

East Petersburg Sportsman's Association

Archery Course Rules

Note: EPSA uses two distinct archery trails. We can only host shooters on one trail at a time due to the concentrated nature of our courses and the possibility of cross fire. If you're the first shooter, you pick the trail; others shooting are to follow your lead. Block off the alternate trail when you begin by moving the rope across the alternate trail head (the one you are not shooting).

A third trail for crossbows is incorporated into the archery trails and begins on the left course. Please restrict cross bows to the cross bow targets.

- Never approach the shooting line until you have inspected your bow/arrows/string for any damage.
- Please have your bow strung and are prepared to shoot when you approach the shooting line.
- Keep standing behind the shooting line and never cross it until all shooters are done shooting.
- If you drop anything in front of the shooting line, even if it's within reach of your arm, **do not retrieve it** until all archers are done shooting and are ready to move to the targets to retrieve arrows.
- Always use field points at the range. Hunting points/broadheads are for hunting.
- If you hear the command "HOLD" by any shooter, do not shoot an arrow even if it's already nocked and the bow is drawn. Slowly reduce your draw with the arrow pointed at the ground in front of you until the group is ready to resume shooting.
- Never fire the arrow high into the air as you cannot predict where it's going to land.
- Do not nock or draw an arrow unless you are at the shooting line.
- Always stand perpendicular to the shooting line.
- Keep your bow aimed toward the ground and in the direction of your target as you nock your arrow.
- Never draw an arrow if there are any people between you and your target.
- Never over-draw your bow (over-drawing is when you pull the string further than the actual length of your arrow). This can result in serious injury and damage to your equipment.
- Never run while retrieving your arrows; you could hurt yourself with an arrow lodged in the ground, or fail to stop in time and hurt yourself with the arrows lodged in the target (yes, it happens).
- Make sure no one is standing immediately behind you when pulling out an arrow from the target, as you could accidentally hurt them when forcefully pulling the arrow out.
- If one of your arrows travels too far and lands behind the target, make sure someone remains posted at the target front until you have retrieved the arrow.
- When you complete a round of shooting, please return to the parking area/clubhouse using the trail.