

5.3 Equipment

The club has a range of archery-related tools available for use. If your equipment needs repair, you may use the club equipment – if you require help, are unsure of how to operate equipment, or are in doubt, please ask:

- arrow cutter – Alistair Duncan
- arrow straightener – Chester Gibson
- compound bow press – Paul Coffey, Kevin Cottier
- fletching jig – any BOM coaches
- string jig – Alistair Duncan.

5.4 Other Resources

There is a huge amount of archery information available on the internet. Archery Australia is the national governing body and the website (www.archery.org.au) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Archery-Australia-145279848848091/>) have a lot of news and information, including the full national rule book which can be downloaded.

World Archery also has a good website (www.archery.org) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/WorldArchery/>), including details from major international events. ArcheryTV (<https://www.youtube.com/user/archerytv>) can be accessed via YouTube or the World Archery website. International competitions are streamed live, and older events are archived and also available.

Other useful links are listed below.

Organisations:

Bowmen of Melville: http://www.bom.org.au/old_site/
Archery WA: <http://archerywa.com.au/>
Archery Australia: <http://www.archery.org.au/>
Australian Bowhunters Association: <https://www.bowhunters.org.au/>
World Archery: <https://worldarchery.org/>
A listing of local WA Clubs can be found at <http://archerywa.com.au/clubs/>.

Archery Suppliers:

Abbey Archery: <https://www.abbeyarchery.com.au/>
Alternative Sporting Services: <http://www.alternativess.com/>
Archery Academy: <https://www.archeryacademy.com.au/>
Archery Equipment: <http://www.archeryequipmentwa.com.au/>
Hoddywell: <http://www.hoddywell.com.au/>
JVD Distribution: <https://www.jvd.nl/>
Lancaster Archery: <http://www.lancasterarchery.com/>

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Pats Archery: <https://www.pats-archery.com/>
Toxophilite Archery Supplies: toxophilitearcherysupplies.com.au
Urban Archery: <http://www.urbanarchery.com/>

Manufacturers:

Beiter Archery: <http://www.wernerbeiter.com/en/index.php>
Bowtech Archery: <https://bowtecharchery.com/>
Carter Enterprises: <http://www.carterenterprises.com/>
Doosung Cartel Archery: <http://www.doosungarchery.co.kr/eng/>
Easton Archery: <https://eastonarchery.com/>
Elite Archery: <https://www.elitearchery.com/>
Hoyt Archery: <http://hoyt.com/>
Kaya Archery: <http://www.kayaarchery.com/>
Martin Archery: <http://www.martinarchery.com/>
Mathews Archery: <https://www.mathewsinc.com/>
Mybo Archery: <http://www.ilovemybo.com/>
Precision Shoot Equipment: <http://www.pse-archery.com/>
Ross Outdoors Archery: <http://rossoutdoorsarchery.com/>
Samick Archery: <http://www.samicksports.com/xe/main>
Scott Archery: <https://scottarchery.com/>
Sebastien Flute: <http://www.sf-archery.com/index.php/en/>
Win and Win: <http://win-archery.com/>

5.5 Second Hand Equipment

Please do not buy second hand equipment through EBay or Gumtree without consulting a coach first. You cannot be sure of the condition and suitability of the equipment and how it has been treated. Used equipment with a known history does pass through the club from time to time. Members who want to buy or sell

equipment can advertise on the club noticeboard at no charge. If you have a request for a certain item, Alistair Duncan can usually help you source it.

6 Safety

Archery is a very safe sport, provided all members adhere to the code of conduct outlined below.

There is no substitute for common sense.

Any time you are going to shoot, sign the attendance sheet at the clubhouse or the target shed. It safeguards both you and the club.



6.1 Personal Safety

1. Be aware of the weather, especially in summer – wear a hat, use sunscreen, and drink water before, during and after archery to prevent dehydration and heatstroke.
2. Always warm up/stretch before and warm down/stretch after practice or competing,
3. Archers should inspect their equipment (club or personal) for obvious damage before shooting. This includes the condition of your bow limbs, bow string and arrows. If you are unsure of the safety of your equipment, check with an experienced archer.
4. Use a bow stringer to reduce the possibility of damage to your bow and injury to yourself.
5. Secure all loose clothing, remove bracelets, necklaces, drop earrings etc., and tie hair back.
6. No sandals or open footwear is to be worn on the range – shoes that fully enclose the foot should be worn. This (in addition to being a safety requirement) is an insurance requirement.
7. Camouflage clothing is not permitted.
8. Do not 'dry fire' a bow (pull back and release the string without an arrow in the bow) as this may damage the bow and possibly injure persons nearby.
9. A cracked or bent arrow must never be shot.
10. Always keep your arrows pointed down or towards the target.
11. Only put an arrow into the bow when it is pointing towards the target.
12. If you are searching for arrows behind the targets make sure that you do not wander off line and end up behind another target where people are still shooting.
13. Always walk on the archery range, never run.
14. Quivers and arrows are not permitted in the clubhouse.
15. It is your responsibility to learn and abide by all range safety rules, regulations and guidelines concerned with clubs and other venues where you may practice archery.
16. Always accept responsibility for your own safety and the safety of others using the venue.
17. Only ever draw a bow with a draw-weight that is appropriate for you and which is not too heavy.

