruction of any property that the County may own or in which it may have an interest; (2) any damage to or destruction of any property belonging to any other person, firm or corporation; and (3) injury to or death of any person or persons; as a result of any errors or omissions or other negligent, reckless or intentionally wrongful acts of Permittee, its officers, agents and employees, members and/or invited guests arising in any manner out of Permittee's use of such facilities.

In addition, Permittee agrees to provide a certificate of insurance in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit to protect County, its officers, agents and employees. Permittee shall provide County a certificate or certificates of insurance in the amounts described above which names Columbia County, its officers, agents and employees as additional insureds within 10 days of signing this agreement. Such certificate or certificates shall include a statement by the insurer that County shall be given no less than thirty (30) days advance written notification if the policy is going to expire, be terminated, cancelled or modified in any material way. Such certificate or certificates shall be accompanied by an additional insured endorsement. (For TULIP insurance, all completed forms must be submitted to and approved by County.)

Society for Creative Anacronism Barony of Three Mountains
(Name of Organization)
PO Box 8735 Portland OR 97207 8735
(Address) (Phone)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: Jana Baker-Olin
(Signature of Authorized Representative)

By: _____
Chair

Name: Jana Baker-Olin
(Printed Name of Authorized Rep.)

By: _____
Commissioner

Date: 5/26/09

By: _____
Commissioner

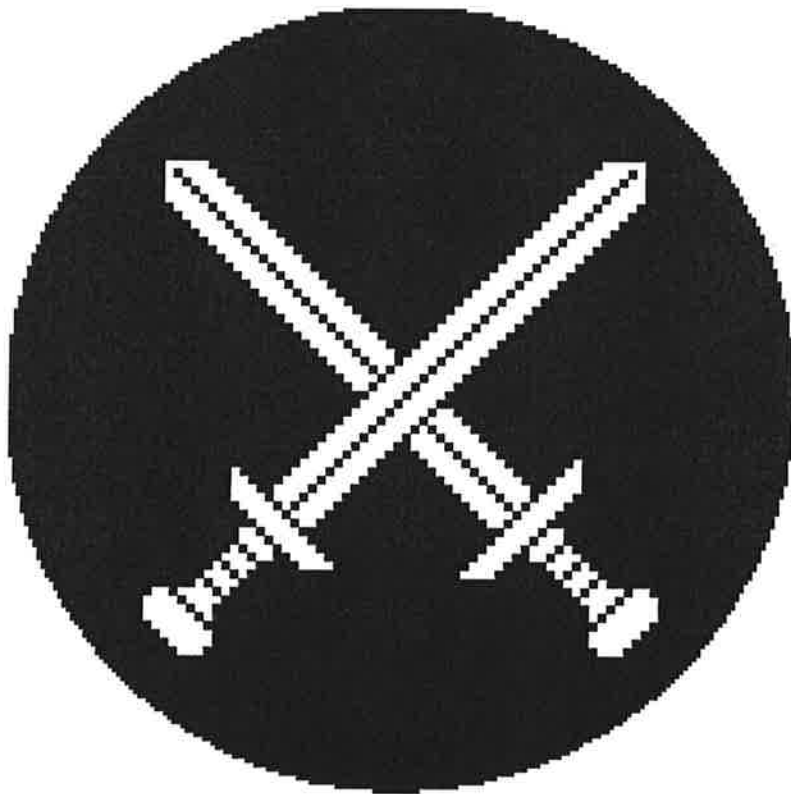
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HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT (Rev. 05/09)

the society for creative anachronism, inc.



Target Archery Handbook



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Target Archery Marshals

Requirements for Target Archery Marshals

1. All Target Archery Marshals shall have knowledge of range safety and of target archery. They shall be familiar with SCA and Kingdom archery rules.
2. All Target Archery Marshals are officers of the SCA and shall maintain membership as required by the SCA Bylaws, and shall be warranted by their Kingdom as required by Corpora.

Responsibilities of Target Archery Marshals:

1. The Kingdom Archery Marshal shall ensure that the Kingdom target archery rules include, at a minimum, basic range safety standards, archery equipment standards, warranting and reporting procedures for Target Archery Marshals, and injury reporting procedures.
2. The Kingdom Archery Marshal shall report quarterly to the Society Archery Marshal. This is in addition to any required Kingdom reports.
3. No target archery activities are to take place at an event unless a target archery marshal is present on the range.
4. In the event of any disagreement, the Target Archery Marshal-in-Charge shall have complete say and control in resolving the dispute, subject to appeal to the Kingdom Earl Marshal or the Crown. Appeals may be made via the appropriate procedures as specified in Kingdom and SCA law and policy.
5. All archers and marshals should explicitly follow the commands of the Target Archery Marshal who is in charge of their range. Failure to follow the Target Archery Marshal's instructions may result in removal from the range.
6. The Target Archery Marshal-in-Charge may request the assistance of other Marshals in the performance of his/her duties. However, the responsibility for safely setting up and running the range remains with the Target Archery Marshal-in-Charge.
7. The Target Archery Marshal-in-Charge or the assisting Marshals have the authority to inspect all bows and arrows/bolts for safety and compliance with Kingdom rules.
 - a. Equipment that does not meet the standards laid out in the rules shall not be used. (The Marshal-in-Charge may make exceptions - see section 4)
 - b. Equipment deemed unsafe by the Target Archery Marshal-in-Charge shall not be used.

8. While on duty, Target Archery Marshals are responsible for taking all reasonable steps to enforce the rules and safety standards for archery activities or events.
9. The Target Archery Marshal-in-Charge at an event shall report, to the Kingdom Archery Marshal and any others required by Kingdom law and policy, all injuries requiring professional medical treatment as a result of activity on or about the range.
10. The Kingdom Archery Marshal shall report to the Society Archery Marshal any archery-related injuries that required professional medical treatment as well as any potentially dangerous circumstances or incidents involving archery in the Kingdom and their outcome.
11. As part of their duties, Target Archery Marshals are responsible for ensuring that all archers are familiar with and comply with the SCA and Kingdom target archery rules. This may be done either by verbal briefings or by requiring the archers to read the posted rules.

