Archery waiver

Participation in archery

I voluntarily choose to participate, or give permission for the participant named in this form to participate, in archery activities provided or organised by **[Archery Range Name]**.

Archery activities may include:

- Shooting arrows at fixed or moving targets with bows supplied by the range or approved personal equipment
- Taster sessions, lessons, coaching and practice
- Clubs, competitions, children’s groups and private parties
- Collecting arrows from targets when the range is clear
- Entering shooting lines, waiting areas and shared spaces at indoor or outdoor ranges

I understand that participation is voluntary and that the participant may stop at any time.

The range may refuse, restrict or end participation if it reasonably believes that a participant cannot shoot safely, has failed to follow instructions or presents a risk to themselves or others.

Bookings, deposits and fees remain subject to the range’s cancellation and refund policies.

Eligibility and minors

I confirm that the participant meets the range’s minimum age and participation requirements, and that the experience level given in this form is accurate.

Where I sign for a minor or another person who cannot legally provide their own consent, I confirm that I am their parent, legal guardian or otherwise legally authorised to provide consent on their behalf.

Minors may shoot only under the level of supervision the range requires, and must use bows and arrows that staff have matched to their size and strength. The adult responsible for a child must stay on site unless the range has agreed otherwise.

I confirm that the participant is physically and mentally capable of holding and drawing a bow and of following commands immediately, except for any condition or limitation disclosed to the range before participation.

Archery risks

I understand that a bow stores considerable energy and that an arrow in flight can cause penetrating injury, even at low draw weights and short distances.

An arrow may miss the target, pass through a target or backstop, bounce back, break or fly off course, even when it is released correctly and safety rules are followed.

Possible risks include:

- Being struck by an arrow in flight, or by one that has passed through, bounced from or missed a target
- Puncture wounds and cuts, including serious injury to the eyes, face, head or body
- Injury from walking into arrows that are sticking out of a target or the ground
- Bruising, cuts or welts on the forearm, chest or fingers caused by the bowstring
- Bow failure, including a broken limb, string, cable or riser
- Arrow failure, including a cracked or splintered shaft that breaks on release and enters the hand or arm
- Injury from releasing a bow without an arrow, known as a dry fire
- Muscle strains and shoulder, elbow, wrist, back or finger injuries
- Slips, trips and falls on range surfaces or uneven outdoor ground
- Injury caused by another archer or spectator
- Serious injury, permanent disability or, in rare cases, death

I understand that the range cannot eliminate every risk associated with archery.

I voluntarily accept the ordinary and inherent risks of participation.

Range commands and shooting line

I agree to attend the range’s safety briefing, learn its whistle or voice commands and follow all instructions from coaches, range officers and staff.

I understand that the range’s emergency stop signal means that everyone must stop shooting at once, whatever stage of the draw they have reached, and let down safely with the arrow pointed at the target.

I agree to:

- Approach the shooting line only when the command is given
- Nock an arrow only when I am standing at the shooting line and shooting has been allowed
- Keep arrows in a quiver or the place shown by staff until then
- Point the bow only toward the target, whether it is loaded, drawn or at rest
- Draw only toward the target, keeping the arrow level, and never draw upward or at any other angle
- Shoot only at my assigned target
- Stay straddling or behind the shooting line while shooting, and step back when I have finished

- Stop immediately when told to stop, and never pass a bow with an arrow nocked

The range may remove any participant who ignores safety rules or behaves recklessly, violently or disruptively.

Retrieving arrows

I understand that the moment of retrieval is a high-risk part of a session, because people are standing in the direction of shooting.

I agree to:

- Move forward of the shooting line only on the clear signal, and only after every bow is down
- Walk to the target and never run
- Approach from the side where possible, because arrow ends sticking out of a target can injure the face and eyes
- Check that nobody is standing behind me before pulling an arrow, and pull straight out with one hand braced against the target
- Search for missed arrows only when staff allow it, and never behind a target without telling staff
- Report an arrow that has gone beyond the target or backstop rather than following it

A person may not pick up a bow or return to the shooting line until staff have confirmed that everyone is back behind it.

Equipment and protective gear

I agree to wear an arm guard, finger tab, chest guard or other protective equipment where the range requires it, and to use only the bow and arrows provided or approved for the participant.

I understand that loose clothing, long hair, lanyards, dangling jewellery and items in chest pockets can catch the bowstring. I agree to tie back or remove them, and to wear closed-toe shoes.

I agree not to:

- Release a drawn bow without an arrow
- Use a damaged, cracked or bent arrow, or one that is too short for my draw length
- Use my own bow, arrows or release aid until the range has inspected and approved them
- Use broadheads, hunting points or crossbows unless the range specifically allows them
- Tamper with bow strings, sights, stabilisers or other fittings on range equipment

I will report any cracked arrow, frayed string, damaged limb or damaged target immediately. I may be charged for damage caused deliberately or through misuse.

Range environment and spectators

Spectators and waiting archers must stay behind the marked waiting line. Children must stay with a responsible adult at all times, whether they are shooting or watching.

