ARCHERY CLUB WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

**READ BEFORE SIGNING**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in **The HD Stafford Archery Club** events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. The risk of injury from archery and other known and unknown events and activities and/or the use of the related buildings, structures, equipment, roads, land and all other real and personal property whether owned by archery club or others is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. I acknowledge and agree that the use of archery equipment, by myself or others on club premises or otherwise are inherently dangerous and high-risk activities whether such archery equipment are discharged by myself or others; and
3. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE **NEGLIGENCE** OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
4. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation and to follow the range rules and etiquette as outlined on the back of this form. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
5. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS **The HD Stafford Archery Club** its officers, directors, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, members, guests, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of real property and personal property used to conduct the events and activities (“RELEASEES”), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

I HAVE READ THE RANGE RULES AND THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

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Participant’ Name

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Participant’s Signature

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FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE

(UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF PARTICIPATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child’s involvement or participation in these events and activities and/or the use of related real and personal property as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE.

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Name of Parent/Guardian

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Emergency Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Shooting Range Rules**

Traditionally, **courtesy** and **safety** have been part of the heritage of archery. The HD Stafford Archery Club strongly encourage adherence to [the BC Archery Range Safety Policy](https://www.victoriabowmen.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Range-Safety-r.2015.4.21.pdf) when on any archery range. While shooting is in progress, the individual archer should always be aware of the rest of the group they are shooting with. To this end, here is a list of Rules and Etiquette:

**Indoor Range Rules**

1. Whistle rules (always ensure someone is designated to the whistle):
   * **2** short whistles – Archers to the line
   * **1** short whistle – Begin Shooting
   * **3** short whistles – Retrieve arrows
   * **4** or more whistles – **EMERGENCY** – All stop shooting.
2. **Check your equipment** before shooting.
3. Do not nock your arrow until **everyone** is on or behind the shooting line and the 2 short whistles are blown.
4. Shoot only at distances where you are **likely to hit the butt.** Move the butt closer if necessary.
5. Never **draw above** the top of your butt (sky drawing is prohibited).
6. Shoot **3 arrows,** more allowed if you don’t delay others.
7. **Step back** from the line when finished shooting and remain behind the wait line.
8. When pulling arrows, be careful of those **behind you (shoulder check).**
9. Youth **under 16** must be accompanied by an adult.
10. Please help **set up, take down,** and **clean up.**

**Outdoor Range Rules**

1. Whistle rules (always ensure someone is designated to the whistle):
   1. **2** short whistles – Archers to the line
   2. **1** short whistle – Begin Shooting
   3. **3** short whistles – Retrieve arrows
   4. **4** or more whistles – **EMERGENCY** – All stop shooting.
2. **Longer distance** shooters use the West (Left) side of the field.
3. Shoot only from distances where you can**hit the butt.** Move to a closer one if necessary.
4. Nock your arrow only when all archers are on or behind their shooting line and the 2 short whistles are blown.
5. Never **draw above** the top of your butt (sky drawing is prohibited).
6. **Forbidden items** on the range: vehicles, uncontrolled small children and pets, crossbows, broadhead arrows, garbage.
7. Keep the range and storage area **tidy and clean.** Remove garbage/recycling.
8. Youth **under 16** must be accompanied by an adult.
9. Please help **set up, take down,** and **clean up.**

**Range Etiquette**

1. **Don’t talk or distract** other archers on the line during the shooting of an end. However, visitors are allowed to talk in a normal manner behind the waiting line. This will reproduce the same atmosphere you will find at a tournament and will permit them to enjoy their visit.
2. When you have shot your end, **step back from the line several paces** to give the other archers a chance to complete their end. In competition, there is an area 3 metres from the shooting line called “the waiting line”. You must be behind this line. This will allow the Director of Shooting to see who has yet to complete the end.
3. Pass only encouraging remarks to your fellow archers.
4. When you shoot an arrow you are not happy with, **do not abuse your own shooting** as this may distract others.
5. When outdoors, help others look for **lost arrows.**
6. Archers should **walk,** not run, on the shooting range.
7. **Respect the other arrows** in the target while you are pulling your own.
8. Volunteer for **club chores** such as butt setup/takedown, targets, collecting score sheets, etc. This will help make a stronger, more social and friendly club.
9. **Ask permission** before touching the equipment of other archers.
10. Take the time to **thank the tournament officials** for their help in organizing a tournament.
11. Above all, **be a good sport and have fun**.