

Exeter Sportsmans Club

Archery Range Rules

Hours of operation

1. The range will only be active from Sunrise to Sunset. Shooting is allowed during daylight hours ONLY. Ranges are closed during ALL scheduled events when safety is a concern (firearms training, fishing derby, rimfire range events, etc).
2. Archery ranges are closed during Hunters education classes.
3. Other closing times will be posted on one or all of the following: street sign, ESC web page and email.
4. ALL PERSONS ENTERING CLUB PREMISES CONSENT TO AUDIO AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE AND THE USE OF IMAGES OR RECORDINGS THERE-FROM IN ANY INVESTIGATION, DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND/OR PROSECUTION RESULTING FROM THEIR ACTIONS WHILE ON SAID PREMISES.

General Range Procedures and Courtesies

1. No BROADHEADS are allowed on ESC targets due to the destruction inflicted on targets by BROADHEADS.
2. In the absence of a special rule, safety considerations are paramount and good judgment shall be applied. Members are individually liable for all results of their actions and those of their guests while on ESC facilities.
3. When arriving to use the archery range, members will sign in and legibly write their name, badge number, time of arrival, time on the range and departure time on the sign in sheet in the mailbox at the archery range. Guests must sign the Guest directory and complete a liability waiver form. Extra waiver forms are located in the 100 yard shoot house.
4. Movable target stands are for the use of shooters to allow everyone to shoot from the same firing line but at different distances.
5. No one may shoot from the archery starting lane while someone is shooting at the rimfire range. You may shoot from the 40 yard marker (roughly equal to the end of the rimfire berm) and shoot at a target downrange from 40 yard marker towards the archery backstop.
6. Cooperation has always been a hallmark of the Exeter Sportsman's Club and is required. Share the range with other archers. Once on the range, a member shall have a minimum of one hour to shoot. If the firing line is full and if newly arriving members wish to shoot, those currently shooting shall yield the range no more than one hour after the new shooters sign in and make their presence known. A waiting member shall sign in (time of arrival) and need not remain on site but must return by the time the current shooters leave. Range time for each subsequent arrival shall commence one hour after the preceding member-in-waiting begins shooting. This will apply to members waiting to shoot on the rimfire range in combination with the archery.
7. This is a "CARRY IN - CARRY OUT" range. Any material brought on site shall be removed at the conclusion of shooting by the member who

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brought it. DO NOT LEAVE ANY PERSONAL TARGETS OR BACKING ON THE RANGE FOR OTHERS TO CLEAN UP.

8. The ESC range will be used by cooperating with other members to determine when to retrieve arrows and change targets.
9. The ESC requires strict attention to safety, good sportsmanship and polite conduct on its ranges. Members are directly responsible for the conduct of their guests. Failure to comply is grounds under club by-laws for expulsion from membership in the Exeter Sportsman's Club.
10. Designate a range safety officer when none is present or assigned.
11. No smoking on the range.
12. Know and obey all range commands.
13. Know where others are at all times.

Specific Archery Range Rules

1. A bow must not be loaded with an arrow unless standing on the "Shooting Line" and the signal to start shooting, Commence Firing has been given.
2. A loaded bow must only be pointed downrange at the assigned target.
3. When archers have shot their arrows, they should step back from the shooting line to wait until all other archers have shot.
4. Only when everyone has finished shooting should the Range is Clear signal to move forward to collect the arrows be given. No one moves forward beyond the shooting line to collect arrows until all bows are put down or hung up and all agree to do so.
5. If an arrow or part of equipment is dropped in front of the shooting line while shooting is in progress, it can only be picked up after shooting has stopped.
6. Take care when removing arrows from targets and be aware of others around you.
7. When withdrawing arrows from the target, make sure no-one is standing in front of the target or in the way of the withdrawn arrows. Withdrawing the arrows may require some force and the arrows may come out suddenly from the target butt and the rear end of the arrow could hit someone standing in front of the target.
8. When carrying arrows, cover the points with your hand, hold them to the side, and walk.
9. Everyone must return to the shooting line and the range checked to make sure no-one is downrange including anyone on the rimfire range or behind the target butts or in the shooting zone before the signal to commence shooting is given.
10. If any person or animal (i.e. dog) enters the shooting zone while shooting is in progress, shout CEASE FIRE several times and all shooting must stop immediately. Even if the bow is held at full draw and the signal is given, the arrow must not be released. The bow should be pointed at the ground and the bowstring let slowly forward. The arrow should be removed from the bow until the range is clear.

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Emergency Procedures

Dial 911 if personal injury has occurred. A First Aid Kit and major bleeding wound kit are located in the 100 yard shoot house and 25 yard shoot house on the firearms range. In the event of an accident, the procedures listed below should be strictly followed:

- 1.** All archers are to immediately stop shooting and place their bows on the ground in front of them or hang them from the starting lanes.
- 2.** Keep calm and assess the situation.
- 3.** Give priority attention to providing all possible care for the injured.
- 4.** In case of a life-threatening emergency, call 911 first, inform the operator that a "TRAINING ACCIDENT" has occurred. If you say someone has been shot, police will send an incident team to the location to clear the site before medical help is sent.
- 5.** Identify the nature of your emergency and location. Have someone stay on the phone with 911 until emergency medical help arrives. Send someone to meet the ambulance.
- 6.** Contact the ESC President or Vice President and inform them of the situation.

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APPENDIX A

RANGE COMMANDS

The purpose of range commands is to provide concise, clear and standard methods of range communication. This provides the shooters or participants with easy to understand guidelines and enhances safety. These commands are to be posted so they are clearly visible to ESC shooters.

Ready On The Firing Line?

Notify and coordinate with fellow shooters that the range is about to go live is shooting is to commence. At this point, all shooters must acknowledge they are ready.

Commence Firing

Shooting commences.

Cease Fire

All people on the range immediately stop shooting. All bows with an arrow loaded should be pointed at the ground and the bowstring let slowly forward. The arrow should be removed from the bow. Step back from the firing line. NO bows should be loaded until all shooters agree to Ready on the Firing Line command.

Range Is Clear!

To alert all shooters along the line that travel beyond the firing line for purposes of target change or retrieval of arrow is approved. No bows should be handled while archers are down range.