



### Break-Away Arrow - Rigging Instructions

The line must be tied and utilized in a manner that allows the shaft to be pulled free from the point once the target is hit. This procedure will minimize arrow breakage, however arrow damage cannot be averted all the time. Using this method, with a detachable point, will also eliminate the possibility of the shaft being used as leverage if your target should roll or swim under an object.

Tying the line in this way also prevents the chance of arrow snapback caused by tying line to (or through) the tail of the arrow. The following procedure keeps the line out in front of the bow and riser on the shot.

#### Drilling the Arrow:

Arrows purchased from AMS will be predrilled and chamfered near the tip of the arrow. **Arrows purchased elsewhere will need to be pre-drilled before you can rig the arrow as we recommend.** Use a drill press and drill an 1/8" hole within 1/2" from where the end of the bowfishing point meets the shaft. The point cannot conflict with the hole.

#### Rigging the Gator Getter Arrows:

- Using the end of your line and your arrow, measure out the length of the arrow plus 6 or 7 inches.



- At this point, (approx 38-39" from the end of the line) tie your line to the ring.

- While holding the ring near the screw at the tail, form a loop at the beginning of the line approximately 4" longer than the arrow. Insert end of loop through the hole in the arrow point and bring it over the tip of the arrow and snug up so the line is tightly secured beneath the barbs of the point and tie to arrow point.



- Check that there is enough slack line between the point and the ring so you are able to pull the point free from the shaft upon impact, and so that you have enough slack to tuck underneath the rubber collar. The rubber collar assists in holding the point on the shaft for missed shots.



- Tuck the remaining slack line underneath the rubber collar on the shaft and check the location of the ring or loop at the tail of the arrow. The ring must be able to contact the screw when the rig is complete.

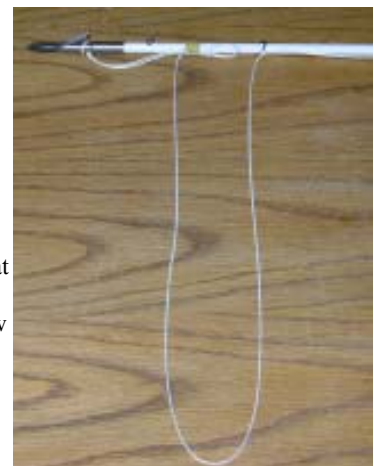
**Practice this setup! Missed shots in shallow water may pull the point from arrow, requiring you to re-rig in the field. You may also need to rig another second or third arrow before feeling safe bringing the gator in the boat.**

#### Re-rigging after a missed shot or getting ready for another gator.

- Install point to shaft.
- Reinstall a loop of slack line beneath the rubber collar.

#### Shooting Instructions:

- Nock arrow, allow the ring to slide to the front of arrow. (A loop will hang from the arrow point to the ring).
- The line must always be out in front of the bow and arrow rest when shooting. Never let it lay on, or behind the arrow rest as a tangling hazard could result.
- Draw and shoot. When you release, the arrow will move through the ring until it is at the tail of the arrow.
- At any time after impact, give a firm tug to pull the arrow from the point. The arrow can now slide free from the thrashing, rolling gator to minimize arrow damage and breakage.



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## Equipment Pointers:

When playing out an alligator or other large game, you must be extremely careful of several things. First off, and most importantly, you must make sure your AMS Slotted Retriever reel is rigged correctly and the float line tight and completely under control. This float line must always be tight from the float to the slot in the side of the reel. The float line must be pulled tight over the gear cover assembly, not under it. Also, you must control the float line by using a small loop that is pulled from the slit in the bottle. This loop must be controlled by a rubber band or electrical tape to ensure the float line is tight and to ensure that the loop of line does not fall back into the bottle and intermix with the perfectly stacked line. Tangles can result and trophies lost if the loop of line used to control the float gets back inside the bottle in the middle of the stacked line.

If you are using a large float at your feet, it is especially important to control the float line down to that float. Use one wrap of electrical tape to attach the line from the reel to the lower bow limb so the float line cannot entangle with the bow or the reel in any way. This can prove dangerous and can be the cause lost equipment yanked from you to the depths of the swamp should things tangle up.

It is also critical to be EXTREMELY careful when handling the float lines. Wounded game can bolt and change directions without warning. Pulling on the lines, hand-over-hand and leaving the pulled-up slack in the water reduces the chance of entangling with it. Avoid piling the line at your feet in the boat. Never wrap the line around your hand for more leverage when pulling on the float lines. A loop of 400# line around a hand or finger could cause you to be without before you realize what happened. The power some creatures hold is unbelievable!

On these larger beasts, we like to secure a second arrow as soon as possible as an insurance policy. By having two lines attached you double the chance of boating him. You decrease the odds of the first arrow pulling or ripping out, you increase the drag to wear him down sooner, and you are able to more confidently put pressure on him when bringing him boat side and into the boat. A final shot with a broad head is also recommended.

Good luck!

