



## **RANGE RULES and REQUIREMENTS**

- Range Officers have the final say.
- NRLHF rules apply.
- Encourage SAFETY at all times.

### **Archery:**

#### **Bow requirements:**

1. Wooden bows, wood laminated bows, horn bows, with or without backings. Natural materials only. NO fiberglass, epoxy backing. No sights or sighting pins.
2. Bows may have arrow shelves, but shelves shall not be cut closer than 1/8" to tip to tip centerline of bow. No true center shot bows.
3. Bows may be long bows or self bow with Reflex/Deflex or recurves.
4. Strings may have nocking points.
5. Documentation or primary proof for deviation from these rules is the responsibility of the competitor.

#### **Arrow requirements:**

1. Wooden, cane, or natural materials only.
2. Feathers or natural materials only for fletching.
3. Field points only, made either with bone or metal; no broad heads of any kind.
4. Self-nocks, bone or antler nocks.
5. Footed arrows with natural materials.

#### **Range Rules:**

1. No shooting on the range except during competition.
2. All practice shooting will be at practice targets ONLY, and only in the designated practice area.
3. It is recommended that archers shoot in groups of at least three (3) shooters and no more than six shooters. Exception may be made by the Range Officer for Situational matches.
4. No one under the age of sixteen (16) years of age will be allowed to shoot without an adult supervisor.
5. Archer must touch appropriate stake to shoot – touching can be with any part of the foot, i.e. toes, heel, side of foot, or even the side of leg or knee for

- kneeling shots. Exception may be made by the Range Officer for Situational matches.
6. All archers in the group must shoot before the scoring of the arrows is done.
  7. All arrows are scored before any arrows are pulled from the target.
  8. In the case of equipment failure the competitor will be allowed up to one hour for repair or replacement of equipment. He/she may return to their group wherever they may be on the course and continue the remainder of the course. The targets that were skipped may be shot later that day providing a Range Officer is present as a witness.
  9. There should be three (3) stakes at each target: one for the adult men shooters, one for the adult women shooters, and one stake closer to the target for the juniors and sub-juniors. Exception may be made by the Range Officer for Situational matches.
  10. Each competitor should have a minimum of four (4) arrows to begin the match.
  11. If a competitor loses an arrow during the match, they will be allowed no more than five (5) minutes to find it. If the arrow is not found, then the competitor may return AFTER the shooting range is closed for the day.
  12. If an arrow is found that does not belong to a member of the group, it should be turned in at the archery registration table at the end of the match.
  13. No alcohol or drugs are permitted on the range.

**Scoring Rules:**

1. The arrow must stick, and remain stuck, in the target to receive a score.
2. The arrow must touch the line of the kill area to receive the higher score.
3. If an arrow passes all the way through a target the score will only be counted if witnessed by two people on the course besides the shooter.

**NRLHF Archery Range Officers Guidelines:**

1. The Range Captain is responsible for holding an orientation for each of his/her Range Officers and/or volunteers.
2. During orientation, the Range captain will explain the correct scoring for each of the targets on the course. We recommend you walk thru the course during this orientation so any questions may be addressed prior to opening the course.
3. Orientation will include instructions on safety, as each Range Captain, range officer and/or volunteer is responsible for the safety of the competitors in his/her group.
4. The geography of the terrain and/or proximity of the other groups must be considered before a Range captain, range officer and/or volunteer allows his/her group to begin shooting a target. All juniors and sub-juniors MUST have an adult with him/her OTHER THAN the Range Captain, Range Officer, or volunteer

5. THE DECISION OF THE RANGE CAPTAIN OR THE RANGE OFFICER REGARDING SCORES, TARGETS, OR ANY VIOLATION OF RANGE RULES, WILL BE FINAL.
6. A sheet with the Archery rules will be posted on the sign-up table.
7. Shot Distances: No shots shall be a distance less than three (3) yards. No shots shall be longer than 35 yards. Exception may be made by the Range Captain for situational matches.

### **Hawk & Knife:**

The NLRHF has adopted the NMLRA Rules and Regulations for the Hawk & Knife range. All participants MUST cover their edged weapons when not in use.

#### **Rules:**

1. The minimum of one full revolution of the tomahawk or knife is required.
2. The Range captain may establish a minimum throwing distance.
3. The tomahawk must be single edged and that single edge must be no greater than four (4) inches in length.
4. Knives must be traditional hunting style of the American frontier from the East coast to the Rocky Mountains with at least one edge sharpened for use back to the hilt.
5. Maximum width of the blade shall not exceed 2 ½ “.
6. Overall length of the knife shall not exceed 16”.
7. The length of the knife handle shall not exceed one third of the overall length of the knife.
8. The knife handle must be thicker than the blade and made of or covered with a natural material.
9. No taped handles.
10. Any traditional tomahawk or knife may be used.
11. Final determination of acceptability shall be at the discretion of the Range Captain.
12. All juniors and sub-juniors MUST have an adult with them when throwing tomahawks and/or knives.
13. NO intoxicated or disorderly person shall be allowed on the range at any time.
14. Three (3) practice throws only.
15. You must throw in target order, starting with the first block and going through to the last block, or you will be disqualified.

## **RIFLE:**

- Range officers have the Final say.
- Direct questions about the range or equipment to the range officers.
- Categories for men, women, juniors and sub-juniors.
- Juniors and sub-juniors must be supervised by an adult at the competitions.
- No smoking, alcohol or drugs on the range.
- No blowing down the barrel.
- No firearm shall be used if ruled unsafe by the Range officer.
- Firearms will be carried with muzzle up for safety.
- When ranges are closed, NO firearms will be handled.
- No loaded firearm shall be taken from the firing line.
- Load from Pouch and Horn.
- A separate powder measure will be used to load firearms.
- Matches are conducted using traditional style firearms.
- Extreme caution must be used when clearing misfires.
- Ramrods must be made from traditional materials readily available in the period 1740 – 1840.
- Round ball only.
- Shot and Wads used in specified matches.
- Black Powder or approved Black Powder substitute only.
- Front and rear sights must be open and fixed.
- The “sealing” of adjustable sights with substances such as wax, lead, or tape to render them “fixed” is permitted.
- Sites must be black, white, natural, or a metallic color.
- Safety glasses and hearing protection are strongly recommended.
- No sighting aids may be worn or added to eyeglasses.
- No “in-line” firearms.
- If the firearm malfunctions, you may leave the range, fix the firearm, and return to finish from where the firearm malfunctioned, with Range officer approval and directions.
- No competitor will change firearms during the firing of a match.

## **Standing Ranges:**

- Use one (1) Ramrod that fits ramrod pipes.
- Two falls of the hammer constitutes a shot. Clear firearm and go to the next shot.

## **Woods Walk Ranges:**

- ONE fall of the hammer constitutes a shot. Clear firearm and go to the next shot/station.



- If there are to be artillery matches, a person deemed qualified by the Chief range officer must be in charge of these events. The owner of the artillery must abide by NMLRA artillery rules as set down by the Foundation.
- Any duly registered participant or staff member, at any NRLHF sanctioned Rendezvous, may compete in any event and may claim any prize(s) won as a result of that competition with the following exception:
  - >If any participant and or staff member directly involved in an event, and where that involvement may provide an unfair advantage from knowledge of the scenario or situational plan for that event, then that participant may compete but shall HAVE NO SCORE and may not claim any prize(s) from that competition.
  
  - >In the case where there is a score not based on a scenario or situational plan, there is no advantage to anyone being allowed to compete.