

*Conejo Valley Archers Inc.*  
Chartered by the National Field Archery Association



**Membership Application**

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

"I hereby apply for membership in Conejo Valley Archers Inc., fully aware of the privileges and responsibilities of such membership. I pledge to abide by the Conejo Valley Archers By-Laws and safety codes and to always conduct myself in the spirit of sportsmanship and honesty in all rules and regulations. I will participate in club activities and help make the club successful. I will promote goodwill among our members and will only propose those for membership I know to be worthy.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: Home: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(E-Mail address will only be used to deliver the club's newsletter & club event notices, and will not be given out)

Have you previously been a member of Conejo Valley Archers?      Yes       No

Family Membership, please list family members below. Birth date required for members less than 18 years of age, and full time students up to age 24. (Write additional names on back)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Types of memberships available:

\_\_\_\_\_ Single Membership (18+) - \$130.00 per year      \_\_\_\_\_ Single Golden Ager (65+) - \$65.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership - \$160.00 per year      \_\_\_\_\_ Family Golden Ager (65+) - \$75.00  
(includes spouses and children up to 18 yrs. old)

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Time College - Student Membership (18-24yrs) - \$50.00 per year (must show registration)

Membership Fees	Rate	Optional Expenses	Rate	Qty	Total
Initial Fees	\$ 10.00	T-shirt	\$ 10.00		
Key Deposit	\$ 5.00	Donations			
CVA Dues (Pro-Rated*)		Total Optional Expenses	----->		
*If necessary		Total Membership Fees	----->		
<b>Total Membership Fees</b>	\$	<b>Total Due</b>	----->		

**TOTAL DUE: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL PAID: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE PAID:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ or Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Safety Seminar Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Key given: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Please submit one per archer\*\*\*

**Waiver/Release**  
**ARCHERY CLUB WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**  
**READ BEFORE SIGNING**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in *CONEJO VALLEY ARCHERS INC.* events and activities, the undersigned acknowledge, appreciates, and agrees that:

- 1) The risk of injury from archery and other known and unknown events and activities and/or the use of the related buildings, structures, equipment, automobiles, firearms, weapons, ATV's, boats, tree stands, roads, bodies of water, land and all other real and personal property whether owned by archery club or others is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
- 2) I acknowledge and agree that the use of archery equipment, firearms and other weapons by myself or others on club premises or otherwise are inherently dangerous and high risk activities whether such archery equipment, firearms or weapons are discharged by myself or others; and
- 3) I KNOWINGLY AND **FREELY** ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES** or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
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- 5) I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, **HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS *CONEJO VALLEY ARCHERS INC.***, its officers, directors, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, members, guests, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of real property and personal property used to conduct the events and activities ("RELEASEES"), **WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.**

**I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.**

Participant' Name (Pease Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature

**FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF PARTICIPATION)**

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these events and activities and/or the use of related real and personal property as provided above, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE.**

Parent/Guardian Name (Pease Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Age : \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature; \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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# CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail #1 (Quiver will be sent here): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#1 \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail #2 (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #2 \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of this questionnaire is to make better use of the individual talents and experiences of our club members, as well as acquaint members with some of the opportunities, responsibilities and volunteer duties that need to be filled in order to have a successful club. Our club members keep our club strong and our range in clean, working order.

How did you get connected to the club? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My occupation/business owned is: \_\_\_\_\_

My hobbies/interests are: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional talents that I have are: (such as painting, public speaking, writing, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me for further information about the following positions as a lead or assistant:

Lead/Assist

- \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Range Captain (coordinates and runs volunteer work parties)
- \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Food Chair (coordinates purchasing and distribution of food at events)
- \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Club Tournament Chair (keeps records of club shoot scores, handicaps, etc.)
- \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Tournament Chairs (organizes one of our club tournaments)
- \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Publicity/Newsletter Editor (creates monthly newsletter and club publicity)
- \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Membership Chair (coordinates membership drives, Open House)
- \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Trophy Chair (provides trophies for special events)
- \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Target Chair (provides targets for club shoots and special events)
- \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Registration (collecting fees and scores at club events)
- \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Beautification Parties (varied ground maintenance – light to heavy duties)
- \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Event volunteer (anything from parking assistant to kitchen duty) varied time amounts
- \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Fundraising (raffles, corporate sponsors)
- \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Website
- \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Grant Writing
- \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Event Photographer

You are the strength of our club. Please participate as much as possible. All members are asked to volunteer at least 2 hours a month to the club in some form. We will try to match your time/talents and availability to club needs. Remember we are a 501(c)(3) organization and your volunteer time may be matched by your employer. Check with your HR department! (Amgen and Baxter are matching employers!)  
Thank You!

