



Shooting Protocol for Inter-School Championships

- At the start of each end, archers will be standing behind the 5m waiting line.
- 2 whistles will signify that archers may move to the shooting line and pick up their equipment.
- 1 whistle will signify that archers are allowed to shoot their arrows.
- If a series of repeated, short blasts on the whistle is heard, this is the signal for an emergency cease-fire. Archers must immediately draw down their bows without loosing an arrow, un-nock any arrows on the string and take one pace off the shooting line.
- After archers have shot all of their arrows, they must retire to the 5m waiting line **and put their bows down** in order to allow the field captain to see who is still shooting, and so that the remaining archers are not disturbed.
- Bows may only be loaded when an archer is on the line, and only when instructed to by the field captain.
- Please ensure that you load your bow in the upright position, so as not to contact the archer next to you when he/she is at full draw.
- A loaded bow may only be pointed at the target, or at the ground in the direction of the target. It may not be pointed above the target whilst being drawn (sky-drawing).
- When on the shooting line archers must have one foot on either side of the line.
- If an arrow falls in front of the shooting line and cannot be reached without moving foot position, signal the field captain and the arrow will be retrieved for you to shoot once other archers have finished shooting.
- When the command is given to go forward and score the arrows, pick up all arrows lying on the ground in front of the target first.
- Until the scoring process is completed, archers may not touch the arrows in the target, the target itself, or the buttress.
- Inner tens shall be scored as “X”s, and misses shall be scored as “M”s on the scorecards
- The competition will use ten zone scoring (X, 10, 9... 2, 1, M).
- The highest values shall be scored first and a running total shall be kept for each round.
- Archers should only remove arrows after the scorer has instructed them to.
- If an arrow is lost it must be reported to the field captain that end.
- If there are any arrow values that cannot be decided at the target, please call an official and they will make a final judgement on the score of that arrow.