



# **BOOLAROO BOWMEN Incorporated**

## **General Guidelines**

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## **Club Rules for Members and Visitors**

## 1. DEFINITIONS & COMMON RULES

- **Fassifern Oval** is The 'venue'
- The defined areas are the **Oval** and the **Range**.
- The Oval houses the Practice Range ( defined ), The Indoor Range, and the Clubhouse
- The **Range** is the wooded areas beyond the **Oval** ,housing the shooting ranges used on shoot days
- The venue is available to Boolaroo Bowmen members and their guests at all times subject to the rules and regulations contained herein.
- **ABA** refers to Australian Bowhunters Association

Any person using the venue to shoot on a non-shoot day **MUST** be a current ABA member, NON Boolaroo Bowmen members **MUST** be an ABA member and accompanied by a Boolaroo Bowmen member

**1.1 For insurance/liability purposes ALL persons entering the venue to make use of the facility must sign an attendance register, this includes accompanying visitors.**

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This can be, but not limited to:

- **Official Shoot day** - covered when you register to shoot
- **Working Bee** – you will be asked to sign a register on the day
- **Use of practice range** –follow the rules under Practice Range Rules ( *see section 2.3* )
- **Casual work** – register as per Practice Range Rules ( *see section 2.3* )

### 1.2 Venue access

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**Only members of Boolaroo Bowmen have key access to the venue on non shoot days.**

Non members wishing to use the Practice Range **MUST** be an ABA ( Australian Bowhunters Association ) current member and obviously will only have access to the venue if a Boolaroo Bowmen member is present. It is the responsibility of the Boolaroo Bowmen member present to ensure that a visiting archer has current ABA membership and observes the Club Rules.

- If there are already persons at the venue, make yourself known to them and discuss your intentions. Be considerate and accommodating.
- If there is evidence of someone being on the range (i.e unattended car, not signed out, red flag displayed) you must try to make contact with them prior to shooting.
- If you are walking/shooting the range, only follow designated pathways. **DO NOT** take shortcuts. **ONLY** walk in a clockwise direction starting from the range entrance

### 1.3 Shoot Day

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The venue is accessible to all club members, visitors and newcomers. Club Shoot Rules apply on these days (*see section 2.2* )

## 2. CLUB RULES

### 2.1 General Rules

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- Always be considerate to fellow archers
- **NEVER** point an arrow at another person, and **ONLY** point a loaded bow at designated Targets Only
- Ensure all garbage is disposed of correctly, there are ample bins available
- ALL members are responsible for the well being of the Club and other members. Report back to club officials any anomaly/danger you may observe in the venue
- The Venue is **NON SMOKING** with the exception of a designated area near the clubhouse.
- The Range is a **NO SMOKING** area
- Alcohol and drugs ( except prescribed medication ) are **prohibited** at the venue
- Alcohol MAY be permitted at social events subject to Lake Macquarie City Council Rules and Bye-Laws.
- Drink containers made of glass are **NOT PERMITTED** on the range
- When undertaking maintenance work at the Venue, appropriate **SAFETY GEAR MUST BE WORN**

#### 2.1.1 Personal protection

Whether you are here for a shoot day, or to practice, plan sensibly.

**Sturdy enclosed footwear MUST be worn**, no thongs or sandals permitted on the range or practice range

- On Club Shoot days, **no singlets**, sensible collared shirts should be worn
- **No camo gear** on Club Shoot days
- Sensible for summer – **sunscreen, hat, protective clothing.**
- **All year - insect repellent**
- **Anytime – hydration ( water )**
- **NEVER– alcohol/drugs before or during a shoot**

### 2.2 Club Shoot Rules

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These are as per the ABA Rule Book for shoots, in addition the following Club rules apply:

- On shoot days the practice range will be closed until the range is set.
- The practice range will be opened when the range is set and a signal sounded for muster will indicate practice range use is over
- When the shoot is in progress the practice range will remain closed **except;** for use by coaches ( east west direction only ) and the need for emergency bow tuning (east west direction only )
- All archers must ensure their equipment is safe to use before each shoot. Random equipment checks will be carried out
- Novice archers may move forward to a suitable distance that suits their ability.
- Arrows **MUST** be carried in an appropriate quiver

