



Welcome Letter and Membership Rules and Regulations

Welcome to the Everglades Archers.

Everglades Archers has been around for over 50 years. We are a family oriented club with something for everyone, from the occasional target archer to the most dedicated tournament archer and bow hunters. Whether you shoot every week or just occasionally, your participation is welcomed and appreciated.

We are an NFAA/FAA affiliated club and follow the prescribed tournament rules. There are paper shoots and 3-D shoots scheduled throughout the year. So, it is up to you to come out and enjoy the sport.

We promote the sport of archery and the spirit of good fellowship. We encourage the safe and responsible use of the bow in tournament competition and in hunting and we cooperate with organizations in the conservation of our natural wildlife resources.

This is your club, and your help will make it the best in Florida. We encourage you to join us in scheduled events, work parties, board meetings, and any activity that brings us all together. Your club officers and board members are always glad to hear your ideas as they could be the cornerstones for tomorrow.

For both new and long-time members of the club, it's important to be familiar with the rules that govern the safety and enjoyment of our sport.

General Rules

The bow and arrow is a deadly weapon. In the hands of an irresponsible person it could be lethal, so please be aware of your limits and those of your bow. Proper training, as in any sport, will allow you to enjoy archery to the fullest. Remember, SAFETY is the first rule.

Children are always welcome at the range but must be under direct adult supervision at all times. Children, like adults, must be competent with a bow and arrow and practice proper shooting line etiquette.

Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the club property, especially prior to or during any shooting activities.

Nothing other than the bow and arrow, such as BB guns, firearms or crossbows, are allowed at any time. The range is not designed for these weapons and our liability insurance does not cover their use.

Bicycles, ATC'S, motorcycles, and other motor vehicles are a safety hazard to all on the range and are not allowed.

You may fish in the pond, but all fishing is strictly catch and release. The use of barbless hooks is required if you fish. No bow fishing is permitted because we want our bass and turtle populations to grow. Please don't feed or disturb our resident alligator. We think he's kind of special.

Members are encouraged to bring prospective members to the range as their guest. Please remember you are responsible for the safety of your guest and you are not to leave them unsupervised while on EVA property. After the second visit guests are expected to join the club and support club activities.

The gate is to be relocked after entering the property so people can't wander in and possibly find themselves in harm's way. If you are coming in when we are having a club shoot or other scheduled events there is no need to close and lock the gate.

Please park at an angle along the fence. Do not park north of the light poles as that area is used for turning around. Do not park directly in front of the storage trailers as this would make access to them difficult when deliveries are made. It also makes retrieving materials and putting them away difficult.

Membership

Memberships are renewable at the Annual Club Picnic in July or available any time during the year. Adult, Head of Household memberships include all children under 18. Children 18 years of age and older are not covered under their parent's family membership.

There will be only one gate key issued per household. You will be issued a membership card for yourself, and your family. Please keep your membership card visible at all times while on the range.

All members of the club are eligible to vote in club elections and members are encouraged to vote and have a say in the business of the club.

Each club member is required to participate in at least 2 work parties per year. Work party tasks consist of mowing the grass, pasting the targets, posting the targets, clearing the shooting lanes as needed, painting the yardage markers, and target butt and bale maintenance. Some of our members work from home pasting the targets that we shoot each week, so there is something for everyone to do. If you can't come out to the work parties please contact one of the club officers or board members. There is always something to do on other days or afternoons. Even the children can help at work parties.

Club Activities

Each Wednesday night the flint range lights are turned on and you can shoot for a small fee (to cover costs). Several times a year there are also organized leagues. The most popular leagues are the indoor league and the 3D league. (The name "indoor" in South Florida refers to the distance and target face that is shot.) Both league and non-league shooters are welcome. The 3D league is set up as 5 animals at various distances. You shoot one arrow at each animal and score. The animals are then moved and you shoot 5 more arrows and score again. The moving of animals, shooting and scoring are repeated for a total of 20 arrows. It is a handicapped league, so all shooters have an equal chance of winning.

Club shoots are held monthly, usually on a Sunday, and are scheduled in cooperation with other clubs in the region that are affiliated with the Florida Archery Association (FAA) and the National Field Archery Association (NFAA). Special seminars may be held along with the club shoots. Check the range bulletin board or our website for details.

For current club information, please visit Everglades Archers web site (www.evergladesarchery.com).

Flint Range Rules

Sighting-in and warming up should be done on the Flint Range only. The Field Range, for safety reasons, should be shot as a consecutive 14 or 28 target round, starting at target #1. As new archers, or even seasoned archers, sometimes we need to be refreshed on target scoring and such, especially when rules and target faces are changed by the NFAA. Rules to follow for the various "seasons" are in your Membership Information Packet.

