

Barry County 4-H Shooting Sports

General Rules

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The 4-H Shooting Sports project area teaches life skills to youth members including decision-making, leadership, communication, concentration, sportsmanship, cooperation, marksmanship and firearm safety. The following rules are for the safety of all participants, spectators and range personnel during any shooting event or club practice. It is the responsibility of each participant in this project area to know and understand these rules. Failure to follow these rules will not be allowed and will result in disciplinary action, up to and including not being allowed to participate in any future events.

1. Follow the three (3) principle rules of firearm safety:
Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction
Treat every firearm as if it were loaded
Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot
2. All participants must be enrolled in a designated Barry County 4-H Shooting Sports club. A list of designated clubs and leaders is available from the Extension Office.
3. Participants are responsible for having all needed equipment for each discipline:
including safety glasses, hearing protection, firearms, bows, arrows, muzzleloader with ammunition, and appropriate cases for all equipment.
4. Safety glasses will be required for ALL gun events:
BB gun, Air Rifle, .22 Rifle, Shotgun and Muzzleloader
Safety glasses MUST be worn by anyone forward of the spectator line.
Prescription eyeglasses will be considered acceptable.
5. Hearing protection will be required for .22 Rifle, Shotgun and Muzzleloader events.
Hearing protection MUST be worn by anyone forward of the spectator line.
6. All firearms will be checked in and labeled, firearms will be cased, and case will be “locked” with a seal provided by the committee. Cased firearms will be returned to the participants to store in vehicle. All firearms are to be taken to the range in the sealed case, and removed from the case at range at range officers command. If the seal is broken on the case, the participant will be disqualified from the event. All guns, muzzle loading ammunition (see rule#7), bows, and arrows must be in cases to transport from holding area, or car, to the shooting area. Firearms wrapped in towels or blankets are not acceptable.
7. No ammunition will be held by participants or parents, only Range Officers will have ammunition. Ammunition brought by participants must be in individual bags with the participant’s name on the bag. Ammunition must be turned into leader prior to the shoot. Leaders will check in ammunition the night before the shoot, and it will be transported to the range by a designated clerk for the event. NO reloads will be allowed.

8. If a Range Officer thinks you are behaving in a careless manner, he/she has the right to stop you from participating. He/she will explain to you after the round what was being done in the wrong way, then he/she may let you finish your shoot in the next round.
9. You MUST have a parent or guardian present at ALL times while shooting!
If unable to have a parent or guardian present when asked – this will constitute an automatic disqualification from the event.
10. Minimum age for participation in county competitions:

Archery	9 years old
BB Gun	9 years old
Air Rifle	10 years old
.22 Rifle	12 years old
Muzzleloader	12 years old
Shotgun	12 years old
11. Minimum age for participation at club events will be at the discretion of the club leader.
12. Age is determined as of January 1 of the current year.
13. Club leaders must approve all participants to a county event. If the leader does not feel that the club member is safe or ready to participate in the particular event, the member WILL not participate. The club leader's decision will be final! This is done for the safety of all who attend the event.
14. The decision of the judge will be final! Leaders and parents will not influence the judge in any manner. Any questions regarding judging results must be brought by the participant, not an adult. Violation of this rule will result in the participant's disqualification.
15. Special needs member requirements will be handled by the range officer on a case by case basis.
16. Best Of Show Award Criteria. Member must participate in all events. Member must have the highest overall score. Judges discretion will be used in case of tied points.
17. Outstanding Ribbon Award Criteria. 10 percent of the number of overall participants may receive Outstanding Awards. These will be awarded solely at the judges discretion, for performance above and beyond dedication and ability.
18. Guns & Bows will be marked as checked in, as designated by committee.

Shooters

The spirit of 4-H sportsmanship and appropriate behavior is expected of all participants in the shooting sports program.

Shooters are responsible for knowing the rules of their event and staying within them. Learning the rules is part of the educational process for shooting sports participants. Ignorance of the rules does not obviate their existence.

Safe and respectful behavior is expected of shooters, and spectators at all 4-H shooting sports events **at all time**. Disorderly or unsafe conduct have no place on the shooting range and is not permitted.

All authorized Range Staff carry the discretionary responsibility to enforce behavioral guidelines. Any shooter or coach displaying disorderly, disruptive or abusive conduct may be warned a maximum of ***one time***.

