

Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club, Inc.
Archery Range Rules

1. Keep your arrows in your quiver until you are ready to shoot.
2. Always keep your arrows pointed down or towards the target.
3. Always walk at the archery range.
4. Always be absolutely sure that the path to the target and beyond is clear.
5. Arrows should only be nocked on the shooting line and pointed in the direction of the targets.
6. Only release the bow string at full draw when there is an arrow on the string.
7. Secure all loose clothing.
8. Do not shoot arrows with broadheads at SMSC targets.
9. Never point a bow and arrow at another person.
10. Never shoot an arrow straight up into the air.
11. When pulling arrows out of a target, stand to one side and insure that no one is directly behind you.
12. If you are looking for a lost arrow behind a target, always leave your bow leaning against the target face so that it will be seen by other archers coming up. If possible, have one archer from your group stand in front of the target to prevent anyone from shooting.
13. On the field archery course, be sure to stay on the marked path and travel only in the direction in which the targets are laid out while shooting is in progress. Going backwards on the trail or across an unmarked area could place you in the path of a flying arrow, resulting in serious injury or death.
14. If any person or animal (i.e. dog) enters the safety zone while shooting is in progress, all shooting must stop immediately. Even if the bow is held at full draw, the arrow must not be released. The bow should be pointed at the ground and the bowstring let slowly forward. The arrow should be removed from the bow until the range is clear.
15. Archers should always be aware of the danger associated with their bow.
16. No archer should shoot while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
17. Always treat your archery equipment with respect.
18. Always treat your fellow archers with respect