

Clubs and Associations

There are many archery groups around the United States representing the various types of archery interests such as tournament archers and bow hunters. Many of these organizations have Web forums to discuss all manner of archery issues. Here are a few in Texas.

Lone Star Bow Hunters Association (LSBA)

www.lonestarbowhunter.com

Texas Bowhunter.Com

www.texasbowhunter.com

Texins Archery Club

www.dallasarchery.com

FAITH-BASED ARCHERY PROGRAMS

ArrowFaith

www.arrowfaith.org

Centershot Ministries

www.centershotministries.org

Christian Bow Hunters

www.christianbowhunters.org

ARCHERY SAFETY RULES

- Always check your archery equipment for damage before using it.
- Only draw a bow if it is nocked with an arrow and it is safe to shoot.
- "Dry firing" (drawing and shooting without an arrow) can damage the bow and/or hurt the shooter.
- Practice archery only at a designated range or place specifically set up for shooting activities.
- A bow with a nocked arrow should only be pointed at the intended target.
- Be sure to properly identify the target prior to pointing a bow and arrow in that direction.
- Always make sure that an arrow's path is clear of people, animals and obstructions before drawing and shooting.
- Always know what is beyond your target and know the maximum distance your arrow can travel.
- Always use a designated shooting line when more than one person is shooting.
- If warranted, use the proper arm and finger protection while shooting.
- Pull arrows properly and be sure no one can be struck by the arrows being pulled.
- Avoid horseplay and follow good safety habits while enjoying the sport of archery!



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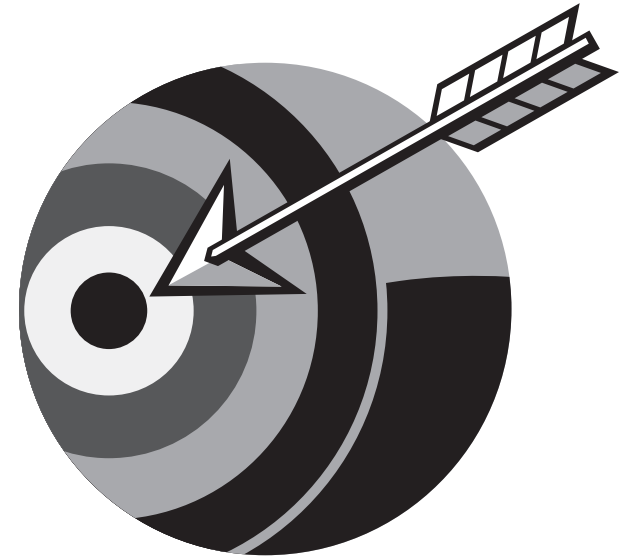


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Archery

IN TEXAS



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Where to go

There are indoor and outdoor archery ranges in Texas, typically at archery retail shops or at sites sponsored by local archery clubs. Your local archery shop is a great place to help you get started with the correct archery equipment.

Many archery shops not only have indoor ranges, but many also have memberships and host weekly leagues, events and tournaments.

Go to www.archerysearch.com to locate a site near you.

Archery is an activity that can be accomplished in backyards, especially in rural and suburban areas where the backyard is big enough to contain the arrows that are shot (no less than 300 yards, and even farther for some bows).

In urban areas, you must be aware of local city or county ordinances that restrict archery shooting. If archery is allowed in your location, be sure you know what is in front of and beyond your target.

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Getting started

For young people who develop an interest in archery, the first step is to find out if there is a local program. Youth programs for archery include Archery in the Schools Program, JOAD (Junior Olympic Archery Development), 4-H, Scouts, or Afterschool Archery. A youngster might also be able to try backyard target archery or hunting, but be sure that these are supervised activities. Backyard archery ranges must be set up properly, and bow hunting requires considerable preparation, hunting responsibility and bow-shooting skills.

The Easton Sports Development Foundation has an excellent Web site with information on choosing the right equipment, starting an archery program, coaching, and teaching kids. Visit Easton Sports Development Foundation at www.esdf.org.

There are many organizations that can help with archery information.

Here are a few resources to help you get on target.

N.A.S.P. (National Archery in the Schools Program)
www.nasparchery.com or
www.archeryintheschools.org

F.I.T.A. (Federation Internationale De Tir A L'Arc—International Archery Federation)
www.archery.org

This is the governing body for Olympic archery.

U.S.A. Archery or N.A.A. (United States National Archery Association)
www.usarchery.org
This is the governing body for U.S. Olympic archery.

J.O.A.D. (Junior Olympic Archery Development)
Accessed from www.usarchery.org

T.S.A.A. (Texas State Archery Association)
www.texasarchery.org
State chapter of USA archery

N.A.D.A. (National Alliance for the Development of Archery)
www.discoverarchery.org or
www.teacharchery.org

A.S.A. (Archery Shooters Association)
www.asaarchery.com

T.A.S.A. (Texas Archery Shooters Association Federation)
www.texasasafederation.com

N.F.A.A. (National Field Archery Association)
www.nfaaarchery.com

T.F.A.A. (Texas Field Archery Association)
www.texasfieldarchery.org
State affiliate of NFAA

A.S.A.P. (Afterschool Archery Program)
www.afterschoolarchery.org
Facilitated by NADA

Texas 4-H Shooting Sports
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ss/>