

Phoenix Archery Club Inc.



Membership Declarations

NEW REGISTRATIONS

Acceptance of Club Rules and Policies

I agree to respect and abide by the Constitution and rules of the Club and the organisations of which it is a member and any Policies which the Club and/or those organisations have adopted.

Statement:

Phoenix Archery Club is a non-for-profit organisation that relies completely on volunteers. All instructors and committee members give up their free time to give members a place to shoot in Cranbourne. All committee members are fully responsible for paying their own membership fees, their only reward is that of benefiting the club.

1. Club Etiquette

- 1.1 All members and associates are expected to assist with setting up and packing up of equipment. This includes those who arrive late or leave early. Please offer assistance with packing up of equipment that is no longer being used for the session. This is to ensure that workload is shared around.
- 1.2 Please be respectful when arriving of where archers are already shooting. This is by not taking a target that has already been taken by another archer. Archers are expected ask which targets are already taken and which ones are available.
- 1.3 When come 'n' try classes are been run at the club. Target faces will always be prioritised to our come 'n' try participants. Members are expected to give up a target face if required throughout the duration of a come 'n' try session.
- 1.4 Rubbish is to be placed in the bins provided. This also may include any cardboard or debris that has come out of the target butt. This is the responsibility of the archer to clean up after they have completed shooting.
- 1.5 As the Club is managed by volunteers, it is expected that ALL members contribute to the upkeep of our equipment by attending at least 1 working bee through the year.

2. Personal Safety

- 2.1 All archers are recommended for personal safety to wear arm-guards, chest protectors and tight-fitting clothes. Covered footwear must always be worn while engaging in the practice of archery. Sandals or open toed shoes are not permitted while shooting or on the range.
- 2.2 Archers that have any long hair or fringe hair that may meet the string, need to ensure that it is tied or pinned back for the safety of the archer. Any facial piercings that may meet the string will need to be removed before shooting.

2.3 Alcohol and drugs must not be consumed by archer prior to or while shooting. No person may shoot when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

2.4 Archers must regularly check and maintain their equipment. Archers should inspect equipment for cracked limbs and risers, damaged arrows, frayed strings and damaged nocks. It is the archer's responsibility to ensure their equipment is safe to be used.

3. Range Safety

3.1 All archers must follow the instructions of the D.O.S (Director of Shooting) at all times when on the shooting range.

3.2 When whistles are in use, whistle commands must be adhered to.

Two whistles: Archers to the shooting line

One whistle: Archers to commence shooting

Three whistles: Archers to collect arrows from the range

Fours whistles or more: Stop immediately, do not shoot even if a bow is at full draw.

Place arrow back into quiver or cone and wait for further instruction.

3.3 Never dry fire a bow (i.e. firing a bow without an arrow attached to the string).

3.4 When pulling arrows from the target, ensure there is no one standing in front of the arrows and always pull arrows out while standing to the side of the butt. Always use two hands when drawing arrows from the target and always use the method prescribed in the Archery Australia method.

3.5 The practice of drawing a bow or adopting a shooting technique that allows the bow to be drawn back and raised higher than the top of a target butt is considered to be unsafe and must not be used.

3.6 Bows must never be drawn back with an arrow fitted unless the bow is pointed toward the targets and the field of play is clear of archers and officials.

3.7 Never aim a bow, loaded or otherwise, at another person.

3.8 Never run on the range -walking pace only, particularly while carrying arrows.

3.9 Be careful not to disturb neighbouring archers when shooting or leaving the shooting line. Avoid poking other archers with bow limbs or stabilisers.

Conclusion:

Phoenix Archery Club takes the safety of our archers and spectators seriously. It is in the best interest of everybody's health and safety the above guidelines must be adhered to.

Any concerns or issues with the above policies need to be brought to the attention of the current Phoenix Archery Committee or Members Protection Officer. Any serious breach will see an archer being asked to leave the premises and possibly have their membership revoked.