



Code of Conduct

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| Introduction | Southern Cross Archery Club (SCAC) |
| Purpose of Document: | Describe the standard members should adhere to at the club |
| Scope: | This document applies to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All members |
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| Other relevant resources: | <p>Southern Cross Code of Conduct</p> <p>Archery Victoria Code of Conduct: https://assets.sportstg.com/assets/console/document/documents/7A94A625-5056-BD57-97AE10097CC1B3E9.pdf</p> <p>Archery Australia Code of Conduct: https://assets.sportstg.com/assets/console/document/documents/10021.pdf</p> <p>Archery Australia Safe guide https://archeryaustralia.app.box.com/s/e916gt3j84f902xapdwg4kc1jfraec0u</p> |



In addition to the code of conduct by Archery Australia and Archery Victoria, members of Southern Cross Archery Club are expected to adhere to the following.

Respect and Fair Play

Club Members will,

- Operate within the rules and spirit of the sport, including international, national rules and guidelines that govern Archery Australia.
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour, both at our club and as representatives of our club.
- Encourage and engage with fair play.
- Not cheat in competitions or lie in good faith-based competitions.
- Act in a manner to ensure the sport and atmosphere of the club is enjoyable for everyone.
- Accept success, failure, victory or defeat with dignity and respect for others.
- Be on time for any event you agree to attend, whether this is competitions, training, etc.

- Never engage in or tolerate public criticism of other club members, other archers, coaches, judges, or officials.
- Accept responsibility for their own behaviour.

Respect of others

Club members will,

- Speak with all members, coaches, and visitors with respect.
- Respect the Confidentiality of others.
- Act in the best interest of other archers.
- Never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
- Never engage in or tolerate bullying, intimidation, or harassment.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person associated with archery and the club, no matter their age, race, or background.

General Conduct

Club members will,

- Mark all arrows with their initial / name for ease of returning.
- Log any missing arrows in the "Missing Arrows Logbook".

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- Accept that if the arrow is not marked, and/or not logged in the book, the arrow will be assumed as a Club Arrow.
- Take personal responsibility for used items and equipment. Help set up, dismantle, and put away equipment for shooting.
- Accept that any reported or suspected breach of the Code of Conduct may start an investigation in accordance with our Constitution and any other relevant Archery Australia Disciplinary Policy, and take disciplinary action as it deems appropriate, including termination of club membership.

Safety

Club Members will;

- Never participate whilst under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Make the Club Management Committee aware of any prevailing medical condition which may reasonably affect their safety or the safety of others.
- Ensure the conduct of themselves and others promote a safe environment for themselves and others, remember you are the safety.
- Never distract other archers while they are shooting unless you notice a safety issue.
- Noise – please consider others who are still shooting. Whilst talking and making noise behind the shooting line is not “against the rules”, it is inconsiderate and may distract those still shooting.
- If you have young children, please ensure they are kept away from the shooting line and target field. Please also ensure they do not distract other archers shooting at the range.
- Never run on an archery field, with or without arrows in hand; always carry arrows with the points held in the hand.
- Never touch or strike other people, throw objects, or distract other people while they are shooting.
- FLAGS MUST BE OUT before shooting commences!!!!
- Never aim a bow, loaded or otherwise, at another person.
- To call out before entering the ‘Indoor Tuning Shed’ and await a response to ensure no one is shooting as you enter.
- Immediately stop shooting if a hazard is identified (Person wandering on field, Dog loose on field, etc.)
- Only nock an arrow and draw a bow whilst on the shooting line and pointing towards a target.
- A bow must never be drawn and released without an arrow on the string (Dry Fire). To do so could result in damage to the bow limbs, a broken string and/or injury to the archer.



- Ensure if an arrow is dropped forward, wait until all shooting within a reasonable distance have finished prior to retrieving.
- Always approach targets from the side so as not to walk into arrows in the target or lodged in the ground.
- When approaching targets look for arrows lodged in the ground short of the target as nocks are very sharp and can injure legs.
- Under no circumstance is shooting permitted if there is someone on the field near or behind your target. Everyone must be behind the shooting line before the signal to start shooting is given when a DOS is present.
- If you need to cross the field (e.g., to search for arrows), notify other users before moving across.
- Only arrows designed for target shooting must be used. Hunting arrows must never be used.
- As per Archery Australia rules, no bow over 60lbs is permitted on the range.
- Crossbows are not permitted at Southern Cross Archery Club.
- Inspect equipment for damage regularly, particularly arrows (especially carbon arrows).
- Remember that exposed carbon fibre strands from broken carbon fibre arrows or limbs can penetrate the skin and cause health problems and therefore care must be taken to avoid touching the exposed fibres.
- Ensure that their own equipment is maintained to the highest standards and permits its inspection upon request by the Coaches/instructors/DOS.
- Accept that the Coaches/instructors/DOS have the right to prevent the use of a member's personal equipment if it's deemed unsafe.
- Not alter club equipment without permission from the committee.
- Immediately notify coaches/instructors/DOS or committee if club equipment is found by them to be faulty.
- Always pay attention to and co-operate with officials.
- Always to signal the Director of Shooting (DOS) if a problem occurs.
- When you've finished shooting, step back from the line (so that those present including the DoS if in use can see that you've finished).
- Always wear the appropriate protective equipment such as armguard, finger tab and if required, a chest guard.
- It is advisable to wear tight fitting clothes. Covered footwear, not sandals or thongs, is essential. Long hair should be tied back, and bulky items should be removed from chest pockets.
- Headphones or ear coverings should not be worn while shooting or on the Field of Play, this may prevent an archer hearing any warning signals.
- Don't photograph/video other archers without their knowledge or permission (respect their privacy).



Breaking the Code of Conduct

Club Members accept that the club, in accordance with its adopted Constitution and in line with any relevant Archery Australia Disciplinary Policy, has the right to investigate any suspected or reported breach of this Code of Conduct and to take disciplinary action as it deems appropriate, including termination of club membership.

Note

Should any conflict arise between this Code of Conduct and any Code of Conduct produced by Archery Australia then the Archery Australia provisions will apply.

General Etiquette

Further to the general rules of conduct we also ask members to observe the following (however not following general etiquette will not necessarily be seen as breaking a rule within the code of conduct).

- Please make newcomers feel welcome. Introduce yourself and others and offer assistance if needed, we were all beginners once.
- Always pass encouraging remarks and never to be disparaging.
- If you are delayed (e.g., receiving instruction, adjusting equipment), let other users retrieve arrows. Don't leave other users waiting unduly.
- Don't rush other users.
- Do help others look for lost arrows.
- You are encouraged to share targets - not everyone needs to have their own target.
- Shoot the agreed number of arrows per end.
- When bringing out targets, check with other users to see if you need to rearrange the field.
- Never touch another archer's equipment without permission.
- Never touch or remove other archer's arrows in the target unless asked to remove them.
- Do not touch either the target or any arrows until scoring is complete – you could knock a loose arrow out of the face and cost someone several points. And never touch or remove other archer's arrows in the target unless asked to remove them.