Please remember that these rules are for the safety of all involved in the Shooting Sports program. Violation of the rules will not be tolerated, and will result in disciplinary action for the participant. This will include violations by parents and siblings as well as those of the participant. The executive committee of the Barry County 4-H Shooting Sports program will have the final authority regarding the interpretation of these rules and their enforcement.

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BB Gun Event Rules

Ages –

Juniors 9 – 14

Seniors 15 – 19

For safety, BB Gun participants may have an assistant to cock firearm at shooting line. Coaching of shooters will not be permitted.

Equipment:

BB Guns may be spring or pneumatic operated.

BB Guns will shoot .177 caliber round bb's only. No pellets.

Multi-pump BB guns will be allowed at the county shoot. A maximum of five (5) pumps may be used. NOTE: Multi-pump BB Guns are not allowed at state events.

Open, iron and adjustable peep sights are permitted.

NO telescopic sights.

Half slings are allowed.

Ordinary sports or casual clothing must be worn. No padded unusually heavy clothing is permitted. No pads, braces, or elastic bandages will be allowed without approval of the Range Officer.

Participants may bring their own shooting mats, blankets or ground cloths to be used subject to the inspection and acceptance of the Range Officer.

Participants are responsible for bringing their own safety glasses.

Shooters must come to the range area and line with an empty BB gun, including the magazine.

Targets and Course of Fire:

Target will be NRA AR-4/10 or Daisy # 5815, 5 meter BB gun target. With two sighting bulls and ten scoring bulls.

Shooting distance will be 5 meters (16 ft. 4 inches).

Shots per participant will be 20:

1 target, 10 scoring shots in prone position.

1 target, 10 scoring shots in sitting or kneeling position.

Participants will be allowed up to 5 sighting shots per target.

Participants will be allowed up to 10 minutes per target including sighting shots.

Sighting shots must be taken at the designated sighting bull's eyes.

Tie breaker will be the number of 10 ring hits.

Barry County 4-H Shooting Sports Air Rifle (Pellet Gun) Event Rules

Ages -

Juniors 10 – 14

Seniors 15 – 19

For safety, Air Rifle Gun participants may have an assistant to cock firearm at shooting line.

Coaching of shooters will not be permitted.

Equipment:

Air Rifles are to be Sporter Class air rifles, either pneumatic or CO₂. Examples are Daisy M753/853/953 pneumatic, Daisy M888 CO₂, Crosman M2000 CO₂ or other air rifles that conform to the spirit of the Sporter Class. Target style air rifles are not permitted.

Air Rifles will shoot .177 caliber lead pellets.

Multi-pump Air Rifles will be allowed at the county shoot. A maximum of five (5) pumps may be used. NOTE: Multi-pump Air Rifles are not allowed at state events.

Open, iron and adjustable peep sights are permitted.

NO telescopic sights.

Half slings are allowed.

Ordinary sports or casual clothing must be worn. No padded unusually heavy clothing is permitted. No pads, braces, or elastic bandages will be allowed without approval of the Range Officer.

Participants may bring their own shooting mats, blankets or ground cloths to be used subject to the inspection and acceptance of the Range Officer.

Participants are responsible for bringing their own safety glasses.

Shooters must come to the range area and line with an empty air rifle, including the magazine.

Targets and Course of Fire:

Target will be NRA AR-5/10, 10 meter Air Rifle target. With two sighting bulls and ten scoring bulls

Shooting distance will be 10 meters (33 feet).

Shots per participant will be 20:

1 target, 10 scoring shots in prone position.

1 target, 10 scoring shots in standing position.

Participants will be allowed up to 5 sighting shots per target.

Participants will be allowed up to 10 minutes per target including sighting shots.

Sighting shots must be taken at the designated sighting bull's eyes.

Tie breaker will be the number of 10 ring hits.

Barry County 4-H Shooting Sports .22 Rifle Event Rules

Ages –

Junior ages 12 – 14

Seniors ages 15 – 19

Equipment:

Any .22 caliber rimfire rifle (no .22 magnum). Single shot rifles are preferred. If auto loading rifles are used, they may be loaded with only the number of shots for one (1) round.

Rifle weight not to exceed 7.5 pounds.

Sights may be open or peep style.

NO telescopic sights, slings, palm rests, or special shooting coats, pants, or shoes are permitted.

Only rimfire .22 “short”, “long” or “long rifle” ammunition will be allowed.

Participants must bring their own safety glasses and hearing protection.

