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Crossbow Safety and Security – Safety comes first.

- When managed correctly, a crossbow tournament is one of the safest sports conducted.
- The sport is open to people from all age groups
- The sport is open to people with disabilities
- WCSA trains it's competitors and officials thoroughly to keep this high safety standard
- It is up to you, as officials, to ensure that **NOTHING** compromises the high safety standard that has been set.



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- **Ensure that the event has insurance cover.**
- **Check the field perimeter for possible points of entry.**
- **Ensure that there is, where appropriate, adequate backstop.**
- **A crossbow must be carried pointing downwards.**
- **A crossbow, loaded or unloaded, must never be pointed at any person or animal.**
- **Shooters may not walk around with a loaded bow.**
- **A spanned or loaded bow must not be left unattended.**
- **A bow may only be spanned adjacent to the competitor's shooting position.**
- **Shooters must take the correct stance.**
- **A spanned bow must be pointing down and in a line between the shooter and the target before a bolt is loaded.**



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- **Shooters must not raise their bows to the shooting position if they are not in their correct shooting position. The bow must then point towards the target.**
- **Bows must not be elevated so as to sight above the target.**
- **EVERYONE must remain behind the shooting line until after the sounding three beeps or whistles.**
- **Shooting is only permitted between the single sound signal to shoot and the stop signal.**
- **When Bolts are pulled from the target it is essential that other shooters do not stand close in the line of the pull.**
- **Constantly check for intruders on the field.**



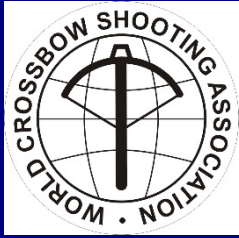
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- **What is considered a high draw**
  - **Is it the same for everyone?**
  - **Is it the same for all bow types?**
- **What should we do when we consider a specific technique to be a safety issue?**



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- **What should we do when we consider a specific technique to be a safety issue?**
  - **Observe the shooter several times**
  - **Ask the opinion of other judges**
  - **Discuss the issue with the CoJ**
  - **Talk to the shooter's team captain**
  - **Keep on checking**
  - **The CoJ may ask the shooter (through the team manager) to stop shooting**



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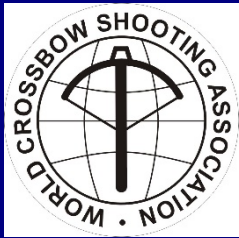
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