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# *Conejo Valley Archers*



## Welcome

Congratulations on choosing to become a member of Conejo Valley Archers. We are very proud of our club, and hope that you will make many friendships as well as find fun and relaxation during your membership.

With your initial membership in our club, you will need to attend two General Membership Meetings and be a member for at least ninety (90) days before the Board will be able to vote you in for a full membership. After acceptance by the Board, you will then be officially sworn in as a new member at the next meeting you attend. You have full range privileges from your first meeting and with the completion of your safety seminar and are considered on probation during that time.

A club can only be as strong as its membership, so in this respect we ask that you give your utmost cooperation to club officers, board members, and committee chairpersons. Please help in any way that you can. Don't wait to be asked. The club maintenance and improvements depend entirely on member volunteers who want to have a better facility to enjoy.

At Conejo Valley Archers, love for the sport of archery is one thing that we all have in common. We strive to create an atmosphere of camaraderie and support. If problems should arise, please take them to the committee chairperson or another person in charge. If you do not feel that your problems have been solved to your satisfaction, please bring it to any board member. We are here to serve the good of the club and its members.

Always remember to conduct yourself in a mature and courteous manner. Don't be afraid to introduce yourself to anyone on the range. For your maximum enjoyment in our club, try to get to know as many of your fellow archers as possible and participate in events.

*Most importantly, have a good time, enjoy our sport, and don't be afraid to make suggestions and express your ideas to help make our Club the best that it can possibly be.*

## General Information

- 1) Prospective members attend the monthly General Membership Meeting where they are introduced to the club and are asked to speak about their archery interests. After the meeting you will be taken on your Safety Seminar of the range. You will then be given your gate key and membership card. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting you attend, your name is presented to the Board for approval and at the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting you attend you will be eligible to be sworn in as a full member of the Conejo Valley Archers. You hold all privileges from the first meeting you attend but are considered on probation until your third meeting.
- 2) Safety seminars are held at the end of every monthly General Membership Meeting or by appointment. Your key is your responsibility and you will be charged \$5.00 for lost keys. Do not loan your key to non-members. For the safety and security of the club and its members, always lock the gate at the entrance to the range immediately upon coming in and going out, except during JOAD sessions and range events. The main park gate should be left as is.
- 3) General Association Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 11:30am (NO time change for daylight savings time). Please attend. Check website for updates.
- 4) Club Shoots are also held on the 4th Sunday of each month, beginning at approximately 7-7:30 a.m., with a break for our monthly general meeting. No shooting is allowed during the general meeting and all members are encouraged to attend.
- 5) Executive Board meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. If you have items you would like to have the board address contact the club president at least one week before the meeting if possible.
- 6) Regularly scheduled work parties are not required but everyone is expected to help out in some capacity. You can help by becoming a Board Member, holding a Chair position, attending one of our 'Range Beautification Days, or assisting with one of our invitational tournaments. If you have a special skill (woodworking, electrical, etc.) that would be of value to the club we ask that you help by doing so. There are lots of ways one can assist us in helping to make the club better. We ask for 2 hours a month from members.
- 7) Our monthly newsletter, The Conejo Quiver, is a great source of news about our club and archery events throughout the state and local areas. Submissions to the Quiver must be made by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, or the 15th of the month to be considered for publication. (Whichever is earlier) The editor has final say on all items.
- 8) There are also other clubs in the area that conduct various types of tournaments. These clubs are dependent upon our help and support. Please consider attending these club functions if you can. Information on these tournaments can be found in the Quiver.
- 9) You are allowed to bring a guest to the field range to shoot three (3) times in a club year (October 1st to September 30th). As a courtesy and to encourage membership growth, the club does not charge guest fees for open shooting on the field range the first time that a guest comes to the range. There is no guest fee or limit for non-shooting guests. You are responsible for collecting guest fees and waivers from all persons that you bring to the range. Our guest fee is \$3.00, unless attending a monthly club shoot and then the fee is \$5.00. All guests walking on the field range must sign waivers whether they are shooting or not. Place guest fees and waivers in the lockbox located at the kitchen bin kiosk.
- 10) To learn even more about archery, it may be to your advantage to join the National Field Archery Association (NFAA), the California Bowmen Hunters and State Archery Association (CBH/SAA) or USA Archery (USAA). These organizations promote the sport of archery through legislation and training. Most of these organizations offer various magazines and newsletters, as well as put on tournaments. You will receive discounts at many shoots that will more than offset the cost of your membership, as well as special group insurance. Membership may be required for certain tournaments. See our links pages for all website connections.

