## THE NEW SPORTSMAN CLUB Archery Range Safety Rules

## Anyone on the range may call a cease fire if an unsafe condition arises.

- Archers are not allowed on range while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- NEVER point a bow and arrow at anything you don't want to destroy.
- DO NOT shoot arrows with broad heads, NO broad heads allowed on range.
- The only safe place is behind the shooting line. Stay behind shooting line until range clear command is given.
- If archers will be shooting concurrently at varying distances, stagger the targets, not the people
- Do not approach the shooting line until the range has been cleared.
- Arrows should only be nocked on the shooting line and pointed in the direction of the targets.
- NEVER shoot an arrow straight up into the air. You can end up hitting another person or yourself.
- NEVER shoot an arrow off into the distance where you cannot see where it will land.
- NEVER shoot an arrow until you are positive that no one is in front of you or behind the targets. Conversely, don't stand in front of a bow while it is being shot, even if you are to one side of the shooter.
- Carefully follow the instructions given by the Range Captain or his designee.
- Wait for a verbal command from the Range Captain or his designee before nocking an arrow.
- Wait for a verbal command from the Range Captain or his designee before preparing to draw and shoot.
- After you are done shooting, wait for the word: CLEAR from the Range Captain or his designee before going toward the targets to retrieve your arrows.
- When retrieving arrows, bows MUST be left at the firing line. Arrows must not be nocked.

If any person or animal enters the safety zone while shooting is in progress, a cease fire signal must be given and all shooting must stop immediately. Even if the bow is held at full draw and the signal is given, the arrow must not be released. The bow should be pointed at the ground and the bowstring let slowly forward. The arrow should be removed from the bow until the range is clear.