Equipment Standards

General Standards

1. All equipment should be consistent with pre-17th century archery in looks and function. The construction, use, and knowledge of period-style equipment and its safe use are among the primary goals of SCA archery. However, the use of modern equipment is permitted provided it meets the equipment standards spelled out below.
2. Nothing in these rules shall be interpreted as preventing a Kingdom or branch from making rules requiring the use of period style equipment in a period division or a specific competition. The rules allow the use of modern-style bows, but do not require that all competitions allow their use.
3. Each archer has the ultimate responsibility for the proper care, inspection and safe use of his/her own weapons, and for knowing and following the SCA and Kingdom target archery rules.
 - a. An archer shall not knowingly use unsafe equipment.
 - b. If an archer is unsure of the safety of his/her equipment, he/she shall request the assistance of a Target Archery Marshal in inspecting the equipment.
 - c. The Target Archery Marshal assisting in the inspection shall make a reasonable attempt to locate any unsafe conditions or violations of Kingdom rules and inform the archer of what is found and how to correct it.
 - d. The inspection by the Target Archery Marshal may not find all equipment faults and is conducted as a service to all the archers on the line. It does not remove the archers' primary responsibility for the safe condition of their own equipment.
 - e. Any equipment observed by a Target Archery Marshal to be unsafe shall not be used until it is made safe and is re-inspected by a Target Archery Marshal.
4. Exceptions to the use of prohibited equipment may be allowed as follows.
 - a. The Kingdom Archery Marshal, or his/her designee, may approve the use of prohibited equipment by class, such as the use of plastic vanes or non-wooden arrows for children's archery. Any such exceptions shall be reported in the Kingdom archery marshal's quarterly report to the SCA Archery Marshal.
 - b. The Target Archery Marshal-in-Charge of an event may allow the temporary use of prohibited equipment for an archer on an event-by-event basis, such as permitting a new archer to use aluminum arrows with plastic vanes.
 - c. The Target Archery Marshal-in-Charge shall make necessary allowances for handicapped archers, provided that range safety is not compromised by these allowances.

Bows

1. Bows may be made of any material, provided they are judged safe to shoot by the Target Archery Marshal.
 - a. Bows of unusual materials or construction will be required to pass the inspection of the Kingdom Archery Marshal or designated deputy.
 - b. No compound bows are allowed in competition. There will be no exceptions to this prohibition.
2. Adjustable or fixed sights are not allowed.
 - a. If adjustable or fixed sights are attached, they shall either be removed or made inoperative.
 - b. Sighting and/or ranging marks on the limbs or riser are allowed, except in divisions or competitions that exclude their use.
3. There are no draw weight limits for target archery bows. However, should a Target Archery Marshal observe that an archer is using a bow too heavy or overdrawn for them to safely shoot, the Target Archery Marshal will require the archer to stop using the bow.
4. No modern spring/flipper rests or plunger buttons are allowed. The use of simple rests is allowed, such as simple one-piece plastic or non-adjustable wire rests; feather, bristle, leather, etc. rests; built out shelves or rests. The use of the shelf in a cutout window is also allowed.
5. No stabilizers, clickers, or modern string release devices are allowed.
6. Bows with cut-out risers (i.e., those that can be seen through from the side, often found in take-down bows with metal risers) must have the openings covered so as to present a solid surface and an appearance more in keeping with medieval archery equipment.

Crossbows

1. No non-period center-shot trackless crossbow styles are allowed.
2. No compound prods or break-cocking crossbow styles are allowed in competition. There will be no exceptions to this prohibition.
3. No archer shall continue to use a crossbow that is observed by a Target Archery Marshal to have too heavy a draw for the archer to use safely.
4. Prods of most materials are allowed, provided they are judged safe to shoot by the Target Archery Marshal. Prods of unusual material or construction will be required to pass the inspection of the Kingdom Archery Marshal or a designated deputy.
5. Simple rear sights are allowed. Front sights are not allowed.
6. Stocks may be of any material.

7. If a modern stock with openings that can be seen through from the side is used, all such openings must be filled or covered to appear more period. Openings that are intended for gripping the stock need not be covered. Openings may be covered with tape, leather, cloth, etc.

Strings

1. All strings shall be appropriate in length and strength for the bow type and weight. Linen, silk, artificial sinew, and any modern bowstring materials are acceptable, as long as strings are properly constructed.
 - a. Strings that have become knotted, or those that have been repaired by knotting strands together, shall not be used. This rule does not forbid those string designs that incorporate knots, such as a bowyer's knot, in their original design.
2. A nocking point may be attached to the string. It may be made of metal or tied on. A single nocking point is allowed.
 - a. The nocking point may consist of one or two locators, which may be of any type.
 - b. The locators may not extend above or below the arrow nock in such a way that they are used as sighting mechanisms.
3. Peep sights or kisser buttons mounted on the string are not allowed.

Arrows and Bolts

1. All shafts shall be of wood or of bamboo-like materials.
2. Both self and footed shafts are permitted.
3. No broadheads or tips that cause excessive damage to the targets shall be used, except for special competitions using these heads with the permission of the Target Archery Marshal-in-Charge and the Kingdom Archery Marshal.
4. Fletched arrows and bolts shall have feathers or other pre-17th century material. Plastic vanes are not allowed.
5. Nocks for arrows, and caps, rings, or nocks for bolts may be of any material, provided they are securely attached.