## **General Restrictions and Agreements**

Our range is located on Ventura County park land, even though it is ours to use as a private archery range. The range is not open to the public, but to members and their guests only. Consequently, there are some important do's and don'ts that we must all follow. Failure to follow these rules can jeopardize our lease!

- 1) NO HUNTING ANYWHERE ON RANGE!!
- 2) No broad-heads or blunts shot on range, except in specially marked broad-head lane/areas.
- 3) No overnight camping or open campfires on the range except by permit/permission.
- 4) No shooting of firearms or crossbows allowed on the range.
- 5) No dogs allowed on the range at any time!
- 6) No one except club members shall be allowed to have a key to the gate, and each member is responsible to see that the gate is securely closed and locked upon entering and exiting the range.
- 7) No wandering off of the range onto adjacent property is allowed. Our lease of the park property is restricted to the range area only.
- 8) Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited before or during any shooting activity on the practice and shooting ranges, and is only permitted after a club member or guest has finished shooting for the day. No glass bottles are allowed except in the picnic area.
- 9) The Conejo Valley Archers club officers, representatives, and members shall not be liable for the actions or behavior committed by club members or guests under the influence of alcohol while on club premises.
- 10) No smoking or use of vapor units on the range except in designated areas. Areas with red "Butt Cans" are considered designated areas. Please use these cans.
- 11) No controlled and/or illegal substances shall be used or possessed on the range at any time.

Any violations of the above restrictions can be grounds for dismissal from the club.

## **Shooting Safety Rules**

- 1) When looking for lost arrows on any of the range areas either place a bow in front of the target butt or have someone stand in front of the bales. Be sure that you do not stray behind an adjoining target lane. Children are not allowed behind the bales.
- 2) If there is a Range Captain running lines, follow all safety whistle directions.
- 3) Never shoot an arrow so that you cannot see where it will land, and never shoot an arrow straight up into the air. No sky drawing!
- 4) The roving range is to be shot in a counter clock-wise direction. Never backtrack on the range.
- 5) Never shoot a broken or damaged arrow. Be sure to check the condition of your equipment regularly.
- 6) Never attempt to show your skill by shooting at a person, or by permitting another person to hold an object that you are going to shoot at.
- 7) Never touch another person's bow, or draw another person's bow, without permission.
- 8) Remember, a bow and arrow when properly used can be a lot of fun, but can be dangerous when used irresponsibly. Protect our sport by being careful and safe, when you shoot.



## Tournament Shooting Etiquette and Rules

1. Keep the noise level down when others are shooting near you.
2. Do not whisper while someone is shooting.
3. Always load an arrow onto your bow string while holding the bow in a vertical position. Be sure that a loaded arrow always points downrange towards the target butt.
4. Stay behind shooting positions while others are shooting.
5. Always shoot from the longest shooting distance first when on a walk-up style lane.
  
6. Do not touch the target or any arrows until all arrows are scored.
7. Always shoot with a minimum of three (3) people in a group.
8. Bounce-in shots do not count for score except during tournaments with a specialty shot.
9. Witnessed pass-throughs are to be re-shot.
10. Interference in the flight of an arrow by brush, tree limbs, etc. will be re-shot with a marked arrow.
11. In the event of a mechanical breakdown (i.e. equipment failure), a shooter will have 45 minutes to make the needed repairs to their equipment. Four (4) arrows may be shot for practice before resuming their round. Targets missed during repair time will be made up at the conclusion of shooting under the supervision of tournament officials.
12. No coaching is allowed during any tournament.

### Target Scoring

**Field Targets** (white-faced targets) - Four arrows to be shot from white stakes. Arrow has to touch line to count for higher score. Score five (5) points for center black area, four (4) points for center white rings, and three (3) points for outer black rings.

**Hunter Targets** (black-faced targets) - Four arrows to be shot from red stakes. Arrow has to break line to count for higher score, Score five (5) points for center white area, four (4) points for center ring, and three (3) points for outer ring.

**Animal Targets** - Minimum of one (1) arrow shot per target, with a maximum of three (3) arrows, to be shot from yellow stakes. Arrows must be marked prior to shooting (i.e. 1, 2, and 3). Only one arrow shall score and arrow must cut completely through a line to score higher value. If your first arrow scores than you are through shooting for that target. If you miss, you will move to next shooting stake and shoot arrow #2, and so on. First arrow scores 20 points for a kill and 18 points for a wound. Second arrow scores 16 points for a kill and 14 points for a wound. Third arrow scores 12 points for a kill and 10 points for a wound.

