



IAU COMPETITION RULES FIELD CROSSBOW 2005

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Art. 332 SAFETY AND COURTESY

- 332.1 An arbalist **MAY ONLY SPAN THE CROSSBOW WHEN ON THE SHOOTING LINE** and after the signal to commence shooting an end has been given by the **DOS** or official in charge of shooting.
- 332.2 The act of placing (nocking) a bolt must only be performed with the crossbow directed at the ground (or floor) immediately in front of the shooting line in the direction of the arbalist's allocated target butt.
- Placing a bolt in an elevated crossbow is **NOT PERMITTED**. Arbalist who fail to observe this **SAFETY RULE** may be **DISQUALIFIED**.
- The arbalist concerned shall be cautioned by an **IJ**. An arbalist repeating this offence shall be **DISQUALIFIED** from the Competition (Art. 335.2).
- 332.2 If the spanned and loaded crossbow is lowered during the act of shooting an end the crossbow must not be turned aside from the direction of the arbalist's allocated target butt.
- 332.2.2 It is strongly recommended in the interests of **PERSONAL SAFETY** that the fingers of the hand which loads the bolt be kept straight and pointing away from the trigger latch, i.e. towards the front of the crossbow.
- 332.3 At the signal to stop shooting from the **DOS**, the crossbow must **IMMEDIATELY BE LOWERED**, the **BOLT REMOVED** and the **STRING LOWERED (UNLATCHED)**.



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- 332.4 If a defect occurs in the crossbow during the shooting of an end, the arbalist must **STOP SHOOTING IMMEDIATELY** and signal to a Judge in accordance with Art. 328.1.
- 332.5 **IT IS FORBIDDEN:**
- TO USE THE CROSSBOW IN AN UNSAFE CONDITION.**
 - To aim at people even though the crossbow is not spanned nor a bolt loaded.
 - To handle the crossbow carelessly on the Shooting Line
 - To shoot vertically. The spanned and loaded crossbow shall not be raised to an elevation higher than the top of the wind flag of the competitor's designated target.
 - To span a crossbow with other Competitors, spectators or officials in front of the Shooting Line.
 - To leave the Shooting Line with a spanned or loaded crossbow.
 - To place a spanned and/or loaded crossbow on the ground or floor.
 - To allow unsupervised persons not acquainted with these Safety Rules to handle the crossbow.



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- 332.6 **Courtesy:** Target crossbow shooting is a demanding sport requiring great concentration, therefore a competitor should:
- a. **NOT** talk in a loud voice when others are shooting.
 - b. **NOT** talk to another competitor who obviously prefers to remain silent.
 - c. **NOT** make any exclamation on the Shooting Line which may disconcert a fellow competitor in the act of taking a shot.
 - d. **NOT** walk up and down the Shooting or Waiting Line comparing scores.
 - e. **NOT** handle another competitor's equipment without permission
 - f. When calling scores do so commencing with the highest score first, i.e. 10, 9, 8.
- 332.7 At no time shall an arbalist advance to the target for any reason while others are shooting nor until the signal to advance has been given by the **DOS** or official in charge of shooting.
- 323.8 The smoking is prohibited all the time of Competition in space of waiting line and shooting line for every person bar none.