Range Safety

Range Set-Up

1. The range and safety zone must be clearly marked off. This may be done by the use of ropes, poles, signs, tapes, etc.
2. At events where large numbers of archers are shooting, the Target Archery Marshal-in-Charge shall be easily identifiable.
3. There shall be a safety zone behind and to the sides of the shooting line and targets. It shall be of reasonable size to prevent injury to bystanders. It must be free of traffic, campsites, list fields, parking areas, or other hazards.
 - a. The distance of the safety zone behind the targets may be reduced if there is a hill, permanent backstop, archery netting, etc., that will stop stray arrows.
4. If there are roads or paths within the safety zone or range, they shall be blocked off to traffic at both ends during shooting.
5. The shooting line shall be clearly marked. It must not present a tripping hazard.
6. So that no archer unduly endangers another by shooting from behind, all archers will line up the same way, either all toeing the shooting line or all straddling it. Archers shooting from prone, kneeling, or seated positions shall have the head of their arrow or bolt, at full draw, in the same line as the other archers on the line and should be placed together at one end of the line.
7. Each archer shall have, at a minimum, three feet of space on the line, with recommended spacing being at least 4 feet. Other shots with special circumstances may require other spacing and heightened Target Archery Marshal supervision.
8. During shooting, all spectators shall remain outside the marked safety zones and/or at least 10 feet to the rear of the shooting line.

Range Procedures

1. A Target Archery Marshal shall not allow more archers on a line than can be reasonably and safely supervised.
2. Experienced archers, known to and approved by the Target Archery Marshal-in-Charge, may assist the Target Archery Marshals. When this is done, the ratio of Target Archery Marshals to archers on line may be reduced.
3. At shoots where many of the archers are inexperienced, it may be necessary to increase the ratio of marshals to archers. This increase need not be as great if experienced archers, as well as Target Archery Marshals, are used to supervise the inexperienced archers.
4. Conditions around the range and safety zone may require the use of additional Target Archery Marshals or assistants to observe and prevent traffic through the area.
5. At specialty shoots where the archers are shooting under unusual conditions, such as off-handed, with restricted vision, etc., a one-to-one ratio of Target Archery Marshals and/or assistants to archers may be necessary.
6. Any conditions or artificial handicaps that create an undue safety hazard, even with an increased Target Archery Marshal/assistant to archer ratio of one to one, are forbidden.
7. The Target Archery Marshal-in-Charge may remove archers exhibiting unsafe behavior from the range.

Range Commands

1. The Target Archery Marshal will call the archers to the line.
2. The Target Archery Marshal will look to see that the range and line are clear and safe.
3. The Target Archery Marshal will call out "range clear" or the equivalent, and wait momentarily for any responses.
4. If all is clear, then the order "loose", "loose at will", or the equivalent will be given.
5. When finished shooting, the archers are to lower their bows, step back from the line, and wait until the order to retrieve is given.
6. When all archers are done, the Target Archery Marshal will call "bows down", "cease", or the equivalent and wait for compliance.
7. When all weapons are down, the Target Archery Marshal will give the command "retrieve arrows" or the equivalent.

8. In the case of a serious safety problem on the range such as someone entering, or about to enter, the target or safety zone, the call "hold" shall be given by anyone noticing the problem. All archers are to remove the arrows or bolts from their weapons.

Rules of the Line

1. Ask the Target Archery Marshal for permission before filling in on the line.
2. If "hold" is called, an archer should lower his/her bow, remove his/her arrow or bolt and pay heed to the Target Archery Marshal's instructions.
3. If an archer sees an immediate problem, he/she should call "hold" and inform the Target Archery Marshal-in-Charge.
4. If an archer sees a potential problem, he/she should report it to a Target Archery Marshal.
5. All archers shall follow the instructions of the Target Archery Marshal-in-Charge and of Target Archery Marshals assisting on the line.
6. Archers should step back once he/she has completed shooting.

Safety Rules

1. Archers should always remember the potential danger of their weapons.
2. No arrows or bolts should be nocked when anyone is in front of the shooting line.
3. No archer should discharge a bow when anyone is downrange.
4. No archer should shoot while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Additional Recommendations

Miscellaneous Equipment

1. Any type of quiver may be used, with the exception of one that attaches to the bow.
2. It is recommended that arm and/or finger protection be used, according to the preference of the archer.
3. It is strongly recommended that the ends of the string be served, and that a serving cover the nocking area of the string. It should be noted that Japanese and Flemish style strings, which are rarely served at the ends, are acceptable.

Range Set-Up

It is recommended that the range and safety zone be posted with signs in addition to the required perimeter markers of ropes, poles, etc.

Suggested Range Dimensions

The following are suggested dimensions for the range and safety zones for target and specialty competitions. These are general guidelines. The actual sizes may vary, depending on terrain, the archers, and other conditions. It is better to err on the side of safety with too much space than not enough.

Target Shoots

1. The safety zone behind the farthest target should extend at least 40 yards back, or for half the distance from the line to the farthest target, whichever is greater.
2. For shoots of 50 yards or less, the safety zone to the sides of the shooting line and targets should extend outward at a 30- to 45-degree angle from both ends of the shooting line to a line even with the furthest target, and continue straight back from there to the required distance.
3. For shoots of over 50 yards, the safety zone to the sides of the shooting line and targets should extend outward at a 30- to 45-degree angle from both ends of the shooting line to a line 50 yards away or one-quarter the distance to the far end of the safety zone, whichever is greater, and continue straight back from there to the required distance.