**Young Adults** (15 thru 17 years old) shoot from the adult stakes; **Youth** (12 thru 14 years old) shoot from the light blue stakes when the adult stakes are more than 50 yards. **Cubs** (11 years old and under) shoot from the black stakes.

**FITA Targets** – Score 1 through 10 points from the outer white concentric circles through to the center gold. Tie breakers will be determined by gold X shots





## **Shooting Styles For Competition**

**Freestyle Unlimited** - allows for use of virtually all types and styles of equipment and aids, including mechanical releases, movable sights, scopes, long stabilizers, etc.

**Freestyle Limited** - same as Freestyle (Unlimited) above, except that mechanical releases are not allowed.

**Barebow** - No sighting devices or mechanical releases allowed. String walking (or multiple anchor points) is allowed.

**Bowhunter Freestyle Unlimited** - must use fixed pin sights that cannot be adjusted during a tournament. Length of stabilizer limited to 12" maximum. Mechanical releases are permitted.

**Bowhunter Freestyle Limited** - Same as Bowhunter Freestyle (Unlimited) above except that mechanical releases are not permitted. Fingers may be protected by gloves or finger tabs.

**Bowhunter** - No sights or mechanical releases. Length of stabilizer limited to 12" long. Must use a single anchor point and string walking is not allowed.

**Traditional Bowhunter** - recurve, long bows, and self-bows only. No sights, stabilizers, mechanical releases allowed. Single anchor point only.

If you are not sure what style you fall under just ask.

## **CVA Club Tournament Information/Scoring**

Club Shoots are held on the fourth Sunday of each month. All shooting shall stop for our monthly General Meeting. Year-End Awards include: The Club Champion Perpetual Trophy is given to the member with the highest aggregate scratch score for the year. The Club Champion belt buckle is given to the member with the highest total of five handicap scores in Traditional and Freestyle forms. The Fred Leven Memorial Award is given to the Golden Ager (age 63 and above) with the highest total of three handicap scores. The President's Award is given to the member making the greatest contribution to the club for the year, and Range Record Trophies are awarded for each style and division (highest scratch score).

### **Handicap Scoring**

For the purpose of CVA club competition, you will receive an unofficial handicap score to help even everyone out. Our October "Fun Shoot" does not apply to your handicap. Scoring for the new year will start over again fresh from the first club shoot held every November. Your handicap will be applied to the third score that you shoot during the club year. Assuming you compete in each club shoot, you would receive a handicap at the completion of the third shoot in January. Your handicap is determined by taking the average of your three scores and subtracting it from 80% of a perfect score, which is 560. That handicap is then added to your third score. Your handicap is then recalculated each month you shoot. As an example, if your three scores add up to 1200. Your average for the three would be 400. Your handicap would be the difference between 400 and 560, multiplied by the factor .8 (80%), which is 80% of 160, or 128. Your handicap score would therefore be 528.

If you are a NFAA member you will receive a Handicap Card with your membership. By shooting approved Qualifying Rounds such as we shoot each month at our Club Shoots, you can record scores that will allow you to shoot in tournaments against equal competition in "A", "B" and "C" classes. Without a handicap card (or enough qualifying scores) you will be required to shoot in "A" classes or Guest Classes.

To establish a handicap you must have a minimum of two scores recorded on your card within a period of one year. To get your scores you will need to shoot a 28 target Field Round, a 28 target Hunter Round, or a combination of 14 Field and 14 Hunter targets at an official tournament. The club tournament chairman will record these scores on your card.

If you have questions regarding scoring or handicapping, please see the club tournament chairman.



## **Club Activities**

All club activities are done to support the club and its members

Monthly Club Shoots – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month running from October to September

300 Rounds – held every Saturday during the Public Sessions starting at approximately 10 am.

Monthly General Meetings are held the 4th Sunday of each month immediately following the club shoots. All members of the club should come and participate and approve decisions that affect the organization of the club.

Executive Board Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. If you have items you would like to have the board address contact the club president at least one week before the meeting if possible.

Fun Shoot – October - includes the year-end awards ceremony, BBQ and installation of new club officers

Invitational Tournaments are held during the year at our range. Club members are allowed to shoot in these invitational shoots if they also help to prepare and clean-up for these events.

Range Beautification Days are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of even months.

Tournament Preparation Day is held the day before one of our invitational tournaments. Help is needed is setting up targets on the range and prepping the kitchen and stage areas. Emails are sent out to notify everyone when needed.

Target Pasting Parties are usually held at one of our member's home and are announced through emails to all members.

Open House is an annual publicity drive for the club to inform the general public of our presence, our sport, and what we have to offer. We ask that all members participate.

