

# A Guide to Conduct and Etiquette in Archery Competitions

## General

Each of the points below is relevant for major competitions (usually at state or national level).

At a club shoot, some of this information may not apply. For example, check scoring isn't generally done and the "no talking" rule is not strictly enforced.

It is however a good idea to try to conduct each competition as if it were a practice for a major event.

## Arrival and registration

You must at the venue at least **ONE hour** before the designated start time to give yourself sufficient time to have your equipment checked and to sign in.

## Equipment:

- Make sure that all of your arrows are the same –
  - For example all six or three for a round must be the same:- type, colour, length, same colour fletches and nocks.
- Have your initials on each arrow - just below the fletch.
- Make sure that your bow conforms to the rules for your particular shoot

## Setup

- Find the target allocations board and look to see what target you are on.
- Find your target and go and put your bow onto the line where you want to stand.

## Pre-Start

Try to position yourself close to the Director of Shooting (DOS) when he/she gives the pre-start instructions, and *listen* to what is said.

## Visual Signals

The timing for a major completion will not be the whistles that AofG uses, - there will be a buzzer (horn) and Traffic Lights. The signals are as follows:

<b>RED</b>	Don't shoot.
<b>ORANGE</b>	30 seconds to end of time.
<b>GREEN</b>	Shooting permitted.

## Sound signals

<b>TWO blasts</b>	<b>Go to shooting line</b> (You may put an arrow in the bow but DO NOT raise or pull it back)
<b>ONE blast</b>	<b>start shooting</b> (You will have FOUR minutes to fire SIX arrows and TWO minutes to fire THREE arrows)
<b>THREE blasts</b>	<b>Stop shooting</b> , go and score end – even if you have not shot the number of arrows permitted
<b>FOUR or more</b>	<b>Emergency ALL STOP.</b>

When you have finished shooting your three or six arrows, you *must* move straight back behind the waiting line.

If it is an indoor event, then you must take all equipment off the shooting line.

## Personal Conduct at the shoot

It is against the Archery Australia (and ASWA) Code of Ethics to initiate any form of harassment (**Stirring, sledging**). on or behind the shooting line. Even when it is with one of your friends, it may offend others within earshot.

If someone is attempting to intimidate you in any way then call a judge

Talking on the line is not permitted. This tends to be flexible and some simple comment is generally accepted, by constant chatter or raised voices is definitely not permitted.

If you have an equipment failure, hold up the red flag. If there is no red flag then hold your bow above your head, and wait for a judge to come to you.

## Dress

Dress standards should be adhered to, for AofG archers, the dress code is either:

- Club shirt and black trousers for men
- Club shirt and skirt or trousers for ladies
- All white
- State uniform

The standards do not include singlets, uncovered footwear or other unsightly clothing.

## Scoring

Remember that in most major competitions there will be check scoring (Each target will have two score sheets for each archer filled in by two separate athletes. The two scorers must score and check each end.

**DO NOT** touch the arrows or the target in any way, until after all the arrows on your target have been recorded and checked. (The scorer(or scorers) will tell you when it is OK to pull the arrows.

If there are only two athletes on a target, you will both score. DON'T take for granted what the other person's score is correct - check it for yourself.

Only after the check scores are agreed are arrows pulled.

If you make a mistake on the score sheet, when entering arrow values - call a judge to correct it for you. (He will modify the score in red and sign it).

If there is a disagreement that cannot be resolved over a score called by another archer, call over a judge, his/her decision is final.

## Arrow pulling

**Never** pull another athlete's arrows without their consent.

All **SCORING** arrow holes **MUST** be marked on the target face as you remove the arrows. This mark should be a single line of approximate 1cm.

## Final Scores

Both you as the archer and the Scorer must sign the scorecard. Once it is signed it is then the official score. If a later check shows a discrepancy, then the score may be deemed invalid and no score recorded.

As a general principle, you do not have to discuss your score with another archer (your score is your business).