Participants may bring their own shooting mats, blankets or ground cloths to be used subject to inspection and acceptance by the Range Officer.

Targets and course of fire:

Target will be NRA A-32 light rifle target, with one sighting bull and five scoring bulls.

Shooting distance will be fifty (50) feet.

Shots per participant will be 20:

1 target, 10 scoring shots in prone position. Two shots at each bull.

1 target, 10 scoring shots in either kneeling or standing position. Two shots at each bull.

Participants will be allowed up to 5 sighting shots per target

Participants will be allowed 10 minutes per target including sighting shots. Sighting shots must be taken at the designated sighting bull's eye.

Tie breaker will be the number of 10 ring hits.

Binoculars will be available for shooters to check sight in shots on the .22 range.

Range officer and shooter only on the line.

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Trapshooting Event Rules

Age Division Determination for Trapshooting Contest

Trapshooting Contest Divisions

Jr. Trap	Ages 12-14
Sr. Trap	Ages 15-19

Both divisions will shoot 25 targets, 5 consecutive targets from each station. There will be no practice shots. All trap will be set for oscillating targets. To count as a broken target, there must be a visible chip out of the target, dust will not count. In the event of a dispute, the range officer's decision will be final. Ties will be broken by reverse count starting with the last shot and counting backwards, the shooter with the most consecutive broken targets will be the winner.

Trapshooting Equipment

.410 caliber, 28 gauge, 20 gauge, 16 gauge and 12 gauge, full choke may be used, but it should be understood that anything less than a modified choke 12 gauge is a handicap to the contestant. (Shot guns greater than 12 gauge are not permitted)

Guns will be inspected for mechanical safety prior to admission on grounds. Contestant must be totally familiar with gun's function and have used gun under supervision of a certified 4-H shooting instructor

Ammunition is provided, if you choose to bring your own, it must be approved (signed and dated on box) by a certified 4-H shooting instructor and brought to the event by the instructor.

Ammunition must be either trap load, sport load or their equivalent (size 7.5, 8, or 9 only). **NO RELOADS.**

Release triggers ARE NOT permitted in trapshooting competition

Any shotgun, once out of a storage case and assembled, must have action open/ broken and held with gun barrel pointed toward the ground at all times, except when standing on the firing line.

EYE AND EAR PROTECTION IS MANADATORY and must be provided by the shooter.

Prescription eyeglasses will be considered acceptable eye protection.

Trapshooting and Range

Shooting will take place from the 16 yard line.

Jr. Trap targets(clays) will be flown with random trajectory setting.

Sr. Trap targets(clays) will be flown with random trajectory setting.

Trapshooting Event Rules

Both divisions will shoot 25 targets, 5 consecutive targets from each station. There will be no practice shots. To count as a broken target, there must be a visible chip out of the target, dust will not count.

Ties will be broken by reverse count starting with the last shot and counting backwards, the shooter with the most consecutive broken targets will be the winner.

The scorer is the official judge for "lost" or "dead" clays which will be called out (not counted).

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Field protest or appeal

If a shooter disagrees with a call on any target (e.g. “hit” or “miss”, “lost/dead”), they may appeal by raising an arm and saying “appeal.” The range officer will immediately suspend shooting temporarily and consult the assisting range officers. After a consultation, the range officer will make a final decision. The decision of the range officer is final and questions of a hit, missed or irregular targets may not be appealed further.

Muzzle control on the range.

When not in use or possession all guns must be unloaded and placed in range gun racks. During use or possession each shooter is responsible for proper muzzle control on the range at all times. No firearm may be pointed toward any person or portion of the shooter’s own person while on or in the vicinity of the ranges. Resting the muzzle on the foot or other portions of the anatomy is strictly forbidden as is resting any part of the body on the muzzle of the firearm. All actions must be open/broken and firearms empty until on the shooting station and in immediate preparation for the shot.

Penalties

Warning-Any shooter violating the muzzle control rules, on the range for the first time in any round shall be warned by the range officer.

Disqualification- Flagrant violation of this rule or repeated violations after a warning has been issued may result in disqualification from the current round of targets and forfeiture of any targets remaining.

Muzzleloading Rules

Ages –

Junior ages 12 – 14

Seniors ages 15 – 19

Equipment

Any caliber muzzleloading rifle with open/peep sights may be used. **(No shades or telescopic sights will be allowed).**

The following are prohibited: Schutzen type butt plates, adjustable butt plates, palms, slings and spotting scopes.