Open Public Sessions are held every Saturday on the J.O.A.D. range from 9 am -1 pm, rain or shine. Range fee donation is \$5/person for non-members or \$15/family. Check our website for closures.

Private Parties – Available to members or public. Arrangements must be made in advance with the Private Party Organizer.

J.O.A.D. BBQ – Occasional party events open to the public and our members. All meat served has been forested by club members for people to experience the taste of fresh game and introduce them to the sport of hunting with a bow.

J.O.A.D./Adult Pin Programs – See following details attached

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## Junior Olympic Archery Development Membership Application

J.O.A.D membership allows participation of the junior member listed below (ages 8-20) in the J.O.A.D. Achievement Pin Program. This is not a membership in the Conejo Valley Archers Inc. club. Permits range access only for J.O.A.D. sponsored events with no gate key access. Saturday range fee is still required for non CVA members. Pin fees are not included. Also includes the monthly CVA club e-mailed newsletter. Custodial signature required for participation. This program also requires a US Archery membership that must be completed on their website.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my permission for my child to participate in the J.O.A.D pin program and will support my child and the program.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a CVA member? \_\_\_\_\_ Please attach an updated waiver to this application \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fees	Rate	Optional Expenses	Rate	Qty	Total
Dues (valid for 1 year from date of signup)	\$ 10.00	T-shirt xs s m l xl	\$ 10.00		
		Donations			
		<b>Total Optional Expenses</b>	----->		
		<b>Total Membership Fee</b>	----->		\$10.00
		<b>Total Due</b>	----->		

**TOTAL DUE: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL PAID: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Paid Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please remember to also get your USA Archery membership online to complete you registration for this program!

\*\*\*Please submit one per member\*\*\*

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**LIABILITY READ BEFORE SIGNING**

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Participant' Name (Pease Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF PARTICIPATION)**

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these events and activities and/or the use of related real and personal property as provided above, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE.**

Parent/Guardian Name (Pease Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature; \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

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## **The J.O.A.D. Program**

*Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) is a program of USA Archery that teaches archery to young people, provides great opportunities for awarding achievement, and helps archers to enjoy the sport recreationally or progress to the excitement of competition! JOAD programs like our Saturday Public sessions offers archers the opportunity to learn range safety and proper shooting technique in an environment that also fosters focus, increased self-confidence, and team building skills. We teach the fundamentals of proper shooting form and as the archer develops, they will learn more advanced techniques.*

### **What does a JOAD Membership do for me?**

A JOAD membership is open to any youth archer aged 8 to 20. Membership allows you to participate in the JOAD Pin Achievement Program (see info below) and also gives you the opportunity to participate in USA Archery sanctioned JOAD tournaments.

#### Tournaments

Both recurve and compound bows are used in club activities and in tournaments. JOAD archers who use a compound bow can train to compete in local and regional tournaments, and can earn a seat on a youth world team to compete in other countries representing the United States on behalf of USA Archery. Recurve archers can compete likewise, with the added benefit of being able to use their recurve bow to try out for a spot on the US Olympic Archery team which is selected and managed by USA Archery.

#### JOAD Pin Achievement Program

A JOAD Membership also allows you to participate in the Pin Achievement Program. JOAD Star Pins are awarded for scoring achievements. JOAD archers can earn Stars Pins for shooting indoors and/or outdoors with recurve and/or compound bows. Each Star Pin is a different color, and each has a successive number of stars on it to represent the increasing challenge in earning that particular award pin. In order to allow the greatest flexibility in terms of indoors/outdoors, recurve or compound, each pin can be earned in a variety of ways.

In addition to Star Pins, JOAD archers can earn the official "6-Gold" pin when they shoot six 10's in a row, either in a single 6 arrow end, or in two consecutive 3-arrow ends. JOAD Archers can earn advanced levels of recognition with the Olympian Award Levels - Bronze, Silver and Gold. An archer reaching these levels is honored with special recognition from USA Archery.

#### JOAD Mail-In Tournaments

Traditionally one of the most fun and least expensive tournaments of the year, the JOAD Mail-In Tournament Series, offers new and experienced youth and adult archers the opportunity to participate in a national competition without ever leaving their home archery range, and at a very low cost. Students in JOAD programs are encouraged to participate. Archers may also combine to enter a team score for a small additional fee, and join the exciting team competition. This tournament runs year-round.

Through these events, archers of all ages and experience levels are able to experience the fun and excitement of a national tournament, see where they would rank in a national competition, and learn valuable team building and goal-setting skills.

All registration fees received from the JOAD Mail-In Tournament Series will be donated to USA Archery to be used for the support of JOAD Programs nationwide. For more information on this program talk to any of the JOAD coaches or go to the USA Archery website.

