



# North Florida Archers Annual Rules Refresher - updated 2022

The following safety and membership guidelines are written for your protection as well as the protection of North Florida Archers archery club. The officers and members of North Florida Archers want all archers and their guests to safely enjoy our facility.

North Florida Archers bears the expenses of maintenance for the entire range and facilities. These rules have been adopted to preserve our equipment, supplies and investment. We are a non-profit organization. Members, guests and visitors who violate these guidelines may be prohibited from using our facilities and may have their club membership revoked.

## **General Club Rules**

- Members are responsible for closing and locking the club's access gates when they are the last person to leave the facilities, regardless of the time of day.
- Absolutely NO ALCOHOL, NO GUNS (including BB and pellet), NO ATV's, NO FIREWORKS and NO HUNTING of any kind are permitted on club property.
  - Violations of these rules can lead to revocation of your membership.
  - Members should be aware that NFA facilities are located on FEDERAL LAND and as such, members and their guests are subject to all federal and/or local laws which regulate our property.
- Safety First! No bow shall be pulled, with an arrow nocked, in the parking, pavilion or picnic areas.
- Hunting is not permitted on any portion of NFA property nor shall anyone shoot any live animal or bird for sport or target practice.
- Members must accompany their guests.
  - Guest privileges are limited to 3 visits.
  - All guests must sign a liability waiver before shooting anywhere within NFA property.
  - Liability waiver forms or blue cards are available at the line range bulletin boards and in the display area at the pavilion.
- Members and guests should not litter the grounds in any manner and will dispose of any trash in the containers provided.
- Exercise extreme caution when smoking on NFA property. Do not dispose of any smoking materials in the trash barrels.
- Report any unsafe branches or low hanging limbs to the Range Officer or other Club Officer for proper removal.
- A responsible Adult must accompany children visiting North FL Archers and that Adult will be responsible for the safety of that child.
  - Members, guests and visitors shall not allow children to roam Club property unescorted.
  - If there are children in your group who are not shooting, they must remain behind the shooting line at all times.
  - Please ensure that children in your group do not disrupt other shooters.
- Members and Guests shall not move any target or remove/replace any target face without permission from the Range Officer or other Club Officer.



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- Members and Guests should understand there will be times when the entire range may be closed for shooting or practice - especially during designated "Work Parties", tournaments, etc.
  - Obey Posted Signs. No shooting is allowed on any portion of a closed range.
- Members are responsible for guests they bring to this facility and are responsible to ensure their compliance with these safety guidelines.
- Motorized vehicles are not to be driven on the line range or anywhere inside the walking range boundaries with exceptions for maintenance or setup for an organized shoot/tournament.

## ***General Range Rules***

The shooting range portion of the North FL Archers facilities is divided into 3 general areas: Adult & Youth Bale Range(s), 3-D Walking Ranges/Field Course and Designated Broadhead Area.

- Safety First! No Bow shall be pulled, with an arrow nocked on, in the parking, pavilion or picnic areas.
- Members or guests shall NOT set up their own targets(s) in an undesignated shooting lane.
- Crossbows will ONLY be allowed on property during a sanctioned event at which they are required to be permitted. Crossbows will NOT be permitted at any other time.
- The NFA recommended maximum bow speed for Compound Bows is: 280 fps.
- Hunting or shooting any live animal or bird for sport or target practice is PROHIBITED on Club Property.
- Ranges are generally closed during set up for organized events. Please obey posted signage at the facility during special events. Range Closures are generally posted to Facebook or on the NFA Web Site at <http://www.northflarchers.org/index.htm>.

## ***Adult and Youth Practice Bales***

- When Shooting at the practice bales, members and guests shall not hold up the shooting line for other shooters by shooting an excessive amount of arrows at one time.
  - After shooting, place your bow on the rack and wait behind the shooting line until the line is cleared.
  - Shooters at each end of the shooting line will determine that all shooters have completed the round, signal to each other and announce "PULL" before stepping forward of the shooting line to pull any arrows.
  - No Shooter will shoot their bow while archers are forward of the shooting line pulling arrows.
- After ALL Archers return with their arrows, shooters on each end of the line range will determine the range is clear.
  - They will then signal to each other and announce "Range is HOT".

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- The Youth bales are setup for the younger archers with a recommended bow poundage of 15lbs.
- The Adult bales are set up for Adults with bow speeds up to 280 FPS. This will prevent arrows from penetrating through a bale and completely out the back.

### **3D Walking Ranges**

- In order to preserve the life of our targets on the walk around 3D ranges and because repair/replacement is costly and time consuming, the club has adopted the following policy for 3D foam targets: **No person will shoot more than 2 arrows per target, per round.** This policy will help extend the life of the limited number of targets we can provide for the ranges and it will help to provide a better shooting experience for ALL of our members.
- If you have overshot a target or lost an arrow...
  - Place your bow and an appropriate warning device in front of the target while you are searching for arrows behind the target.
  - This procedure applies to all shooting areas of the club, including broadhead area, 3D ranges and the main practice bales.
- Archers should enter the shooting areas through the designated entrance and should NOT cut through or across any other shooting lanes or trails.
- Never walk the trails in reverse due to the danger of walking in front of other shooters.
- Shots at 3D targets should be limited to the vital/core area of the animal. Archers should NOT shoot at the head, eyes and other parts of the body which are not designed to be replaced.
  - Body shots are only 5 points at competition.
  - Vital areas typically score 8, 10 or 12 points.
  - **NO Archers should shoot at, modify, remove or intentionally damage any bench seats, ladder stands, walk up stands, yardage markers, bow racks or other fixtures or signs found on any of the walking ranges and in any practice areas.**

### **Designated Broadhead Area**





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- The broadhead area is a limited area where the tall shooting stands are located along the main back road. As the photo indicates, this area is west of the main target bales and the pavilion, thru the secondary gate and is roughly lanes 6 - 9 as seen on the Tuesday shoots (lanes are not numbered unless event is active), signage is posted.
- Never shoot any broadhead arrows in the main practice bales or 3D targets.
- Fall Protection (safety harness) is required when using the elevated ladder stands located in the broadhead area. A safety harness is NOT Required on the walk stand known as the Cadillac Stand.

## ***Safety Guidelines for Shooters***

- Crossbows will ONLY be allowed on property during a sanctioned event at which they are required to be permitted. Crossbows will NOT be permitted at any other time.
- **Adults must supervise children AT ALL TIMES.**
- Do not intentionally shoot arrows into the ground.
- Only point bow at intended target.
- Do not nock an arrow until the intended target is clear of other shooters.
- Stay on designated paths.
- If returning to look for lost arrows place a marker or your equipment in front of target.
- Always ensure that equipment is in good working order.