

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can become a member?

All Laguna Woods Village Residents are eligible to join. A non-Resident (18yrs or above) may join at the discretion of the club Board and only as a "Guest" of a current club member in good standing. Beginners and seasoned archers of all levels are welcomed.

What is the cost of membership?

The annual non-refundable club due is \$20 and valid from May 1st of the current year to April 30th of the following year. There is no proration.

What does membership include?

Members receive access to the Club's indoor archery Range after successfully completing a free Orientation course that is administered by the club. Members may use available Club bows and arrows for FREE. Members can use their own archery equipment with the exception of crossbows that are not allowed. The arrow tips are restricted to only Bullet/Field Tips. No other arrow tips allowed.

Does the Club have a Range where members can practice archery?

YES. The indoor range (20 yards maximum target distance) is located next to Fitness Center #1 within Clubhouse #1. The range hours are from 11am to 1pm every day except during GRF-recognized holidays.

What is the Orientation Course?

A qualified Instructor provides a brief introduction to basic archery techniques, safety rules of the range, and ensure the student practices archery in a safe and harmless manner. The mandatory Orientation Course is included in the annual membership dues.

When can I take the Orientation Course?

The Orientation Course, intended for new memberships, is by appointment only. Upon submitting a request via email and/or text, the club instructor will provide dates and times of availability. Pick up a Request Slip at the range or email anson2@hotmail.com and please include your phone number.

Must I join the Club to use the Range?

As of the date of this FAQ page, only resident club members and non-resident club members have legitimate access to the range during club range sessions. A person who is not a member of a Village archery club may not access the range during club range sessions. Access to the range when closed by either archery club is not permitted.

Can a Resident's Guest use the Range?

YES...if the Guest is a Village archery club member AND the Resident, who sponsored him/her, remains with the guest throughout the entire range session.

Is the Archery Range safe?

The Range will only open when there is a Range Manager on duty to supervise the archers and manage the active Range process; either whistle or verbal commands determine the actions of all participants.

Who is a Range Manager?

The Range Manager is a Club-trained member or a USAA/NFAA Certified Instructor who volunteers personal time to open and close the range, and ensure all archers operate in a safe and respectful manner. Each Village archery club has their own RMs.

Could the Range Schedule change?

Club members that serve as Range Managers volunteer their time to open the Range. The Range operates exclusively through their personal sacrifice; hence, range times may vary according to their availability.

Can any Club member become a Range Manager?

All members willing to devote time on a regular basis in operating the Range are welcome. The Club provides cost-free training by qualified Instructors who will make the final decision.

What is the benefit for a member to be a Range Manager?

By volunteering to be a Range Manager and committing time to the Range program on a regular basis, the RM receives access to the Range during closed hours; that means personal time to practice archery by oneself ONLY when there is another RM or a non-shooting adult present. There must always be two people in the range for safety reasons. The RM can also open the range to members on different days and times, if it does not interfere with prescheduled range use by another club. Additionally, the RM may secure personal archery equipment at the Range.

Do I need an Instructor Certification?

It depends on your archery goal. USAA and NFAA are national archery clubs that provide training, certification, and host competitions throughout the nation/globe. If you want to instruct others within USAA standards, the answer is YES. If you just want to compete in USAA sanctioned events, you only need USAA membership. The current cost for USAA membership alone is from \$35-\$70 per year depending on levels of membership.

Is there a cost for Instructor Certification?

YES. The student must first become a USAA Member (\$70 annual dues); successfully complete a training course specific to the USAA Certification Level of choice (\$45 material + Instructor Fee); pass a USAA background investigation (\$25); and pass a USAA Internet SafeSport course. The Instructor Certification must be renewed every three years. The Background Investigation must be renewed every two years. The SafeSport course must be retaken annually. Costs/fees may change according to USAA and NFAA.

Will Certification help improve my Archery skills?

Not necessarily. Certification only requires the student to complete a textbook course of study by a Certified Instructor and pass a written exam. There is no practicum nor skills test per se; Certification means the

instructor candidate received a general understanding of the principles of archery WITHOUT direct application. The Certified Instructor providing the course of study has not been skills-tested as well.... just textbook trained and passed a written test.

How can I improve my archery skills?

The range has many members that are skilled shooters who are not necessarily certified instructors. Often during an open range, members may provide suggestions on what could help accuracy if you're receptive to receiving unsolicited advice; it's part of the camaraderie and fellowship of our Club and sport. The Club has certified and non-certified Instructors that provide Coaching; however, Certification alone does not guarantee they are better shooters, as Certification comes from taking a written exam after receiving textbook instructions from another higher-level certified instructor. *It is best to check their shooting skills at the range to see if they are consistently accurate.* It is not any different with many other sports.

There are many YouTube instructional videos, USAA training videos, external Archery Ranges, etc. that provide instructional aids as well. There is no short cut to improving your archery skills than practice, practice, and practice, but practice good archery techniques instead of reinforcing bad habits.

How can I donate to the Club?

Simply provide a check or cash (of any amount) in a sealed envelope and hand to the Range Manager during an open LWAC Range session. You may remain anonymous and even earmark the money for a specific item. The cost of target blocks, Range maintenance, archery supplies, professional equipment repairs, etc. rely on membership dues alone. The Club appreciates all types of donations aside from money like used or new archery gear, targets, usable arrows, etc. because the Club does NOT receive any funding aside from membership dues.