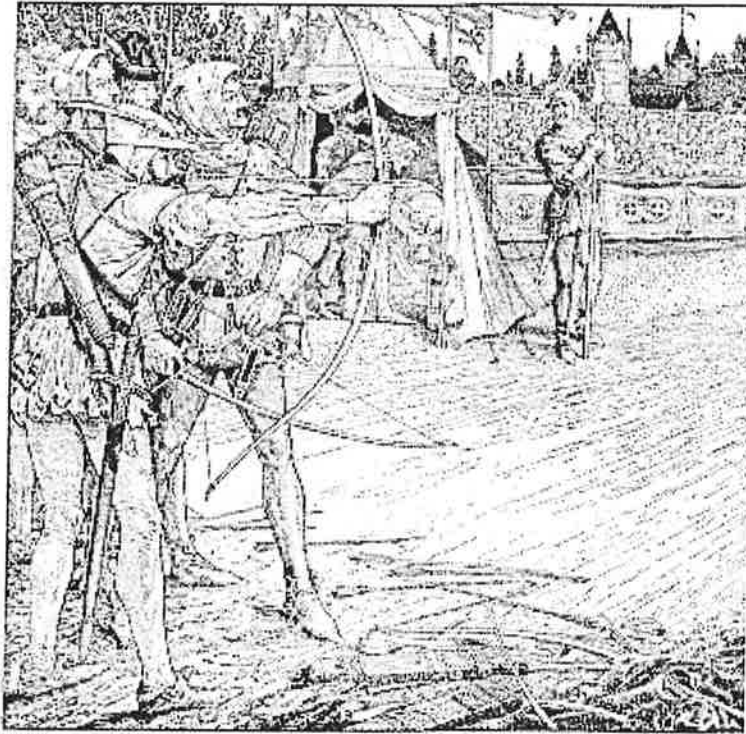
Specialty Shoots

1. For clout shoots, the safety zone should extend beyond the target for at least half the target distance, and to each side for at least one-fifth the target distance. It is recommended that the Target Archery Marshal arrange for any archers who are not familiar with clout shooting to practice in advance. They should start with their bows aimed at a low angle and work their way up. This will help prevent overshooting the safety zone.
2. For flight shoots, the safety zone distance should be at least 300 yards, or the maximum range of the heaviest bow allowed. It is not recommended that a flight shoot be held if space is limited.
3. For roving courses, the safety zone distance shall be a minimum of one and one-half times the distance to the target. Include special consideration for the angles and distances required for the other targets in the course. No target should be placed within the shooter's line of sight with another target.

Range Courtesy

1. When going to retrieve arrows, first pick up any of your arrows lying short of the target.
2. Remove arrows by "worrying" them out. Do not yank them out.
3. Do not handle anyone's equipment unless you have asked for and received the owner's permission.
4. Do not remove other archers' arrows unless you have asked for and received the owner's permission.
5. Keep distraction of the archers on the shooting line to a minimum.

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Signed this 22nd day of January, 2005

Skeggi Hrafensfuri
King, An Tir

Taisiia of Ma Elring
Queen, An Tir

Meistari Dungadr Ravensfuri
Earl Marshal, An Tir

Master Ljotr Einarsson
Kingdom Seneschal, An Tir

Loegaire mac Lochlainn
Kingdom Royal Archer, An Tir

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KINGDOM OF AN TIR TARGET RULES

Introduction

These rules are designed as a set of Target Marshal “rules of the line,” to be used at any and all times the martial art of Target Archery or Thrown-weapons are incorporated into any SCA event or activity in An Tir. The purpose of these rules are to provide a safe framework in which a variety of Archery and Thrown-weapons competitions can be conducted.

Scoring

All scoring has been turned over to the Missile Guild. Please see the Crier for contact information.

Senior Target Marshals

- Promote target activities throughout the kingdom.
- Train and warrant Target Marshals (TMs).
- Train Target Archery Marshals and Thrown Weapons Marshals (TAMs and TWMs).
- Establish policy for Archery and/or Thrown Weapons activities.
- Report to Royal Archer and any others required by kingdom law and policy, all injuries requiring professional medical treatment as a result of activity on or around the range.
- Be a current member of the SCA.

Target Marshals (TMs)

Target Marshals are the front line marshals that handle the actual running of the ranges. They should also be active in promoting Archery and Thrown Weapons and in teaching and enforcing the rules. Individual branches may appoint a Target Marshal for their branch if they desire but Target Marshals do not need to be associated with a branch.

All Target Marshals must be of legal age in their jurisdiction of residence.

The Target Marshal in Charge of a range should be the first point of contact for any issues on that range.

Target Archery Marshals (TAMs)

Target Archery Marshals are the marshals that assist the running of the Archery ranges. They should also be active in promoting Archery and in enforcing the rules. All Target Archery Marshals must be of legal age in their jurisdiction of residence.

Thrown Weapons Marshals (TWMs)

Thrown Weapon Marshals are the marshals that assist the running of the thrown-weapon ranges. They should also be active in promoting Thrown Weapons and in enforcing the rules. All Thrown Weapon Marshals must be of legal age in their jurisdiction of residence.

Running Target Archery or Thrown Weapons at an Event

Each event holding Archery and/or Thrown weapons activities must have a designated Target Marshal in Charge (TMC) who is responsible for all Archery and/or Thrown weapons activities at the event. The TMC must be an experienced TM and be acceptable to the Kingdom Royal Archer and/or Earl Marshal. The TMC may appoint TMs, or TAMs, and TWMs to run the actual ranges during the event. The TMC shall report to the Kingdom Royal Archer and any others required by kingdom law and policy, all injuries requiring professional medical treatment as a result of activity on or around the range.