EYE AND EAR PROTECTION IS MANDATORY and must be provided by the shooter. Prescription eyeglasses will be considered acceptable eye protection.

Shooters will provide their own powder, patches, bullets, (round ball, conical or sabot), (percussion caps or primers) and cleaning supplies. These items should be brought to the loading bench in a range box, shooting bag or pouch.

Only black powder, Pyrodex or other commercially available black powder granular substitutes may be used. **(No Pyrodex Pellets).**

The Range officer at the tournament event site has the authority to inspect and reject equipment from the competition (due to safety problems, rule violations, etc.)

Range Rules

All spectators will be kept behind the spectator line, well in back of loading line.

All loading will take place at a loading bench. The loading bench will be located along a line, ***well in back of the firing line.***

All powder will be poured from a powder can or flask/horn into a powder measure before pouring down the barrel. **A maximum charge shall not exceed 90 grains of powder.**

All ramrods/range rods are to be clearly marked to indicate an empty/loaded barrel, ***i.e. bright colored paint or tape.***

No caps will be put on the nipples/no flintlocks primed until the shooter is on the firing line.

Five shots will be taken at a standard 50 yard 5 Bull target at a distance of 30 yards from a standing position.

Tie breaker will be the number of 10 ring hits.

All misfires will be handled by the Range Officer (and/or assistants). A shooter with a misfire should call the Range Officer at once *while keeping the barrel pointed down range at all times*.

Shooters should be familiar with and able to manage their firearm in a safe manner. If the Range Officer feels the firearm is too large/heavy for the shooter to manage safely they **may** disqualify the shooter for safety reasons.

Cappers must be used - except 209 primers.

Muzzleloading Procedure

1. Loading procedure endorsed by the State must be used.

Using a marked ramrod/range rod, (the Ram Rod must have a handle on it) verify that the muzzleloader is not loaded.

2. Rest Muzzleloader against the loading bench. Using a *cleaning jag*, run a cleaning patch (**dampened**) with solvent down the bore.

3. Next run a dry patch down the bore to ensure that there is no residual moisture in the barrel. NOTE: You may need to run a second dry patch if the first one comes out wet. It may also be necessary to “pop a cap” to dry out the nipple if your patch was wet (**check with range officer**).

4. Using a *Powder Measure*, pour a pre-determined amount of powder from your can/flask/horn into the measure. Pour the powder from the measure down the bore. NOTE: Do not let your face get overtop of the muzzle. **NEVER POUR POWDER DIRECTLY FROM CONTAINER DOWN BORE!!!**

5. Load bullet: If you are loading a *patched round ball*, first center the patch over the muzzle. Place round ball in center of patch and press firmly down. Using a *short starter*, start the ball with the button first then push it into the bore with the long end. If you are loading a *sabot or conical bullet*, place the bullet into the end of the muzzle and use the short starter to push it into the bore.

6. Using the ramrod push the projectile down the bore and seat it against the powder charge. ***Verify by the marked ramrod that the load is fully seated.***

7. Wait for Range Officers command to approach firing line.

8. Only when you are on the firing line and ready to shoot, cap or prime the muzzleloader.

4-H Archery

			Yardage
Class		Ages	Level 2
1	Junior Instinctive Long or Recurve	9-14	15
2	Senior Instinctive Long or Recurve	15-19	20
3	Junior Instinctive Compound Bow	9-14	15
4	Senior Instinctive Compound Bow	15-19	20
5	Junior Sighted Bow	9-14	15
6	Senior Sighted Bow	15-19	20
7	Junior Open Bow	9-14	15
8	Senior Open Bow	15-19	20

Archery Equipment

- The following describes equipment permitted in the archery event. Equipment not mentioned or covered is not allowed in the competition without prior approval of the Shooting Sports Committee. Further, it will be necessary to place before the committee any equipment, or part thereof, for which approval is requested. All equipment will be inspected by the Range Officer prior to the competition.

Bow -- Recurve bows, long bows or compound bows. Maximum draw weight allowed in any archery division is 60 lbs. Overdraws will be allowed, except arrow tip must extend to beyond bowgrip pivot point (**this is the grip point**) (tip of arrow cannot be drawn back past center of pivot point of bow). See #6 below for exceptions in Open Compound Divisions.