**JOAD membership is not a membership in the Conejo Valley Archers Club Inc., and does not allow for any gate access with a key. Saturday Public Sessions fees are still required to use the range to support equipment and range maintenance costs unless you are a CVA member.**

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## Adult Archery Program Membership Application

Adult Archery Program membership allows participation of the adult member listed below (over age 20) in the Adult Archery Achievement Pin Program. This is not a membership in the Conejo Valley Archers Inc. club. This permits range access only for Adult Archery Program sponsored events with no gate key access. Saturday range fee is still required for non CVA members. Pin fees are not included. This also includes the monthly CVA club e-mailed newsletter. A US Archery membership is also required to participate in the program and can be completed on their website.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a CVA member? \_\_\_\_\_ Please attach an updated waiver \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fees	Rate	Optional Expenses	Rate	Qty	Total
Dues	\$ 10.00	T-shirt xs s m l xl	\$ 10.00		
		Donations			
		<b>Total Optional Expenses</b>			
		<b>Total Membership Fee</b>			
		<b>Total Due</b>			

**TOTAL DUE: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL PAID: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Paid Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please remember to also complete your USA Archery membership online to complete you registration for this program!



\*\*\*Please submit one per archer\*\*\*

## Waiver/Release

### ARCHERY CLUB WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

#### READ BEFORE SIGNING

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in *CONEJO VALLEY ARCHERS INC.* events and activities, the undersigned acknowledge, appreciates, and agrees that:

- 6) The risk of injury from archery and other known and unknown events and activities and/or the use of the related buildings, structures, equipment, automobiles, firearms, weapons, ATV's, boats, tree stands, roads, bodies of water, land and all other real and personal property whether owned by archery club or others is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
- 7) I acknowledge and agree that the use of archery equipment, firearms and other weapons by myself or others on club premises or otherwise are inherently dangerous and high risk activities whether such archery equipment, firearms or weapons are discharged by myself or others; and
- 8) I KNOWINGLY AND **FREELY** ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE** OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
- 9) I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
- 10) I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, **HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS *CONEJO VALLEY ARCHERS INC.***, its officers, directors, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, members, guests, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of real property and personal property used to conduct the events and activities ("RELEASEES"), **WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.**

**I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.**

Participant' Name (Pease Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF PARTICIPATION)**

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these events and activities and/or the use of related real and personal property as provided above, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE.**

Parent/Guardian Name (Pease Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature; \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed Waiver/Release forms should be kept on file by the club for at least 7 years and indefinitely in the event of a significant injury to a particular participant.  
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# Adult Archery Program

**The Adult Archery Program is a program of USA Archery that allows adults to learn proper shooting technique, achieve awards based on score, and pursue competition if they wish, during a series of classes taught by a certified coach or instructor.**

Similar in scope to USA Archery's Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) program, the Adult Archery Program is a logical "next step" for adult archers pursuing this lifetime sport. In addition to receiving clear instruction and coaching via our National Training System, membership in the program provides unique benefits to adults, including the opportunity to make new friends, a great upper-body workout, and the chance to build self-confidence, and learn team-building skills. Through our system of rewarding excellence, students have the opportunity to earn awards for their scores, which become progressively more challenging to achieve as the archer's skill level increases.

Archers using recurve, compound and traditional bows, as well as Para-archers, are welcome to join the Adult Archery Program, and competitive divisions are offered for each. Archers and Para-archers who use a recurve or compound bow can pursue competition in local, regional and USA Archery national events, and can also participate in the organization's USAT Qualifier Series in hopes of earning a spot on the United States Archery Team (USAT) or Para-USAT. Compound and recurve shooters can also work toward qualifying for a World Cup, Pan Am Games or World Championship team; recurve archers have the added benefit of using their bow to participate in the Olympic Team Trials, which is also facilitated by USA Archery. Whether your interest in archery is purely recreational, or an Olympic, Paralympic or World Championship dream, USA Archery's Adult Archery Program is designed to help you pursue all that archery has to offer.

## **When do I participate?**

We run our Adult Archery Program every Saturday during our Open Public Sessions from 9 am – 1 pm. Membership in the club is not required and a CVA membership does not qualify you for the program. It is a program within itself that we manage through the club, which is supported by US Archery.

## **What does it cost?**

A one year membership is only \$10. Your membership starts from the date that you sign up. The fee helps to cover additional costs for the program. There is a small charge for your lanyard and each pin that you achieve. All range fees still apply if a non-member. You also need to become a member of USA Archery as they are the supporting group for the program. See their website info below.

