

Use of the O’Fallon Sportsmen’s Club Archery Range is a privilege reserved solely to members of the O’Fallon Sportsmen’s Club. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, acknowledge, understand, and agree to:

1. **Safety is the number one rule to be practiced.**
2. Only Sportsmen’s Club Members and their eligible family members who have read, signed and dated this agreement are approved to use the archery range. Non members are NOT authorized use of archery range.
3. All archers must have in their possession a Sportsmen’s Club Membership Card and Archery Range Usage and Safety Rules Card indicating they have completed this Range Usage and Safety Rules Agreement. If requested to show cards the member will freely present the cards. Members are encouraged to challenge individuals they do not know.
4. Archers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult Sportsmen’s Club member. An adult is defined as an individual at least 21 years of age.
5. Only Target / Field Points are allowed to be shot into the permanent Club targets. NO BROAD HEADS ALLOWED TO BE SHOT AT THE CLUB PERMANENT TARGETS.
	1. Broad heads are only allowed to be shot in Club’s 3D target
	2. Broad heads are allowed in your personnel targets
6. Target covers must be removed from targets before shooting. Do not shoot target covers**.**
7. Archers are to ONLY use removable sticker-type markers on the white face of the club permanent targets to mark their aim point/bulls eye. Do Not use paint, markers, or anything else that will permanently mark an aim point/bulls eye. Stapling target sheets to the club permanent target faces is also prohibited. It is recommended that archers vary their placement of sticker-type aim points/bulls eye on the face of the target to extend the life of the target**.**
8. Absolutely no sky-drawing. Bows are only to be drawn at the shooting line and in the direction of targets. Bows must be drawn so arrows do not leave the range upon release**.**
9. Never point a bow or crossbow at another person.
10. When a ***“Cease Fire”*** is called, all arrows/bolts are to be removed from the bows and all bows are to be placed safely on a bow rack or in your bow case. Crossbows must have bolt removed and the safety engaged.
11. Alcoholic beverages and drugs may NOT be consumed prior or during shooting on the archery range. Shooters who are suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs ***will not*** be allowed to shoot and will be removed from the premises.
12. Shooters should use only equipment that is operationally safe. Though this is the responsibility of the shooter, anyone seeing a shooter using operationally defective equipment should call this to the attention of the shooter.
13. Dry firing of bows is dangerous and not allowed.
14. Be considerate of fellow shooters. No shooting across lanes, shooting other targets, distracting other archers at the shooting line or intentionally damaging other archer’s equipment.
15. The range has 5 ground level shooting lanes on and 2 elevated shooting lanes. If more than 7 shooters are present, shooters should work to allow additional shooters equal time.
16. Always practice good sportsmanship and use common sense.
17. O’Fallon Sportsmen’s Club **is not** responsible for damage or loss of personal equipment used at range.
18. Treat O’Fallon Sportsmen’s Club property with respect. Theft and vandalism will be prosecuted.
19. The O’Fallon Sportsmen’s Club Archery Range Committee reserves the right to refuse range rights to any person at any time. In this instance the person will be advised of this decision either verbally or in writing**.**
20. **The following procedures will be executed:**
	1. **Preparing range for shooting (prior to shooting)**
		* 1. Obtain the red range flag from the ground floor storage shed.
			2. Raise the red flag to the top of the flag pole.
			3. Remove target covers from targets to be shot. (Never shoot into the target cover)
			4. Facing down range, shout the following statement three times: ***“Is there anyone down range?”***
			5. After waiting 1 minute to verify no one is down range, the range is open to shooting (Range HOT).
			6. If any shooters are going to shoot portable targets (i.e. other than the club fixed targets), shooters will emplace their portable target(s) before shooting can commence.
			7. When more than one shooter are shooting, shooters must communicate amongst themselves to verify all down range preparations are completed before shooting can begin. (It is extremely important that top level and ground level shooters communicate with each other; i.e. top to bottom; bottom to top).
	2. **During shooting periods**
		* 1. Shooters must shoot from the range building, at the forward edge (down range side) of the facility (considered the *“firing line”*).
			2. All shooting will be at targets down range where any misses will be stopped by the safety berm.
			3. Shooting toward or at the fence, the farmed field side of the range, or up in the air that would result in an arrow going over the height of the berm will result in immediate expulsion from the range and suspension of future shooting privileges.
			4. All shooters must agree to a stoppage of shooting for the purpose of retrieving arrows/bolts from down range. No one will move down range until all bows are in the hanging position on bow hangers or secure in individual cases and/or crossbows have bolts removed and safety engaged. Once all bows are secured and the firing line is declared “***Clear***”, archers may proceed down range to retrieve arrows/bolts. Any observers or shooters who do not go down range will NOT have a bow in their hands when individuals are down range. Absolutely no running is permitted on the range.
			5. When pulling arrows out of a target, stand to one side and insure no one is directly behind you.
			6. Shooters must agree that all down range actions are complete and shooting can be resumed. Someone on the range will announce **“Range Hot”** (indicating that shooting may be resumed). Archers may retrieve their bows from the bow rack, approach the firing line, nock arrows/bolts and resume firing.
			7. At any time a person or animal enters down range and the range is “HOT”, the first person noticing the situation will announce **“Cease Fire”!**
			8. NOTE: At any time, anyone, can announce ***“Cease Fire!*** This is the appropriate announcement for anyone observing an unsafe situation.
			9. SHOOTING TOWER – No entry for archers under the age of 18 without adult supervision. No more than 4 people in the shooting tower at the same time.
	3. **Range close down**
		* 1. Put target covers on all targets
			2. Lower red range flag and place in storage shed; ensure storage shed door is locked
			3. Ensure upper shooting facility windows are closed and the down range shooting board windows are locked
			4. Ensure door to upper shooting area is closed and locked

**I HAVE READ THE RANGE USAGE AND SAFETY RULES AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THEM. I AGREE TO SAFELY OPERATE MY BOW AND THAT I SIGNED THIS AGREEMENT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.**

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 **Print Name**

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