In addition to the rules of common sense the following rules apply to all Archery and Thrown Weapons activities:

- No Archery or Thrown Weapons activities are to take place at an event unless a TM (or TAM and TWM) is present at the target range.
- A copy of these rules should be posted or placed in an area where it can be read.
- In the event of any disagreement, the TMC shall have authority for resolving the dispute.
- The TMC or the assisting TMs and TWMs shall inspect all archery equipment and thrown weapons for damage and compliance to the equipment standards as described in these rules.
- All TMs, TAMs and TWMs are responsible for the enforcement of the rules and safety standards for Archery and Thrown Weapons activities.
- **Minimum age for competing with Adults in Thrown Weapons or Target archery is 12 years of age.**
- **All children under the age of 13 must have a parent or court appointed, legal guardian present when participating in Archery or Thrown Weapons.**
- **All TMs, TAMs and TWMs may refuse to allow someone to participate in Archery or Thrown Weapons activities if they are deemed unsafe to themselves or others.**

Rules of An Tir Thrown Weapons

Equipment Standards For Thrown Weapons

Equipment standards vary depending upon the type of thrown weapon and the techniques the thrower uses to throw the weapon. To accommodate these variations the following questions should be considered during the inspection of each weapon.

- How will the user be throwing the weapon? E.g., for knives, will it be thrown by the handle or by the blade?
- Is the weapon designed for throwing?
- Is the weapon sturdy enough to be thrown?
- How sharp is the blade?
- Is the handle taped? If a weapon's handle has been taped or reinforced, it must have been done for a reason. Ask the owner about it. Give it extra attention; make sure that it is structurally sound and safe. Duct tape is not an acceptable fix for a handle with a major crack. If it can't be inspected due to coverings, fail it.

Knives

The following rules apply specifically to thrown knives:

- The handle (or scales) of the knife, if any, must be firmly attached.
- The throwing surface should be free of burrs or protrusions that can cut or injure an unprotected hand upon release.
- Knives are to be a minimum of 12 inches in length and a maximum of 16 inches in length and not more than 2.5 inches wide.
- Knives are to have one sticking point only and must have the traditional shape of a knife.

Axes

The following rules apply specifically to thrown axes:

- The handle must be firmly attached.
- The handle cannot have any major cracks.
- The handle cannot have any burrs or rough surfaces that can cut or give splinters.
- All axes shall have wooden handles between 12 inches and 24 inches in length.
- All axe heads shall be metal, with a single blade of not more than four (4) inches.
- No top spikes, spike polls, or butt-spiked handles are allowed.

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Spears

The following rules apply specifically to thrown spears:

- The spearhead must be firmly attached to the shaft of the spear.
- The haft cannot have any burrs or rough surfaces that can cut or give splinters.
- The haft must be sound and without major cracks.
- Spears shall not have flights or any stabilizers attached.
- Spears must be no less than 4' in length and no longer than 7' in overall length.

Atl – Atls

The following rules apply to Atl-Atls used to throw darts:

- Darts used must be designed for use in the Atl-Atl.
- The haft must be sound and without cracks.
- Breakaway heads are not permitted at any time.
- The dart holder and any other attached components must be firmly attached to the Atl-Atl.
- Atl-Atls may not be used in normal spear throwing competitions

Throwing Range Set Up

Safety is always the primary concern when setting up a throwing range. The following rules are provided to define the minimum safety requirements for a range. When ever possible these requirements should be exceeded.

A safety zone must be defined for all thrown weapons ranges. The following dimensions should be used as the standard. Special exceptions can be made for situations where terrain or structures can prevent a miss-thrown weapon from being a danger.

The safety zone starts 6 feet to the outside of the outermost throwing position on the range. If not all of the throwing positions are in a line the farthest back position must be used for measurement. The safety zone extends down range from the throwing position at a 45-degree angle away from the targets to a line even with the farthest target and continues straight down range until it is at least 15 yards past the farthest target. The safety zone extends at least 10 feet behind the farthest back throwing position.

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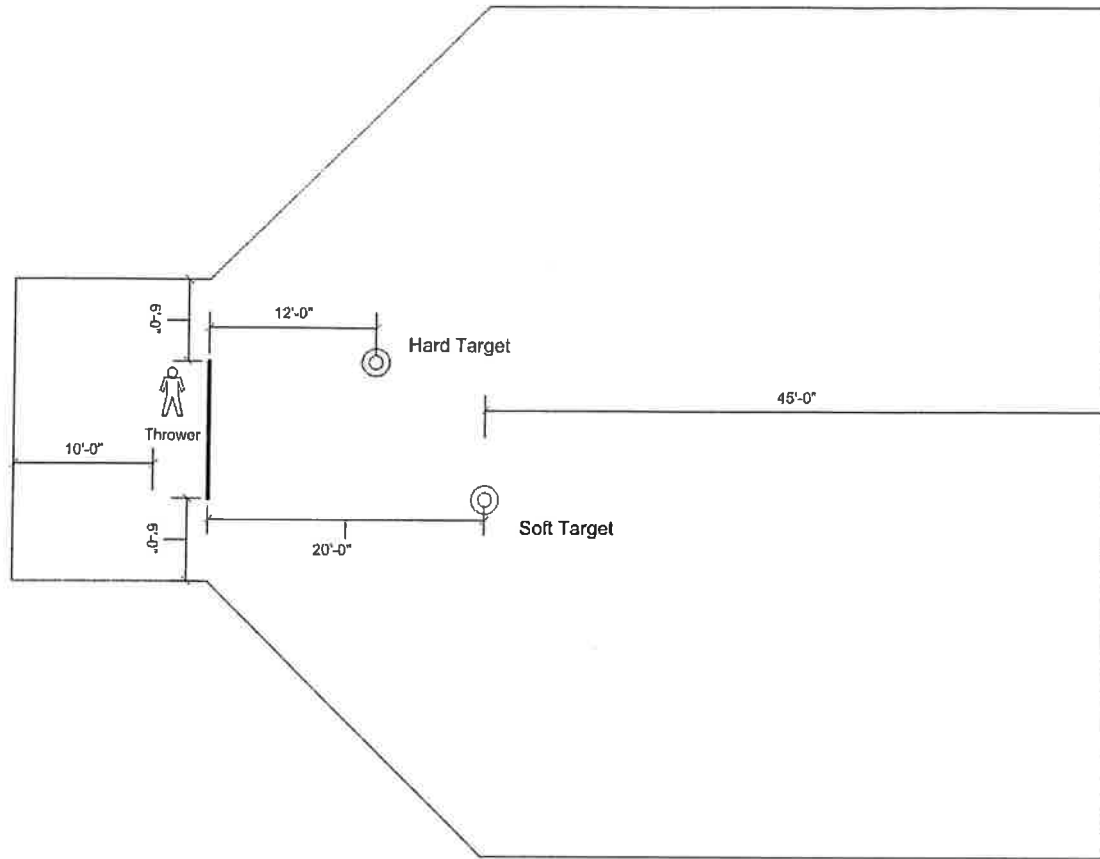


