



NFAA OUTDOOR FIELD, HUNTER, ANIMAL RANGE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

This guide is only meant to serve as a checklist for range certifications and is provided for your convenience. The official Range Inspection Form must be submitted via the online form found on nfaausa.com.



Club Name _____

Section 1: General Course Layout & Safety Requirements

		Yes	No
1	Distances used are those given in the current edition of the NFAA Bylaws. All distances are correct with tolerances as follows: 12 inches for 60+ yards, 6 inches for 30-59 yards, and 4 inches for less than 30 yards. Inspectors have checked any distance in question with a tape measure or other means. The club shall tape measure all targets from shooting position to target butts		
2	Shooting lanes are cleared so that the lightest bows can shoot an arrow to the target without being deflected.		
3	Any person, regardless of height, has a clear view of the full face of the target from the shooting stakes.		
4	If the target is not backstopped, 25 yards or one-half the target distance, whichever is greater, is cleared behind the bale. If backstopped, or ditched, then the area to such backstop is cleared so that arrows may easily be found.		
5	An area one-fourth the shooting distance is cleared in front of the bales		
6	Paths between targets are clearly marked and clear enough for easy walking with no obstruction, preferably so that archers can walk two abreast. If the inspector has any difficulty finding his/her way, this must be remedied. Paths should preferably be at the side of the shooting lane.		
7	Shooting stakes are marked with target numbers or a separate target number marker is present. Shooting stakes are marked with each distance and color uniformity exists: Field-White, Hunter-Red, Animal-Yellow, Cub-Black, Youth-Blue. It is preferred that each shooting stake is placed in such a way as to allow two archers to shoot at the same time on either side.		
8	No paths leaving targets go directly behind target butts.		
9	If target butt is situated so that any path, target, road or building is behind at any reasonable distance, then the target is provided with an adequate backstop.		
10	Practice area is placed so that no paths or roads pass a reasonable distance behind practice butts. Practice area is treated as a giant-sized target, and so cleared and backed.		
11	A minimum distance ranging from 25 feet to 50 feet, depending on terrain and target distance, is provided between any paths or shooting lanes paralleling another shooting lane. Any distance used must preserve absolute safety.		
12	Distance on either side of a target to be free from archer's ranges from 15 to 30 degrees from the shooting position (depending upon conditions and length of shot). (Example: For a 40-yard target; 120 feet, tangent 30 degrees, equals 120 X (0.57735) equals 68 feet clear distance on each side of the butt (about 23 yards). If 30 degrees is used, then the factor is always 0.57735.) Note: This does not mean all clear, but only that no shooting positions, waiting areas, etc., are located in this area. The entire buffer area must be on the range property even if the adjoining property is vacant.		
13	No target is situated on top of a hill where a miss becomes a flight arrow.		

14	If present, bow racks and other accessories are of a design and position so as to not create a hazard to equipment or personnel.		
15	A sign is present prior to entering the course that provides details of range rules, procedures, and emergency phone numbers.		
16	"Warning" or "Caution" signs are placed around the range boundary lines to deter people from crossing onto the property.		
17	Directional signs are placed at reasonable distances around the course with stated warnings to not walk through the course backwards.		
18	The course offers appropriate restroom facilities. It is most desirable that these restrooms should meet the minimum requirements provided by the laws of their state or townships. Such requirements can be obtained from the local county Board of Health. Note: Due to the condition of many of these facilities, city or county Board of Health affidavits should be required. A "Privy Law" is on the books of every state of the nation. Each city, county and township also have its own requirements and very often is stricter than the state's.		
19	In the opinion of the inspector, there are no safety hazards present on the course.		

Section 2: Target Butt Dimensions & Construction

		Yes	No
1	All target butts or their frames are stable so there is no danger of tipping. If such a chance exists, then they must be braced or anchored. They must be firmly attached to any supports or framing.		
2	Target butts do not leak arrows. They are made of material which in the eyes of the inspector would not be damaging to the arrows and yet provide suitable stoppage while allowing arrows to be withdrawn without much effort. Reinforcement material will not damage arrows. If at any time butts begin to allow pass-through arrows, the range representative acknowledges the condition must be corrected at once.		
3	Each butt is large enough to hold the needed target faces for the respective distance being shot.		

Section 3: Amenities

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Wi-Fi			Permanent Range		
Cellular Service			Handicap Accessible		
Adult League or Classes			Food & Beverage Available		
Youth League or Classes			Children's Playground		
24/7 Access for Members			Electricity		
Public Access			Running Water		
Equipment Storage			Other		