

## **Northern Archers Main Range Shooting Policy**

## Our current shooting policy has been amended to reflect the Safety Guidelines laid down by Archery Australia, dated January 2011 and modified to suit the Archery Range Configuration Nov 2015.

The following shooting policy will be adhered to by all members when using the main target range.

- 1. Under normal conditions Archers will shoot the longer distances from the left hand side of the range, tapering across to the shortest distances on the right hand side of the range (when viewed from the Club House), at all times complying with the Range Shooting Policy set out below.
- 2. To be in front of other archers shooting on an adjacent target, there must be at least two (2) clear target lanes separation to be in front to a maximum of 20m, but subject to weather conditions this may be reduced to 10m.
- 3. The following rules will apply if Archers wish to go forward to score or retrieve their arrows independently of other archers shooting on the range To be able to do this, there must be at least two (2) clear lanes on either side for distances up to 30m, three (3) clear lanes on either side for distances over 30m to 50m and four (4) clear lanes for shooting distances over 50m. If this is not the case Archers may only go forward and score/retrieve their arrows with other Archers shooting on other targets which are overlapping theirs, using the two (2), three (3) or four (4) clear lanes rules.
- 4. To facilitate maximum range flexibility, Target number one (1) has been designated as the only target to be used for shooting at 90m, other than during competitions when the shooting is under the control of a Director of Shooting (DOS). Further, should the range be congested, which is often the case on weekends, Archer(s) shooting a defined round, which includes 90m are entitled to shoot 6 practice arrows plus 36 scoring arrows, after which they have to move to a shorter distance, *i.e.* in the event of other archers wishing to shoot that target or when requested by the Duty Officer.
- 5. Archers shooting a defined round are entitled to shoot up to two distances on the one target before being required to change to a different target. They may be required to move and will do so if requested in the event that another/other Archers wish to shoot on that target in order to maintain the 'preferred taper' as referred to in the Range Shooting Policy (refer as example).
- 6. Archers not shooting a defined round shall be limited to shooting a maximum of 36 arrows from one distance. They will then be required to move to another target or take a break, if so requested.
- 7. Archers wishing to tune their equipment at short distance will be required to use the main range on the right hand side or the Designated Beginners area at a maximum distance of 20m, under the proviso that they must fit in with any Beginners classes being conducted on target 17-22. They must shoot the same distance and also go forward together with the class to retrieve their arrows.
- 8. Maximum distance to be shot on targets 12 to 16 is 50m when beginners' classes are on in the Designated Beginners Area. The same rule of 2 clear lanes applies to be able to go forward to the target independently.
- 9. Where all targets are being used and congestion appears likely to continue, members wishing to shoot should introduce themselves to the existing member shooting at the distance they wish to shoot rather than occupy another target. In extenuating circumstances a temporary target may be setup for someone, subject to the distance wishing to be shot and shall wait until a reorganisation can be arranged amicably with other archers, keeping in mind that Point 5 above may be invoked and in addition complying with lane separation rules above. If a latecomer chooses not to set-up a temporary target she/he must wait until others have completed their rounds and a target becomes vacant.
- 10. This policy is mandatory and will be adhered to and policed by all members. Should a breach of this policy by a member be reported to the Committee of Management the case will be investigated and if proved to the satisfaction of the Committee the disciplinary provisions set out in the By-laws will be invoked. Where possible Archers are encouraged to shoot in two's or three's to a target in order to provide maximum range utilisation.

Secretary, Northern Archers, Nov 2015.