## **How do I get started?**

Just talk to any of the coaches during the Open Public Sessions and they will direct you how to get started!



## Coaching Policy at Conejo Valley Archers Inc.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Conejo Valley Archers (CVA) Coaching Policy is to define and regulate coaching on CVA premises. These policies have been developed to promote a safe archery environment, comply with all laws/lease obligations, and promote archery in line with the CVA mission statement.

### **Conejo Valley Archers Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Conejo Valley Archers is to foster the growth of the sport of archery by maintaining a facility for family oriented events, and by promoting skill and sportsmanship through educational outreach, for all ages and abilities.

### **Definitions:**

**Coaching:** A teaching, training or development process via which an individual is supported while achieving a specific personal or professional result or goal.

**Group Lesson:** A teaching session in which three (3) *or more* pupils work with one or more archery coaches.

**Guest:** A guest is a non-member who is accompanied by a member of CVA.

**Individual Lesson:** A teaching session in which two (2) *or less* pupils works with a single archery coach.

**JOAD:** Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) is a program of USA Archery that teaches archery to young people.

**Member:** A member of the CVA Club. This includes all CVA membership types.

**Non-Member:** A person on the range who is not a member of the CVA club.

**Public Open Sessions:** Saturday sessions when the CVA JOAD range is open for public instruction and participation in archery.

**Senior Coach:** A USA Archery Certified Level 3 or higher coach that volunteers during CVA's Public Archery Sessions.

**Section 1:** Anyone who coaches at CVA must be approved by the board of directors. A completed Request to Coach Form must be submitted to the Board for approval along with any necessary waivers or information requested. The board of directors may grant or remove the rights of a coach at any time. The Board of Directors' approval is granted in one (1) year timeframes. Renewal of an approval is required September 1 each year. Individuals coaching junior members shall have a signed medical release on their person at all times if a parent/guardian is not present. Instructors under 18 years of age cannot instruct on the range except while under the supervision of senior coach.

**Section 2:** Member coaches must ensure that all invited coaches and/or nonmembers follow all rules as set by the By Laws of the Conejo Valley Archers Club. All coaches should promote good sportsmanship

**Section 3:** Individual Lessons – with approval as stated in Section 1

Coaches conducting individual lessons are required to hold a USA Archery Level 2 or higher certification, or equivalent in experience.

**A. Members teaching members:** Members are encouraged to teach other members. Financial compensation for coaching fellow members is discouraged. The CVA member coach is responsible for informing the board of directors that the coach is giving lessons via a Request to Coach Form.

**B. Members teaching non-members:** Same as A. above and including: Financial compensation amounts for CVA range use and dispersal thereof will be determined by the board of directors. Coaches are responsible for providing the use fee and waiver form from the non-member and to turn it in at the guest kiosks at the range.

**C. Non-members teaching members:** Non-member coaches may be invited by a CVA member to teach. The CVA member is responsible for informing the board of directors that the coach is giving lessons with a Request to Coach Form with waiver form attached. Requirements are the same as B. above and including:

The CVA member is responsible for providing or obtaining a waiver form and collecting the use fee from the non-member coach to be turned into the guest kiosk at the range.

**D. Non-members teaching non-members.** Same as C. above and including:

The coach and student must be accompanied by a CVA member in good standing while present on the range.

**Section 4:** Group Lessons – When approved as stated in Section 1

Coaches leading group lessons are required to hold a USA Archery Level 3 or higher certification or equivalent in experience. All member/non-member category requirements as described in Section 3 are applicable.

Financial compensation amounts for CVA range use and dispersal thereof will be determined by the Board of Directors when the agreement for the lesson is approved.

**Section 5:** Public Archery Sessions

CVA opens the JOAD range for Public Archery Sessions each Saturday morning for the purpose of introducing the general public to the sport of archery in a safe, controlled manner. These sessions provide new archers instruction on proper shooting technique and range safety.

**Public Session Coaching:** Coaches conducting Public Archery Sessions are volunteers and are not paid for their services during Saturday sessions. To instruct during the Saturday Public Session, a minimum of a USA Archery Level 1 Certification is required along with a completed Safe Sport Program certification. No board approval is needed.

## Archery Links

There are many other organizations that we can recommend that a membership would be beneficial to you and our sport. The following organizations all support archery through programs, tournaments, training and or legislation that help make it possible for us to continue to shoot safely and to support laws that allow us to enjoy our sport. Please check them out!

### **National Field Archery Association (NFAA)**

Our club is chartered by the NFAA as are many clubs across the nation. The NFAA is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the sport of archery. The NFAA was founded in 1939, and now consists of fifty chartered state associations and more than 1,100 affiliated clubs. It is a member of the International Field Archery Association and a national allied organization of the National Archery Association (NAA).

