



Heart of Maryland Bowhunters

Range Rules

1. When shooting with others, the group must clearly state when the line is “hot” and it’s safe to shoot or when the line is “cold” and it’s safe to pull arrows.
2. The elevated practice range is considered part of the main practice range and therefore must adhere to Hot and Cold conditions on both ranges. When the line is hot no one is allowed forward of shooting line in either area.
3. A cease fire may be called by anyone on the range at any time for an emergency situation. If a cease fire is called return all arrows to quiver or holder and hang your bow on the rack. No bows or arrows should be handles during a cease fire.

When shooting: (Range HOT)

4. Do not nock and arrow until the line is called “hot”.
5. Be sure the path to the target and beyond is clear.
6. Never nock, draw, release an arrow when someone is downrange.
7. Only shoot at the target directly in front of you.
8. Always keep your arrows pointed down or towards the target.
9. No skydrawing, do not exceed parallel to the ground with your bow arm.
10. When finished shooting put your bow down or on a rack and step back from the line.

When retrieving arrows: (Range COLD)

11. Always walk on the range
12. Stand to the side of the target and make sure no one is standing behind the arrow.
13. If you must move beyond the target to look for arrows make sure everyone knows so that the line remains cold. If you cannot find the arrow within a reasonable time please return to the line so you do not hold up other archers.



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