Safety is the FIRST (1st) rule. Please observe good Flint Range line etiquette. All archers must remain behind the shooting line until the last arrow is released and the shooting line is called cold or clear. This is signaled by the range captain blowing his whistle or verbally calling the line clear or cold. Place your bow on the rack while the line is cold / clear. All archers will advance to the targets and score and pull their arrows at the same time. Shooting cannot begin until everyone is behind the shooting line and the range captain has called the line HOT.

BROADHEADS: Broadheads are to be shot in the Broadhead Sand Pits at the south end of the Flint Range ONLY! Do not shoot Broadheads into any other targets on the Flint or Field Ranges. We spend most of our income replacing used bales and can't afford the damage caused by Broadheads. To that end, if you are found shooting Broadheads into the Flint or Field range bales you will forfeit your membership and there will be no rebate of dues paid.

Field Range Rules

Please shoot only the designated targets. Never shoot when a person is downrange from you.

Please don't disturb any wildlife on club property. We have a unique opportunity to observe several species here and enjoy our wild friends.

Target pathways are one-way only for your safety. Please stay on the designated pathways and follow arrow directions. Do not travel on the maintenance roads or cross any barriers as this may put you in harm's way. The Field Range is constructed so you may shoot targets 1-14 or 15-28 or 1-28 as complete rounds, with a safe path between the parking area at target 15.

Always leave your bow or another member of your group in front of the target should you have to look for arrows. This tells other archers to wait.

Other Items of Interest

There are a variety of shooting styles which and in addition to male and female, archers are classed by age:

Release & Scope	Freestyle (FS)
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Release & Pins	Bowhunter Freestyle (BHFS)
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Fingers & No Sight	Bowhunter (BH)/ Barebow (BB)/ Traditional*
Last, but not least, you have Olympic or FITA Styles.	

A Gap Shooter is Bowhunter, a String Walker is Barebow. Recurve, Longbow, and Stick bows are called Traditional

Pee Wee	under 8 years old
Cub	up to 11 years old
Youth	12 to 14 years old
Young Adult	15 to 17 years old
Adult	18 to 54 years old
Senior	55 years old and up

Youth, Cub and Pee Wee classes each shoot different yardages

If you find an arrow, please place it in the tube in our club pavilion. Be extra careful handling shattered carbon arrows as you can get splinters in your hands.

SAFETY IS #1 - Always use caution and good sense.

Range Location

Everglades Archers is located 5 miles north of Homestead, one block east of Krome Avenue on the north side of S.W. 264 Street (Bauer Drive). Our address is 17415 SW 264 Street (Bauer Drive).

SUMMARY OF EVERGLADES ARCHERS RULES AND REGULATIONS

- No Cross Bows are allowed anywhere on EVA property
- Never draw a bow back above parallel to the ground
- Always stay behind shooting line when the line is hot
- This is a private archery range, you must be a member to use the facilities
- A guest is someone who has never been a member of the club and is interested in becoming a member
- Members are encouraged to bring guests, however the member must accompany their guest(s) at all times
- Members are responsible for the safety of their guest(s) and for ensuring they adhere to EVA rules and regulations
- Members may invite the same guest no more than two times - guests are expected to become members if they wish to continue to use the facilities
- Children (under the age of 18) must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian at all times
- Children must be competent with a bow and arrow and practice proper range etiquette
- Broad Heads and Practice Broad Heads are only allowed in the sand pits
- Membership cards must be displayed at all times while on EVA property
- Littering is prohibited – keep the range clean
- Use practice area to sight-in and practice
- No Crossbows, Firearms, BB or Pellet Guns are allowed on the range
- No shooting at anything other than designated archery targets
- No dogs allowed
- Do not feed or molest alligator(s) nor any other wildlife
- No swimming in the lakes
- Fishing is catch and release
- No bows over 300 FPS
- Alcoholic beverages are not allowed prior to nor during any shooting activities
- Bicycles, Motorcycles and ATVs are not permitted on the range
- Backtracking is not permitted on the field range (safe paths back to the parking lot are located at targets 10 and 16)
- Member/guest parking is located along the fence – Conex parking is reserved for Board members and work parties
- Always indicate your presence if behind a target or otherwise out of sight in any shooting area
- Shooting in the air is prohibited - never release an arrow if you cannot see where it will land
- Never shoot a broken arrow – always inspect arrows when retrieved
- Never demonstrate your skill by using a person or an object held by a person as a target
- All members must participate in at least 2 work parties per year
- Security cameras are located throughout the range for your safety/security and the security of EVA property