Figure 1: Thrown Weapons Range Layout

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The following rules shall apply to all thrown weapons ranges:

- The Throwing Range will be identifiable at all times. Bright-color rope, tape, etc will be used to mark off the throwing range and the safety area.
- The entrance to the throwing range should be at the side and not the back if possible. The entrance must be behind the farthest back throwing position.
- "Hard" targets, i.e. wood, must be at least 12 feet down range from the throwing line.
- "Hard" targets, i.e. wood, must have the center 40" to 60" off the ground.
- "Soft" spear targets, i.e., hay bales, must be at least 20 feet down range.
- No one should ever stand or pass directly behind the thrower.

Throwing Range Procedures

The following procedures are to be followed when throwing is in progress at the range:

- The Marshal will call a thrower (or throwers) to the line.
- The Marshal will look to see that the range is safe.
- If all is clear, then the order "Throw when ready!" or the equivalent will be given.
- When done, the thrower(s) are to put down any weapons in hand and wait until the order to retrieve is given.
- When all weapons are down the Marshal will give the command "Retrieve weapons!" or the equivalent.
- Only one weapon may be thrown at a target. All weapons must be re-inspected prior to being thrown again.
- If individuals wish to throw from different distances, use the following guidelines:
 1. Have everyone on the line move to the farthest distance.
 2. When the range is called, have the thrower(s) who wish to throw from that distance throw at their leisure.
 3. When done, have everyone on the line move forward to the next furthest position.
 4. Have the thrower(s) toss their next volley.
 5. Continue this pattern until everyone is done.

Throwing Range Etiquette

Etiquette on the throwing range should always be guided by the principles of honor and courtesy. This is a game we play for fun and should be treated as such.

The following rules should be observed while at the range:

- Always remember that you are throwing live steel weapons that can cause great harm.
- Keep alert. Weapons can and will bounce back from the target occasionally.
- Do not stand or walk behind throwers on the line.
- Side-armed throwing of weapons is not allowed.
- Just before EACH throw, look behind you to ensure that it is clear. Do not throw when someone is down range.
- Ask the Marshal for permission before “filling in” on the line.
- Throw only at designated targets.
- Do not throw until commanded to do so.
- Do not retrieve until commanded to do so.
- If “HOLD!” is called put down your weapon(s) and stop in place until you know the reason for the hold and wait for instructions from the Marshal.
- Do not throw weapons that have not been inspected and approved.
- Remove only your weapon from the target unless you have permission to remove someone else’s.
- Remove weapons by “worrying” them out. DO NOT YANK THEM OUT.
- Do not handle other people’s weapons without their permission.
- Do not participate in Thrown Weapons activities while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Rules of An Tir Target Archery

EQUIPMENT STANDARDS FOR TARGET ARCHERY

General Standards:

1. All equipment should be consistent with pre-17th century archery in appearance and function. The construction, use, and knowledge of period style equipment and its safe use are among the primary goals of SCA archery. However, the use of modern equipment is permitted provided it meets the equipment standards laid out below.
2. Nothing in these rules shall be interpreted as preventing a Kingdom or branch from making rules requiring the use of period style equipment in a period division or a specific competition. The rules allow the use of modern style bows, but do not require that all competitions allow their use.
3. Each archer has the ultimate responsibility for the proper care, inspection and safe use of their own weapons, and for knowing and following the SCA and Kingdom target archery rules.
 - An archer shall not knowingly use unsafe equipment
 - If an archer is unsure of the safety of their equipment, they shall request the assistance of a Target Marshal in inspecting the equipment.
 - The Target Marshal assisting in the inspection shall make a reasonable attempt to locate any unsafe conditions or violations of Kingdom rules and inform the archer of what is found and how to correct it.
 - The inspection by the Target Marshal may not find all equipment faults and is conducted as a service to all archers on the line. It does not remove the archers' primary responsibility for the safe condition of their own equipment.
 - Any equipment observed by a Target Marshal to be unsafe shall not be used until it is made safe and is re-inspected by the Target Marshal.
 - A Target Marshal can and may inspect all archery equipment before allowing it onto any Archery range.
4. Exceptions to the use of prohibited equipment may be allowed as follows:
 - The Kingdom Royal Archer, or his/her designee, may approve the use of prohibited equipment by class, such as the use of plastic vanes or non-wooden arrows for children's archery.
 - The Target Marshal in Charge of an event may allow the temporary use of prohibited equipment for an archer on an event-by-event basis, such as permitting a new archer to use aluminum arrows with plastic vanes. (No scores can be recorded with the prohibited arrows but they can be used to practice.) This use should be reported to the Kingdom Royal Archer for tracking purposes.
 - The Target Marshal in Charge shall make necessary allowances for handicapped archers, provided that range safety is not compromised by these allowances.