Instinctive Divisions -- For contestants with bows without sights or bowmarks.

Sighted Divisions -- For contestants with any type of sights or bowmarks. Telescopic sights and string releases ARE PROHIBITED in these divisions, except in the Open Archery Division. Contestants will use their own archery equipment and arrows. Each contestant should have 9 arrows or more in case of breakage or loss.

Equipment will be used and handled only on the range. NO CROSSBOWS.

- The following features are allowable in ANY DIVISION:**

Bow string -- Made up of any number of strands of the material chosen for the purpose, with a center serving to Accommodate the drawing fingers, a nocking point to which may be added serving to fit the arrow nock as necessary, and to locate this point 1 or 2 nock locators may be positioned.

Arrow rest -- May be adjustable, and any moveable pressure button, pressure point or arrow plate and draw check indicator may be used on the bow provided they are not electric or electronic and do not offer any additional aid in aiming.

Arrows -- Any type may be used provided they subscribe to the accepted principle and meaning of the word "arrow" as used in target archery, and that arrows do not cause undue damage to target faces and buttresses. An arrow consists of a nock, shaft, and arrowhead (point) with fletching and, if desired, cresting. Only target points or bullets shaped points are

permitted: all other points will not be allowed. Each archer's arrows must be marked or identifiable. Wooden arrows will not be used in compound bows.

Finger protection -- Finger tabs and arm guards are mandatory in all divisions. Gloves, shooting tabs, or tape to draw, holdback and release the string are permitted, provided they are smooth with no device to help hold and/or release the string. Shooting tabs maybe built of several layers of suitable material (such as leather, plastic, etc.) to stiffen the part of the tab behind that used for drawing the string. A separator between the fingers to prevent pinching the arrow may be used. On the bow hand an ordinary glove, mitten, or similar item may be worn. Individuals competing in the junior and senior open division using releases will be exempt from finger tabs. Field glasses and telescopes--and other visual aids may be used for spotting arrows, as long as they do not interfere with the shooting line. However, ordinary spectacles as necessary or shooting spectacles, provided they are fitted with the same lenses normally used by the archer, and sunglasses may be worn. None must be fitted with microhole lenses, glasses, nor marked in any way to assist in aiming. Accessories--are permitted such as dress shields, bow sling, belt or ground quiver, tassels, foot markers not protruding more than one centimeter. **Release aids in Open Divisions Only. NO BACK TENSION RELEASES ALLOWED**

3. The following are allowed ONLY IN THE SIGHTED DIVISIONS:

Peeps and buttons -- In Sighted divisions only one peep sight on or in the string will be allowed. One attachment, which may not exceed a diameter of 1 centimeter in any direction, on the string to serve as a lip or nose mark will be allowed.

Bow sight -- In Sighted divisions a sight may be attached to the bow for the purpose of aiming and may allow for windage adjustment as well as elevation setting for aiming, but is subject to the following provision(s): *It shall not incorporate a prism or lens or other magnifying, leveling or electric devices, except in the Open Division.

Bowmark -- A bowmark is considered to be a sight and is a single mark made on the bow for the purpose of aiming. Such mark may be made in pencil, tape, or any other suitable marking material. A plate or tape with distance marking may be mounted on the bow as a guide for marking, but must not in any way offer any additional aid.

- 4. Stabilizers --** Are permitted in either Sighted or Instinctive Divisions provided they do not serve as a string guide, touch anything, but the bow, represent any obstacle to other archers as far as place on the shooting line is concerned. The term stabilizer shall also include counterbalancing weights.
- 5. Changing Equipment --** If it becomes necessary for an archer to use tackle, which has not been inspected by the Range Officer, the responsibility is on the archer to show such tackle to a Range Officer before using it. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
- 6. Open Division ONLY Individual Event Equipment Restrictions --** For bows with overdraws, arrow tip must extend beyond bowgrip pivot point. No electronic devices allowed. Release aids and telescopic sights are allowed only in this division. Only field or target tips allowed. Bows must be handheld, with no part making contact with the ground.

Target

Targets will be a Standard National Archery Association (NAA, FITA) 60 cm in diameter.