Nobody may enter the area in front of the shooting line, or the area behind or beside the targets, unless staff have allowed it.

At an outdoor range, wind, rain, low sun and uneven ground may affect shooting and movement. Staff may pause or end a session if conditions become unsafe.

I will keep bows and arrows inside the range area and will not shoot anything other than the targets the range provides.

Physical condition and health

I agree to inform the range about any condition that may affect safe participation, including:

- A current injury or physical limitation
- Shoulder, elbow, wrist, finger or back problems
- Heart, circulation or blood-pressure conditions
- Epilepsy, seizures, fainting or loss of consciousness
- Limited vision or balance difficulties
- Recent surgery or medical treatment
- Pregnancy or possible pregnancy
- Medication that thins the blood or affects coordination, judgment or alertness
- A restriction recommended by a healthcare professional

I understand that staff are not medical professionals unless expressly stated otherwise.

I will stop and inform a staff member if I experience pain, dizziness, breathing difficulty, unusual weakness or another concerning symptom.

Alcohol, drugs and impairment

I will not participate while impaired by:

- Alcohol

- Recreational or illegal drugs
- Medication that affects judgment, coordination or alertness
- Fatigue, illness or another condition that makes participation unsafe

I understand that the range may refuse or end participation if it reasonably believes that a participant is impaired.

The range may refuse to let anyone shoot, even after a booking has been paid for, if it reasonably believes that they are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. A person who is impaired may not stay on the shooting line.

Personal belongings

I understand that clothing and personal belongings may become dirty, wet, damaged, lost or stolen.

I am responsible for protecting phones, jewellery, glasses, clothing and other personal property.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the range is not responsible for ordinary loss or damage to personal belongings unless caused by liability that cannot legally be excluded.

Emergency assistance

If the participant becomes ill or injured, I authorise the range and its staff to:

- Provide reasonable first aid
- Stop the participant from continuing
- Contact an emergency contact
- Contact emergency medical services
- Arrange transportation to an appropriate healthcare facility
- Share relevant information with emergency responders
- Take reasonable action to protect the participant’s immediate safety

I understand that the range cannot guarantee that an emergency contact will be reached before assistance is provided.

I accept responsibility for medical, ambulance and treatment expenses unless applicable law or legally established liability requires otherwise.

Assumption of risk

I knowingly and voluntarily accept the ordinary and inherent risks associated with archery.

I accept responsibility for injuries, losses or complications caused or materially contributed to by:

- Inaccurate experience or other information I provided
- A health condition or limitation I failed to disclose
- My failure to follow range commands or staff instructions
- My nocking, drawing or shooting outside the rules in this form
- My going forward of the line before the clear signal
- My incorrect or unauthorised use of a bow, arrow or other equipment
- My reckless, unlawful or prohibited conduct
- My participation while impaired or medically unfit

Liability release

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, I release **[Archery Range Name]** and its owners, directors, archery coaches, range officers, instructors, employees, contractors and representatives from claims arising solely from:

- Ordinary and inherent archery risks knowingly accepted in this form
- Relevant information I concealed or provided inaccurately
- My failure to follow reasonable range commands, safety rules or instructions
- Incorrect or unauthorised use of bows, arrows or equipment
- My reckless, unlawful or prohibited conduct
- The conduct of another archer where it was outside the range's reasonable control

This release does not exclude or limit liability that cannot legally be excluded or limited.

It does not apply to fraud, intentional misconduct, gross negligence, reckless conduct, breaches of mandatory safeguarding duties, violations of mandatory consumer rights or any other liability that applicable law prohibits the range from waiving.

Privacy and recordkeeping

I understand that the range may collect and retain information where reasonably necessary to:

- Register and identify participants
- Confirm consent and eligibility
- Manage bookings and activities

- Understand relevant health or support needs
- Maintain safety and incident records
- Respond to injuries, complaints or legal claims
- Meet insurance, safeguarding and legal obligations

Information will be handled according to the range’s privacy notice and applicable data-protection laws.

Final declaration

By completing and signing this form, I confirm that:

- I have read and understood the entire waiver.
- The information provided is complete and accurate.
- I understand that archery may cause serious injury.
- I understand and accept the ordinary and inherent risks.
- I agree to follow all range commands and staff instructions.
- I will nock arrows only at the line and draw only toward the target.
- I will retrieve arrows only on the clear signal.
- I will not participate while impaired or medically unfit.
- I authorise reasonable emergency assistance where necessary.
- I had an opportunity to ask questions before signing.
- Participation is voluntary.
- I understand that this form does not remove rights or protections that cannot legally be waived.

Participant completion

Contact details

First name *

Last name *

Phone

Email *

Archery experience *

- ◯ First time
- ◯ Some experience or previous lessons
- ◯ Regular recreational archer
- ◯ Competitive archer or coach

☐ I have read, understood and agree to the Archery Liability Waiver and Assumption of Risk above. I confirm that the information provided is accurate, that I am authorised to sign for the participant where applicable and that I voluntarily accept the risks of archery. *

Signature *