

## Shooting Line Etiquette

It's important not to disturb those with whom you are shooting so talking on the shooting line or making comments is considered rude and inappropriate.

Calling another archer's arrows for them may seem like a good idea, but don't do it. Telling an archer that his arrow is at 3 o'clock when it's really at 9 o'clock could cause him to mis-set his sight and lose points.

Stepping off the shooting line while your neighbor is at full draw can be distracting and dangerous. If you accidentally bump him while he is executing a shot, you could find yourself being assigned to your own target at the end of the field. Instead, wait until your neighbor's shot is over, then step back to the waiting line. The reason for doing this is so the judges can determine how many archers are still shooting and when it is clear to give the signal to score your arrows.

When your last arrow is shot do not stand on the line spotting arrows through a scope or binoculars. The judges can't call the all clear signal until the shooting line is clear.

The object of most archery rules is to make the contest fair to all. It might give an archer an unfair advantage if a partner stands next to him while they finish shooting. Being the last archer shooting on the line can be nerve-wracking to some.