6.2 Range Safety

All programmed shoots are under the supervision of a Director of Shooting (DOS), who has absolute control over matters of safety, and whose duties include control of shooting. The DOS may remove a shooter from the line for inappropriate behaviour. Control of shooting is achieved by use of a whistle:

- **one blast** – take your place on the shooting line, shooting may commence
- **three blasts** – the current shooting end has finished (all shooting must cease), it is safe for archers to score and retrieve arrows
- **multiple blasts** (five or more) – **DANGER**, stop shooting **immediately** (let down if at partial or full draw and return any arrows to the quiver). An unusual series of whistles or a continuous whistle should be interpreted the same way as multiple blasts. Equally any shout of FAST, STOP, or HOLD should be interpreted the same way.

Instructions from the DOS must be observed at all times. Report any problems on the shooting line to the DOS. Shooting for field is not controlled by a whistle or central DOS, therefore it is up to the individual groups to ensure they and those around them are safe at all times.

If you are shooting in private practice separate to any programmed event and wish to go to and from the target at your own pace, there must be at least two empty bays between you and any other shooters. It is recommended that you increase the buffer distance even further if you are shooting at significantly different distances or have significantly different skill levels. Be conscious of any clout shooters and their movements to and from the clout rings; equally clout shooters need to stay aware of the activities on the target range.

Range rules:

1. Ear-phones, ipods and other similar devices are not permitted at the shooting line. Mobile phones should be on silent/vibration mode or off.
2. Young children must be kept under control by a parent or guardian at all times, and are not normally permitted on the range.
3. A bow must not be loaded (nocked) with an arrow unless standing on the shooting line and the signal to start shooting has been given.
4. Any loaded bow must be pointed towards a safe, assigned target, and only then if it is intended to be shot.
5. Never cross the shooting line to collect your arrows until the whistle has been blown three times.
6. Targets must be firmly anchored (using the metal peg hanging behind the butt) so they cannot tip over.
7. Under no circumstance is shooting permitted if there is someone on the field near or behind the targets.
8. An arrow must never be shot at more than 45 degree elevation.
9. Check the shooting area before you shoot, and know that it is safe for you to shoot.
10. On the rare occasions when kangaroos move near the targets or participating archers, shooting should stop. Be particularly alert for kangaroos on the field course.
11. If an arrow or other equipment is dropped in front of the shooting line while shooting is in progress, the archer should wait until the archers either side have finished before retrieving the equipment – and then only if it has fallen within reach from the shooting position. If the arrow has fallen out of reach but is within 3 m you may shoot another scoring arrow. Otherwise a missed shot is recorded.
12. When each archer has finished shooting their arrows, they should stand back from the shooting line so the DOS can clearly see that they have finished.
13. During shooting, archers experiencing equipment failure are to hold their bow or hand above their head and attract the attention of the DOS. Special dispensation for shooting is given at the discretion of the DOS.
14. Walk to collect arrows, never run on the range. Check the ground so as not to tread on or collide with arrows that may have missed the target.
15. Always walk up to the side of the target butt. Look for arrows that might have fallen short and are in the grass in front of the target.
16. During competitions, no arrows, targets or target faces should be touched until scoring has taken place. Archers should point at the nock of their arrow when calling their or others scores.
17. During competition, always use the correct score sheets, or electronic scoring with iScored today (<http://iscored.today/#/>). If score sheets are not completed and signed correctly, your score and any record claims may be disallowed.
18. When withdrawing arrows from the target, support the target face while pulling arrows, and make sure no-one is standing in front of the target or in the way of the withdrawn arrows. Withdrawing arrows may require some force and the arrows may come suddenly out of the target butt and the nock of the arrow could hit someone standing in front of the target.
19. A number of club members are trained First Aiders. A first aid kit is available at all sessions, located in the clubhouse on the bench near the door (next to the sunscreen).
20. Alcohol must not be consumed before or during a shoot.