The NFAA is dedicated to the conservation and preservation of game and its natural habitat. The organization is very active in cooperating with federal and state agencies and sportsmen and conservation organizations. It is resolved to foster, perpetuate and preserve "the use of the bow in accordance with its ancient and honorable traditions."

The NFAA hosts National Championships, Sectional Indoor and Outdoor Championships and sanctions State level tournaments and thousands of club shoots. Popular league programs and mail matches are also sanctioned by the NFAA.

The NFAA operates a liability insurance program for affiliated clubs, state associations and pro shoots. Members receive four issues of its magazine, Archery. The NFAA Certified Instructor Program as well as shooting and equipment clinics and shooters schools are accessible in all 50 states. Many awards for skills, service and membership may be earned by meeting benchmarks.

NFAA members may compete at USAA National and Regional events and USAA members may compete at NFAA National and Sectional events.

Visit their website at <http://www.nfaa-archery.org/about/info.cfm>

### **California Bowmen Hunters and State Archery Association (CBH/SAA)**

This organization is dedicated to promoting and protecting archery and bow hunting rights in California. This statewide non-profit organization, speaks for California archers and bow hunters in matters concerning legislation and regulation since 1943. It encourages and promotes target, field and 3D archery through local, regional, state and national tournaments.

It supports the California Archery Foundation which provides for the historical preservation of the sport establishing The California Archery Museum. It offers multiple scholarships to individuals and clubs for instructor and hunter safety training, youth outdoor camps and equipment. Since 1962 the CBH/SAA Big Game Club has recorded and maintained accurate records of California big game and small game bow hunting trophies.

Visit their website at <http://www.cbhsaa.net/>

### **Southern California Archery Association (SCAA)**

**NFAA** - National Field Archery Association is the organization at the national level. Our club is a NFAA certified club.

**CBH/SAA** - California Bowman Hunters/ State Archery Association is the organization at the state level.

**SCAA** - Southern California Archery Association is one of several regional organizations at the local level.

The Southern California Archery Association is one of several local regions in California, Region CA63, acting as a liaison between archers within the organization. The NFAA is the national organization and the CBH is the state organization affiliated with the NFAA. Every archer in California has an opportunity to be heard at the state and national levels through the local associations. Discussions at the local, state and national level include shooting rules, archery equipment, bow hunting regulations, tournaments, record keeping, club charters and safety. Every year representatives from all the local regions meet to discuss and vote on what becomes the state and national shooting and tournament rules.

In the Southern California area you become a member of the SCAA when you join a club in this region. Clubs within the SCAA include Conejo Valley Archers, DC Archery, Pasadena Roving Archers, Santa Ynez Valley Bow Club, South Bay Archers, TLC Archery, Traditional Bowhunters and Verdugo Hills Archers.

Every archer is encouraged to join the NFAA and CBH/SAA organizations. All archers are welcome and every style of archery is supported. Whether you prefer a traditional bow, a compound high-tech bow, and everything in between you are welcome. Hunters, non-hunters, paper target aficionados, adults, youths and children are representative of the organizations members.

### **USA Archery (formerly NAA)**

USA Archery is the National Governing Body for the lifetime sport of target archery, serving all age levels and abilities. Membership is required for tournament competition and access to coach insurance coverage. They support youth archery through their Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) and Archers with Disabilities Programs, which include the Indoor, Outdoor, Field, JOAD, National and World Events. They support club, state and regional tournaments and of course the Olympic, Pan American and Para Olympic teams of the United States Archery Team. They provide for educational programs for coaches, judges and archers including the Safe Sport program which helps raise awareness about misconduct in sport, promote open dialogue, and provide training and resources.

National Development opportunities include the Junior Dream Team and Resident Athlete Programs. USA Archery members enjoy a host of membership benefits, including the ability to compete in sanctioned events, the opportunity to gain a national ranking, insurance benefits, and newsletters. USAA supports our CVA J.O.A.D. Programs.

Visit their website at <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Archery>

### **California Department of Fish and Wildlife**

The Mission of the Department of Fish and Wildlife is to manage California's diverse fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and for their use and enjoyment by the public. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (formerly "Department of Fish and Game") maintains native fish, wildlife, plant species and natural communities for their intrinsic and ecological value and their benefits to people. This includes habitat protection and maintenance in a sufficient amount and quality to ensure the survival of all species and natural communities. The department is also responsible for the diversified use of fish and wildlife including recreational, commercial, scientific and educational uses.

Visit their website at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/about/>