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Bows:

1. Bows may be made of any material, provided they are judged safe to shoot by the Target Marshal in Charge.
 - Bows of unusual material or construction will be required to pass the inspection of the Kingdom Royal Archer, or designated deputy, prior to use at official SCA events.
 - No compound bows are allowed in competition. There will be no exceptions to this prohibition.
2. Adjustable or fixed sights are not allowed, except as noted for Crossbows.
 - If adjustable or fixed sights are attached, they shall either be removed or made inoperative.
 - Sighting and/or range marks on the limbs or riser are allowed, except in divisions or competitions that exclude their use. "String walking" or similar disparate placement of the fingers upon the string designed to compensate for distance changes is specifically not allowed. However, the use of different anchor points upon the body to compensate for distance changes is allowed.
3. There are no draw weight limits for target archery bows. However, should a Target Marshal observe that an archer is using a bow too heavy in draw weight, or too overdrawn for them to safely shoot, the Target Marshal will require the archer to stop using the bow.
4. No modern spring/flipper rests or plunger buttons are allowed. The use of simple rests is allowed, such as:
 - Simple one piece plastic or non-adjustable wire rests;
 - Feather, bristle, leather, etc., rests;
 - Built out shelves or rests;
 - The use of the shelf in a cutout window is also allowed.
5. No stabilizers, clickers, or modern string release devices are allowed. In regards modern string releases, in special circumstances involving handicapped archers, the Target Marshal may make an exception and reporting this exception to the Kingdom Royal Archer and Kingdom Score Keeper for tracking purposes.
6. Bows with riser cut-outs (i.e., those that can be seen through from the side, often found in take-down bows with metal risers) must have the openings covered so as to present a solid surface and an appearance more in keeping with medieval archery equipment.

Crossbows:

1. No center-shot, trackless crossbow styles are allowed for target shooting.
2. No compound prods or break-cocking crossbow styles are allowed in competition. There will be no exceptions to this prohibition.
3. No archer shall continue to use a crossbow that is observed by a Target Marshal to have too heavy a draw for the archer to use safely.
4. Prods of most materials are allowed, provided they are judged safe to shoot by the Target Marshal. Prods of unusual material or construction will be required to pass the inspection of the Kingdom Royal Archer or a designated deputy.
5. Simple rear sights are allowed. Front sights are not allowed.
6. Stocks may be of any material.
7. If a modern stock with openings that can be seen through from the side is used, all such openings must be filled or covered to appear more period. Openings, which are intended for gripping the stock, need not be covered. Openings may be covered with tape, leather, cloth, etc.

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Strings:

1. All strings shall be appropriate in length and strength for the bow type and weight. Linen, silk, artificial sinew, and any modern bowstring materials are acceptable, so long as the strings are properly constructed.
 - Strings that have become knotted, or those that have been repaired by knotting strands together, shall not be used. This rule does not forbid those string designs that incorporate knots, such as a bowyer's knot, in their original design.
2. A nocking point may be attached to the string. It may be made of metal or tied on. A single nocking point is allowed, i.e., no separate nocking points for different ranges are allowed.
 - The nocking point may consist of one or two locators, which may be of any type.
 - The locators may not extend above or below the arrow nock in such a way as to allow them to be used as sighting mechanisms or aids.
3. Peep sights or kissers buttons mounted on the string are not allowed. String silencers, such as "cat whiskers", and brush guards are allowed.

Arrows and Bolts:

1. All shafts shall be of wood or of bamboo or bamboo-like materials.
2. Both self and footed shafts are permitted.
3. No broadheads or tips that cause excessive damage to the targets shall be used, except for special competitions using these heads with the permission of the Target Marshal in Charge and / or the Kingdom Royal Archer.
4. Fletched arrows and bolts shall use feathers or other pre-17th century material. Plastic vanes are not allowed, except as noted above.
5. Nocks for arrows may be of any material. Caps, rings, or nocks for bolts may be of any material.

RANGE SAFETY, RANGE PROCEDURES, AND RULES OF THE LINE

Range Set-Up:

1. The range and safety zone must be clearly marked off. This may be done by the use of ropes, poles, signs, tapes, etc.
2. At events where large numbers of archers are shooting, the Target Marshal in Charge shall be easily identifiable.
3. There shall be a safety zone behind and to the sides of the shooting line and targets. It shall be of reasonable size to prevent injury to bystanders. It must be free of traffic, campsites, list fields, parking areas or other hazards. The distance of the safety zone behind the targets may be reduced if there is a hill, permanent backstop, archery netting, etc., that will stop overshot or stray arrows.
4. If there are roads or paths within the safety zone or range, they shall be blocked off to traffic at both ends during shooting.
5. The shooting line shall be clearly marked. It must not present a tripping hazard.
6. So that no archer unduly endangers another by shooting from behind, all archers will line up the same way, by straddling the shooting line. Archers shooting from prone, kneeling, seated, etc., positions shall have the head of their arrow or bolt, at full draw, in the same line as the other archers on the line and should be placed together at one end of the line.
7. Each archer shall have, at a minimum, three feet of space on the line, with recommended spacing being at least four feet. Other shoots with special circumstances may require different spacing and heightened Target Marshal supervision.
8. During shooting, all spectators shall remain outside the marked safety zones and/or at least ten feet to the rear of the shooting line.

Range Procedures:

1. A Marshall shall not allow more archers on a line than can be reasonably and safely supervised.
2. Experienced archers, known to, and approved by the Target Marshal in Charge, may assist the Marshals. When this is done, the ratio of Marshals to archers on line may be reduced.
3. At shoots where many of the archers are inexperienced, it may be necessary to increase the ratio of marshals to archers. This increase need not be as great if experienced archers, as well as Marshals, are used to supervise the inexperienced archers.
4. Conditions around the range and safety zone may require the use of additional Marshals or assistants to observe and prevent traffic through the area.
5. At specialty shoots where the archers are shooting under unusual conditions, such as off-handed, with restricted vision, etc., a one-to-one ratio of Marshals and/or assistants to archers may be necessary.
6. Any conditions or artificial handicaps that create an undue safety hazard, even with an increased Marshal/assistant to archer ratio of one-to-one, are forbidden.
7. The Target Marshal in Charge may remove archers exhibiting unsafe behavior from the range.