Scoring

1. **Level 1 shooting** for all divisions will be 1 target as follows: Shoot two ends, 5 arrows at each end, three minutes per end (five practice arrows will be allowed).
2. **Level 2 shooting** for all divisions will use 1 target as follows: 2 halves of 30 arrows each, 6 arrows per end. 3 minutes per end. (Six practice arrows will be allowed each half.) Shooters will be warned once if they are exceeding the time limit. A second warning will result in losing the highest scoring arrow for that end.
3. Scoring the Target:
 - a. Yellow -- 9-10 point (smaller ring 10)
 - b. Red -- 7-8 point rings c.
 - Blue -- 5-6 point rings d.
 - Black -- 3-4 point rings e.
 - White -- 1-2 point rings
4. Scores will be kept in **ink**. Arrows, targets, and target butts must not be touched until all arrows in butt have been scored. Contestants touching target, arrows or butts will lose the highest scoring arrow. No one but the official scorer and contestants may handle scorecards. If a change needs to be made on your scorecard the official scorer must initial the change or your scorecard will not be accepted. At fair, final score will be divided by 10 to give an overall score.
5. In the event of a tie the total number of X scores will be tallied.
6. Official scorer as approved by the 4-H Shooting Sports Committee, will be from out of Barry County and not involved in Barry County 4-H.

Range Rules

1. All bows must be drawn in the down range position and should never be elevated above the level of the target. Once at shooting position, the bow may be adjusted accordingly.
2. **Range Commands**
 - a. Archers to the shooting line
 - b. Begin Shooting
 - c. Walk forward and get your arrows
 - d. Stop shooting immediately and put arrow in quiver.
3. **Range Control** – There will be 2 range officers at all times. The Range Officers will: control shooting with voice commands and a stop watch; to ensure a 3 minute time limit for arrows; see that spectators stay behind the range barriers at all times; be responsible for all safety precautions; check all distances and field setups; inspect archers' equipment before the tournament begins and any time thereafter during the Tournament; check the conduct of shooting.

4. The Range Officers have the authority to extend the three minute time limit in exceptional circumstances. The most common occurrences and procedures are listed below. In any other unforeseen instances the Range Officers will make and announce their decisions to the competitors. The decision of the Range Officers will be final.
- a. **Bounce outs (arrow bounces off of target)** -- When a bounce-out occurs, the archer shooting the bounce-out will tell a Range Officer. The Range Officer will witness the rest of the arrows for score. The first bounce-out or pass through not witnessed shall be scored as a seven.
 - b. **Equipment failure** -- An archer with equipment failure will step back from the shooting line and raise the bow overhead. The other archers will continue shooting the end (round). At the completion of the end the Range Officer will signal the archer to complete the end allowing 30 seconds for each arrow. No other archer may occupy the line at this time.
 - c. **Repairs** -- Repairs must be complete within 5 minutes of completion of the end in progress when the failure occurred. The timing of this interval will be the responsibility of the Range Officers.
 - d. **Hanging arrows** -- The archer who shot a hanging arrow will advise the other archer on his or her target and both will step back from the shooting line with their bow held overhead. An official will respond and stop the shoot. A Range Officer will make an announcement. The official and the archer who shot the hanger and other archers on that target will advance to the target, score the arrows in the target and remove the hanging arrow.
 - e. **Trouble at the target** -- When trouble occurs (loose target face, fallen flag, etc.) both archers will stop shooting, step back from the shooting line and signal the Range Officers by raising their bows overhead. The officials will stop the shoot. Shooting will resume when the official has corrected the problem.
 - f. **Cross fires** -- No archer will knowingly shoot at the wrong target or shoot more than the required number of arrows at his/her own target.
 - g. **Cross fires** -- Arrows fired at the wrong target will be scored as a 0 to the offending archer.
 - h. **Excessive shots** -- Excess arrows will result in deduction of the highest value arrows on the target until the appropriate number is reached and one point penalty for each excess arrow shot.
5. **Safety and Courtesy** -- During shooting archers will not distract fellow competitors by loud talking or excessive activity. No equipment should be handled without the owner's approval. In going to the target, archers must be careful not to step on arrows. Each group on the target should help others find arrows before returning to the shooting line. It shall be the responsibility of every shooting sports archer to insist upon strict maintenance of safe standards and courtesies. While shooting is in progress, only those archers whose turn it is to shoot may be on the shooting line. All other archers shall remain behind the waiting line with their equipment. After shooting all arrows the archer shall retire behind the waiting line immediately. No archer may draw his or her bow, with or without an arrow, except when standing on the shooting line. No arrow is to be loaded or fired on the firing line until the signal is given to do so.