

Practice Range Setup

The practice range is divided into two areas: the short range has targets from 10yds to 35yds, and the long range has targets from 40yds to 60yds. Also on the long range is target 42, which is technically part of the hill course and not the practice range, although it is commonly used as a practice bale. Each target bale on the practice areas have a configuration that is defined by NFAA and/or World Archery standards. We also make some arrangements to encourage more even wear on the bales.

10 yards – 20cm faces

There are four bales at 10 yards: two carpet bales and two hay bales. The carpet bales each get a “birdie” target face. The birdie face is a 4x4 grid of 20cm target faces. Put a field face set on one carpet bale, and a hunter face set on the other carpet bale. The hay bales are usually used by children and beginners, so rather than stick with NFAA rules, we usually put a larger face, for example 35cm faces, on the hay bales.

15 yards through 30 yards – 35cm faces



The 15, 20, 25, and 30yards bales all get 35cm target faces. These are glued up as pairs, and we usually put two pairs on each bale so that there are four target faces on each bale. This should cause the wear and tear on the bales to be more spread out, and in any case gives archers more spots to shoot out; they should last a little longer between target face changes. The 15, 20, and 30yards bales come in pairs, so we suggest configuring them like in the picture to the left.

The 25yards target bale is a single, so put a field pair and hunter pair up

however you desire.

35 yards – 50cm faces

The 35yards bales each get single 50cm target faces. Since there are two 35yards bales, put a field face on one and a hunter face on the other. Please be aware that 50cm≠65cm; too often we’ve found the incorrect face on the 35yards bale. The biggest field target face, 65cm, is not correct for these bales. Put 50cm faces up on the 35yards targets.

40 yards through 50 yards – 50cm faces



The 40, 45, and 50yards bales each get a 50cm face. There is one of each distance, so mix and match field and hunter as desired. The 40yards bale tends to be in the shade and darkened, so people often prefer the field face on that bale, but otherwise it doesn't matter much.

Note that these spots often get shot out of the center a lot, so it is recommended that the face be slightly off center to spread out

the wear and tear on the bales.

60 yards – 65cm faces and 80cm 4-spot

There are two 60yards bales. The proper NFAA face is 65cm, and we usually put up a 65cm NFAA field face on one of the bales. The 60yards bale is the only place on the practice range where the large, 65cm, target faces are used.

As you can see in the picture above, we also put an 80cm 4-spot (World Archery) face on one of the 60yards bales. Target archers shoot that target at 50meters, so it is appropriate for our 60yards bale. We use a 4-spot so that multiple target archers may shoot the same bale and spread out the wear on the bale itself.

80 yards – 65cm face, or Group-1 animal

This bale (with a moose in the picture above) is actually the last target of the hill course, so the proper target for use on that bale depends on how the hill course is configured. If the hill is configured for the animal round, then the bale gets a Group-1 animal (the largest paper animals.) If the hill is configured as a field or hunter round, then the bale gets a 65cm field or hunter target face.