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Range Commands:

1. The Marshal will call the archers to the line.
2. The Marshal will look to see that the range and line are clear and safe.
3. The Marshal will call out "Range clear!" or the equivalent, and wait momentarily for any responses.
4. If all clear, then the order "Loose!", "Loose at will!", "You may begin!" or the equivalent will be given.
5. When finished shooting, the archers are to lower their bows, step back from the line, and wait until the order to retrieve is given.
6. When all archers are done shooting, the Marshal will call "Bows down!", "Cease!" or the equivalent and wait for compliance.
7. When all weapons are down, the Marshal will give the command, "Retrieve arrows!" or the equivalent.
8. In the case of a serious safety problem on the range, such as someone entering or about to enter, the target or safety zone, the call "Hold!" shall be given by anyone noticing the problem. All archers are to remove the arrows or bolts from their weapons.

Rules of the Line:

1. Ask the Marshal for permission before filling in on the line.
2. If "Hold!" is called, lower your bow, remove your arrow/bolt and pay heed to the marshal's instructions.
3. If an archer sees an immediate problem, they should call "Hold!" and inform the Marshal in Charge.
4. If an archer sees a potential problem, they should report it to a Marshal.
5. All archers shall follow the instructions of the Target Marshal in Charge and of Marshals assisting on the line.
6. Step back from the line when you have completed shooting if it does not interfere with the archers around you.

Safety Rules:

1. Archers should always remember the potential danger of their weapons.
2. No arrows or bolts shall be nocked when anyone is in front of the shooting line.
3. No archer shall discharge a bow when anyone is downrange.
4. No archer shall shoot while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
5. In the case of overshoots of the targets, place an arrow upright in the target (whenever possible) before going behind the targets to search for the overshoot arrows. By corollary, if an arrow is standing upright in the target, it may be assumed that someone is behind the targets and the range is not clear. Always investigate and verify before clearing the shooting line to commence shooting.
6. Never reach in front of the line to retrieve an arrow while the range is open for shooting.

RANGE SET-UP

- It is recommended that the range and safety zone be posted with signs in addition to the required perimeter markers of ropes, poles, tape, etc.

Suggested Range Dimensions:

- The following are suggested dimensions for the range and safety zones for target and specialty competitions. These are general guidelines. The actual sizes may vary, depending on terrain, the archers and other conditions. It is better to err on the side of safety with too much space than not enough.

For Target Shoots:

1. The safety zone behind the farthest target should extend at least 40 yards back, or for $\frac{1}{2}$ the distance from the line to the farthest target, whichever is greater.
2. For shoots of 50 yards or less, the safety zone to the sides of the shooting line and targets should extend outward at a 30-to-45 degree angle from both ends of the shooting line, to a line even with the farthest target, and continue straight back from there to the required distance.
3. For shoots over 50 yards, the safety zone to the sides of the shooting line and targets should extend outward at a 30-to-45 degree angles from both sides of the shooting line to a line 50 yards away or $\frac{1}{4}$ the distance to the far end of the safety zone, whichever is greater, and continue straight back from there to the required distance.

For Specialty Shoots:

1. For clout shoots, the safety zone should extend beyond the target for at least $\frac{1}{2}$ the target distance, and to each side for at least $\frac{1}{5}$ the target distance. (It is recommended that the Target Marshal arrange for any archers who are not familiar with clout shooting to practice in advance. They should start with their bows aimed at a low angle and work their way up. This will prevent overshooting the safety zone.)
2. For flight shoots, the safety zone distance should be at least 300 yards, or the maximum range of the heaviest bow allowed. It is not recommended that a flight shoot be held if space is limited.
3. For roving courses, the safety zone distance shall be a minimum of one and one-half times the distance to the target. Include special consideration for the angles and distances required for the other targets in the course. No target shall be placed within the shooter's line of sight with another target.
4. For York Rounds, the safety zone should extend beyond the target for at least 50 yards, and to each side for at least $\frac{1}{4}$ the target distance. As in the clout shoot, archers unfamiliar with the York Round should attempt to practice in advance, starting with their bows aimed at a low angle and working their way into the target area to prevent overshooting the safety zone.

RANGE COURTESY:

1. When moving to the targets to retrieve arrows, first pick up any of your arrows lying short of the target.
2. Remove arrows by “worrying” them out. Place one hand against the target face, if possible, and use the other to work them free from the target. Do not yank them out.
3. Do not handle anyone’s equipment unless you have asked for and received the owner’s permission.
4. Do not remove other archer’s arrows unless you have asked for and received the owner’s permission.
5. Keep distraction, such as loud talking and laughter, to a minimum near the shooting line.
6. Be careful when moving around behind the shooting line of equipment left on the ground.
7. Avoid loud exclamations of either positive or negative import while on the shooting line. An archer is expected to maintain their dignity while in the act of shooting so as not to distract other shooters.
8. Archers shall not take unfair advantage of their opponents.

SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Miscellaneous Equipment:

1. Any type of quiver may be used, with the exception of one that attaches directly to the bow.
2. It is recommended that arm and/or finger protection be used, according to the preference of the archer.
3. It is strongly recommended that the ends of the bowstring be served, and that a serving cover the nocking area of the string. It should be noted that Japanese and Flemish style strings, which are rarely served at the ends, are acceptable.
4. Footwear is strongly recommended as most ranges are in rough terrain.