

GUIDELINES



By-Laws for Archery in Re-enactment Involving Primarily Members of the Queensland Living History Federation Inc.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to detail the guidelines for the use

These guidelines are for the Range, Combat and Scenario use of archery in Re-enactment involving predominately members of the Queensland Living History Federation Incorporated (QLHF).

Range Use: Archery carried out for practice at a closed group meeting or a public event in Range format i.e. waiting line, shooting line, static or moving targets.

Combat Use: Archery carried out in a controlled environment involving specially prepared blunt arrows fired from a bow 30lb draw weight or less at suitably armoured participants.

Scenario Use: Archery carried out in a performance based environment to re-enact an historical event or other public performances.

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1.0 MINIMUM AGE FOR PARTICIPANTS

General Archery

A person under the age of eighteen (18) years must provide written parental or guardian consent to the President or Training Officer of their Group before that person will be allowed to participate in any QLHF archery event. Such permission must be shown to the QLHF Archery Co-ordinator or Range Captain upon request.

Range and Training Archery

A recommended minimum age is set at eight (8) years for participation in general and range use at QLHF archery events. Archers under the age of sixteen must have a suitable adult present.

Combat and Scenario Archery

No archers under the age of sixteen (16) years shall participate in combat or other activities as determined by the Activity Organiser or Range Captain.

2.0 ALCOHOL AND OTHER PERFORMANCE ENHANCING SUBSTANCES

No one shall handle a weapon while under the influence of alcohol or other performance effecting substances. Any participant found to be under the influence of alcohol or other performance effecting substances will be barred from further

participation at the event, be subject to disciplinary action or may be expelled from the organisation (QLHF).

3.0 PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS

If any participant has a pre-existing medical condition that could affect the safety of themselves or others participating in the event, the participant must declare the condition to their group's Safety Officer.

4.0 RANGE CAPTAIN

All activities are under the control of the QLHF Archery Co-ordinator or Range Captain in cases of multiple groups operating with one another, or if a single group, their own Archery Captain. They have overall safety responsibility for Range use or Combat and Scenario events. All re-enactors must agree to be bound by his or her requests and/or directions. Failure to comply with these directions from the Range Captain will result in the re-enactor being asked to cease training/participation. Repeated non-compliance may result in the re-enactor being banned from the event and the management committee of their group being advised.

5.0 INSURANCE

It is compulsory that all archers are covered by public liability insurance. As a result, only current members of a recognised re-enactment group (i.e. one accredited and insured by QLHF or which can provide proof of insurance will be permitted to utilise training sessions to participate in events. All re-enactors are required to provide the Range Captain with an authorisation form from their group indicating they are covered by the group's insurance or provide their current QLHF membership number (membership card may be asked to be sighted). This form will be kept in a register, and will need to be updated on an annual basis. Participants will also have to sign a registration book each time they train or participate at an event.

No one will be allowed to shoot until they are covered by a re-enactment group's insurance policy.

6.0 AUTHORISATION OF ARCHERS

As with all martial disciplines, safety at tournaments and performances is of the utmost importance. Accordingly, if an archer wishes to compete in an archery tournament or perform as an archer at an event, they will need to be authorised by the Range Captain prior to the event. To obtain authorisation, an archer must attend training to demonstrate to the Range Captain a suitable degree of competency and safety with their weapon.

- 6.1 In general terms, competency is deemed to be the ability to consistently hit a standard archery butt (not the individual target) at a distance of about 10-15 paces, showing a degree of safety.
- 6.2 Authorisation is required and must be renewed for each performance session.
- 6.3 Exceptions to the requirement to attend a prior training session may be made by the organisers in circumstances subject to their discretion, i.e. interstate or overseas guest re-enactor who may come to a separate arrangement with the Range Captain and/or archery tournament organiser.

- 6.4 Hobby shooting and other social events involving commercial operators and the public are in no way affected by the requirement to be authorised.

7.0 RANGE COMMANDS

Standard commands and directions are given by the Range Captain, which all archers are expected to understand and comply with:

"RANGE OPEN"	Archers may commence shooting into the range
"LAST ARROW" may release	Archers who have already nocked or drawn their bow their arrow, but no new arrows may be nocked.
"RANGE CLOSED" nock arrows	Archers are prohibited from shooting. Archers <u>may not</u> or draw their bow at this time.
"HOLD!" the tension	All archers must immediately cease shooting and release on their bow. This is generally a safety related command, e.g. a person on the range or approaching too close.

8.0 SAFETY RULES

There are a number of safety rules which all archers must comply with at all times. Failure to do so may result in the re-enactor being asked to cease training/participation, or in the case of repeated offences, may be banned from participating:

- 8.1 Instruction from the Range Captain must be complied with at all times.
- 8.2 All equipment must be of serviceable condition, ie arrow nocks must click onto or hold snugly onto bowstring; strings and servings must not be frayed or need of repair etc.
- 8.3 New archers will be required to shoot under supervision until they can establish a reasonable level of competency
- 8.4 All arrows must be directed down range at all times
- 8.5 No shooting outside the boundaries of the range
- 8.6 Unless under specific control of the Range Captain (e.g. clout), no arrows are to be lofted
- 8.7 Where the Range Captain calls for arrows to be lofted, bows must not be drawn more than to half draw
- 8.8 No person is permitted to enter the range whilst it is open
- 8.9 All shooting is to take place from the firing line
- 8.10 Unless conducting combat archery under the strict control of the Archery Captain, no nocked bow is to be pointed at another person.

- 8.11 Where combat archery is being conducted by the Archery or Range Captain, the target must be suitably armoured, including a visor with an opening of less an 1/2 inch. No archer is to have any form of sharp arrow on their person during combat.
- 8.12 Although not an actual rule, it is considered polite to assist other archers to retrieve their arrows while collecting your own.
- 8.13 All archers are expected to behave in a reasonable manner towards one another. Offensive behaviour will not be tolerated.

NOTE: If at any time a person attending a performance believes that either a person, animal life or property may be injured or damaged by shooters on the Range, they must yell "HOLD!" immediately. The Range Captain will only recommence firing after the situation has been verified or cleared.

NOTE: The use of crossbows requires the archer, Range Captain and the range to be appropriately licensed/certified. Unless all of these conditions are met, the use of crossbows is prohibited.

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