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The Calgary Archers Junior Program

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Questions can be emailed to our Junior Program Director at junior.director@jrarchery.com



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Our Mission:

To enhance the understanding of archery for junior athletes while encouraging athletes to challenge themselves and have fun.

Classes and Costs

Our program runs 2 different sessions; a Fall session that runs during October and November and a Winter Session that runs during January and February. Each session is for 6 lessons that run every Sunday (barring tournaments or other special events).

Each Session has 4 classes that breakdown as below. We acknowledge that there will be athletes that don't fit into any of our classes as described. In those cases we try to keep the athletes with their peer group rather than their skill level and work to catch the athletes up in skill level of the rest of the class.

Competitive Skills – 9:30-11:00— This class is by invitation only as a position in this class must be earned. Focus in this class is for athletes that want to compete at the Club, City, Provincial, or National level. We help athletes to master the technical and practical skills of archery that will allow athletes to compete. This class requires athletes to shoot two score cards (min) a week (Age: 14-21)

Junior Class - 11:00-12:00—In this class we teach the basics to new archers and encourage their skills with basic target recurve bows. We emphasize good form and help the athletes to track their scores with badges that will continue with them for the duration of their time with our program. (Age: 8-12)

Senior Class– 12:00-1:00—This class is designed to work with athletes who have some past archery experience and are interested in honing their skills further. We introduce some training for competitions but the focus is still mostly on fun. Athletes continue to earn badges but also have the opportunity to tryout our local club shoots to gain the experience of shooting in pressure situations. (Age: 12-16)

Fourth Class– 1:00–2:00—This class was created several years ago to meet the overwhelming interest for our program. It has become a place for siblings of mixed ages or athletes who may not fit the criteria of the Junior or Senior class. Athletes learn the basics just like in the Jr. and Sr. class and work to earn badges through scoring. (Age: 12-16)

PROGRAM COST

Cost of participation in one session is \$130 per athlete. Payment must be made before classes start. Families of 2 or more children participating in the program are eligible for our family discount of 10% off total amount for family.

Payment plans are available by request.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Please note that the Program is only able to accept cash or cheque to pay for program fees. No debit or credit cards will be accepted. Payment plan options are available for athletes who require it. Please notify the Jr. Director upon registration if you wish to discuss a payment plan.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL FEES:

If your child has no equipment, 6 arrows and a bow can be provided for a deposit. The deposit is fully refundable at the end of the program, providing the equipment is returned in repairable condition. If the equipment is not repairable some or all of your equipment deposit will be used to complete repairs.

Equipment & Our Program

Archery equipment is a general term that usually refers to a bow, arrows and any body protection (such as an arm guard or a finger tab). There are three general types of bows used in archery. The Compound, the Recurve and the Longbow.

A **compound bow** is a modern bow that uses a levering system, usually of cables and pulleys, to bend the limbs.

A **target recurve bow** is a bow that does not use a levering system. A recurve bow has tips that curve away from the archer when the bow is strung and uses the string and the shooters draw to bend the limbs.

A **longbow or traditional bow** is most easily explained as Robin Hood's bow which is made with a simple "stick" and a string. There is relatively little curve to the limb and is shaped like a D when strung.

The Calgary Archers Junior Program supports archery in all its forms. CAJP starts all beginner athletes (that do not have their own equipment) with a basic target recurve until they are proficient in the basic skills required in archery. We feel that starting athletes with a recurve builds good shooting form, habits and creates a firm base to build further higher performing skills on as their archery careers progress. We do have a small number of compounds to lend to athletes who wish to try them before deciding what equipment they wish to purchase for themselves.

For athletes who already have their own equipment, our Program will work with them so that they learn good shooting form with their chosen equipment and teach them how to tune and maintain their equipment.



Who Runs the Show?

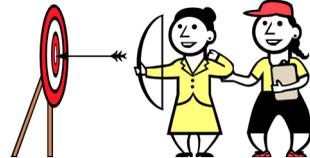
The Calgary Archers Junior Program is a program run by The Calgary Archers Club (on Hwy. 8 to Bragg Creek). The program was created because our club understood the importance of imparting good archery skills to young athletes who would carry on the future of archery.

We are very fortunate to be able to run our Indoor Program at the Calgary Archery Centre (4855 - 47th. St. SE) when the weather requires us to shoot indoors. The Junior Program is run by a Calgary Archers Club member who is elected as a General Director to the Calgary Archers Club Executive Board and is then appointed by the President of the Club to be the Junior Director. The Program is carried solely by its volunteers—each coach gives over 100 hours every year.

Our Coaching Approach

A Program of this size takes a lot of work. Our program is very fortunate to have a dedicated team of coaches that can boast over 100 years of collective experience.

A large number of our adult coaches are certified through the Coaching Association of Canada. Several of these coaches can boast an Olympic level of certification and experience coaching pre-Olympic and International events such as the Alberta Winter Games, the Canada Winter Games and Indoor and Outdoor Worlds.



Our Program also has a number of "coaches in training". Some of these new coaches are parents who want to become more involved in their child's activity and some of them are shooters from our High Performance Class looking to gain a new aspect of understanding to their sport. All of these coaches are very knowledgeable and are a very valuable asset to our program.

Whether a coach in our program is certified or trying to earn their wings, all of the coaches in our program are held to the very highest moral, and ethical standards set out by the Coaching Association of Canada. Please visit their website if you would like to see more information on their Codes of Conduct and Ethics.

Canadian Coaching Association of Canada

www.coach.ca

Parent Involvement & Shooting Supervision

Our Program is happy to have the parents of our athletes become involved with the program. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the administrative work as well as training parents to be coaches or Judges in our sport.

During their lesson time archers will be supervised by the coaches. The archers are asked to remain in the upstairs (second floor) range. If athletes must leave they are asked to inform a coach. We ask that the parents plan to attend every lesson with their athletes to assist them with scoring and to be there to cheer their athlete(s) on. Your enthusiasm and support is an essential ingredient in the full enjoyment of your athlete.

We do ask parents to refrain from coaching athletes on the line during our program unless you have spoken with a program coach and are a "coach in training".

Frequently Asked Questions

1) Do you work with people with disabilities?

The answer is a resounding yes! Archery is a unique sport that can be adapted in many ways to allow anyone to shoot. If you have a disability and want to know if you can shoot, contact our Junior Director and we will work with you to help you try our sport.

2) Do you run any programs other than your fall and winter semesters?

Sadly no, not at this time. We have a limited number of volunteers who sacrifice a great deal to help with the current program. By the end of our fall program our coaches look forward to pursuing their own archery activities and relaxing after a very busy and hard year.

3) Can I pre-register for one of the sessions before the registration date?

No, our registration must be done on a first come first serve basis on the registration date online. If you are away for the registration date then we would suggest that you have someone else in the family attend to register your athlete.

Any further questions can be directed to our Junior Director at junior.director@jrchery.com

Program Registration & Start-Up Information

Applications for our Fall and Winter sessions are done online.

Each year the Program accepts a total of 120 athletes per session. Our athletes from previous years have the option to renew before we open up to new registrants. The number of new applicants accepted will be based off of our total of 120 athletes—number of athletes who renewed. The number of spaces open for new registrants per class will be published on the day of registration.

Spaces will be given on a first-submitted-first-served basis.

Payment for the program is required on the Check In day and can be done by cash or cheque. We have no credit or debit abilities at this time.

Please note that we will **NOT** be creating extra classes to facilitate large numbers on waiting lists. Space, volunteers and equipment all play a factor in our inability to take more athletes.