- Arrow with broadheads are NOT allowed on the range unless under the supervision of a Bow hunting Proficiency Officer and using the members own cube or alike
- All Senior shooters must carry a whistle. In the event of an emergency a single long blast must be sounded by a member of the group and all groups must respond with a single long blast acknowledging the warning
- On hearing a whistle blast archers MUST IMMEDIATELY STOP shooting, if in the process you must let-down.
- The matter will be investigated by an official and when resolved the claxon will be sounded to recommence the shoot
- Never blow a whistle for a joke it is the only warning device you have on the Range.
- When walking between targets, Juniors/Cubs MUST walk between Seniors
- OBSERVE signage, arrows, instructions, warnings. They are there for safety reasons
- When searching for lost arrows one member of the group MUST stay in front of the target
- MOBILE phones should NOT be used on the Range
- Rangefinders are only permitted to be used in the designated group as per ABA Rules
- Never nock an arrow until you are on the shoot peg
- No person should stand within 1.5m of a shooter in the process of shooting
- No archer should draw a bow above shoulder height to the target
- Report back to the club officials any anomaly you may observe in the Range
- BE CONSIDERATE - take out of the Range what you take in

### 2.3 Practice Range Rules

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Access to the Practice Range is for Boolaroo Bowmen members and guests ( guests **MUST** be current ABA member )

- Access is available unless the **RANGE CLOSED** notice is posted, meaning the venue is closed.
- When accessing the venue for practice **ALL other club rules** must be observed
- All required flags **MUST** be displayed, ie; red door flag and red line flag.
- On practice days the Range **WILL NOT** be accessible.
- Only the Practice range targets will be shot. **10 – 55 mtr** and special **80 mtr**
- **ALL** archers **MUST** shoot from the shoot line as marked by the flags
- When a train approaches you **MUST** let down, until the passenger train / goods train driver goes past
- Never nock an arrow until you are on the shoot line. OR until ALL archers are back at the line
- Do **NOT** shoot across the sectors at a different target distances, move into the target sector for the distance you want shoot ie; 30m sector at 30m target **NOT** 20m or 40m targets
- Arrows are to be retrieved **ONLY** when ALL archers have shot.
- When a large group is on the practice line there will be a limit of **4 arrows** per archer
- On shoot days the practice range will be closed until the range is set. Whilst the shoot is in progress the practice range will remain closed **except;** for use by coaches ( east west direction ) and need for emergency bow tuning (east west direction )

### 2.4 Indoor Range

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- This facility is for use on designated shoot days **ONLY**
- This is **NOT** a practice range and does **NOT** form part of the practice range facility

- This facility can only be used under supervision and in strict adherence to safety guidelines governed generally by the Club Rules and Regulations

## 2.5 Knife & Axe Range

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Pending establishment of a new facility this section is incomplete but will be subject to all standard ABA and Club safety rules governing this.

## 3. REMINDERS

### Do's

- DO observe the rules They are made for your safety.
- DO report safety issues at the venue, your input is important
- DO respect the sport, archery involves using a lethal weapon, respect it as such
- DO observe ALL safety rules, MOST IMPORTANT rule
- DO consider your fellow archers
- DO consider yourself, do you feel safe?
- Do report concerns on the range
- DO carry your Association Member Card, this may need to be sighted

### Don'ts

- Don't ignore unsafe situations
- Don't ignore safety warnings
- Don't feel that you have no say in the running of YOUR club
- Don't leave rubbish, we don't have a cleaning service
- Don't ignore the rules, they are there for your wellbeing

***CLUB Rues & Guidelines ARE NECESSARY to maintain a status quo,***

***HOWEVER, TO REITTEATE:***

***“ALL members are responsible for the well being of the Club and fellow members.***

***Report back to club officials any anomaly/danger you may observe in the Venue”***