

# Gipping Valley Archers

## Etiquette Guide



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Most of archery etiquette is simply common-sense and courtesy, this guide is intended to make the sport of archery enjoyable, by maintaining a friendly and professional environment. We all should be mindful of respecting other and not spoiling fellow archers' concentration. Following the guide helps the clubs to run smoothly and if applied reflects well on both you and our club.

### General Etiquette

- Noise levels on the waiting and shooting lines should be kept to a minimum while shooting is taking place.
- Do not approach the shooting line just as an adjacent archer is coming up to full draw,
- Similarly, do not leave the shooting line under the same circumstances.
- Wait until they have completed their shot before you do anything that may distract them.
- If there is one other archer shooting as you are preparing to leave the line, stay until they finish.
- Don't talk or comment on the shooting it may be the archer prefers to be left alone.
- There may be circumstances when an archer needs to remain on the shooting line after shooting, they must have an agreed way of indicating they have finished so the range captain is aware.
- Please ask permission before touching other people's equipment.
- Only provide feedback and guidance when an archer specifically requests it.
- Observe the smoking / vaping policy of the venue.

### Club Target Days / Practice Days

- When shooting in two's, avoid placing yourself on the centre mark.
- Keep your equipment behind the waiting line.
- When arriving at the club after the session has started, please remember to ask the archers already shooting if you may share their target.
- While retrieving arrows or returning from the target, please do so as quickly and safely as you can.
- Those members who require assistance when retrieving arrows should liaise with Range Captain.

### Tournaments / Competitions

- Leave nothing on the shooting line, except for foot markers or spotting scopes, with permission from your fellow archers.
- If the archer requires mobility aids to be left on the shooting line, the archer should liaise with the Range Captain / Tournament Officer.
- Give your score to the target scorer in the following way: Highest score first, and in 2 groups of three, e.g. 9-7-7 pause, 5-3-1, pointing at the nock of the relevant arrow as you do so.
- Don't go behind the target to collect your arrows until your score has been recorded.
- Ask whether it is OK to draw YOUR arrows once scoring is complete.
- Do not touch any arrows in the target prior to this.
- Help look for lost arrows on adjacent targets, after your own target's scoring / collection.
- Don't walk up and down the line comparing scores.

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- Please sign in on arrival.
- Make sure mobile phones don't disrupt during shooting.
- Don't smoke or vape on the club ranges, only use the lead in path to the club's ranges for this.
- Don't leave litter, use the bins provided and if full, empty in dustbin in the carpark.
- Help put up / put away the targets and equipment on the field and lower and remove the red range flag.
- You should offer to pay if you damage somebody's equipment through your own carelessness. This needs to be by a mutually agreed method given the shift away from cash.