



Returning to Archery

Rebuild & Revitalise

Guidance Notes for Clubs

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INTRODUCTION

Following the change in government guidance issued for England as announced by the Prime Minister on 8 December, the following will now apply:

- Archery GB recommends wearing a face covering inside; and whenever not actively shooting
- Use hand sanitiser regularly & maintain hygiene standards
- Stay at home if you have symptoms of Covid-19
- Respect others' space

Archery GB recognises that clubs may choose to keep some or all of the existing measures in place. We recommend committees talk to their members to seek view points on removal of the various restrictions.

At all times, clubs need to remain flexible and have the ability to communicate changes to their members quickly. Clubs must respond quickly if there is an increase in the virus locally, nationally or if any club members, or visitors to the range, test positive for coronavirus.

If you have any questions, then please email membership@archerygb.org and a member of staff will get back to you.

GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE

- Channel Islands & Isle of Man – Guernsey: <https://covid19.gov.gg/>; Jersey: <https://www.gov.je/health/coronavirus/Pages/Index.aspx> and Isle of Man: <https://covid19.gov.im/>
- England - <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- Northern Ireland - <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-regulations>
- Scotland - <https://www.gov.scot/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance/>
Visit the Scottish Archery [website](#) for the most up-to-date guidance.
- Wales - <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

STAY ALERT

- Archers and Members **MUST NOT** come to the range/club if they show symptoms of any illness but in particular of Covid-19. [These are highlighted on NHS Direct.](#)
- If you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild:
 - Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if you have COVID-19 as soon as possible.
 - You and anyone you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.
- Archers and other Members should notify the club if they develop symptoms after attending the archery range.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR ARCHERY

General Guidance:

- Rules of shooting – target spacing and numbers of archers per target has reverted to pre-covid wording.
- Previous Archery GB covid guidance is still available should clubs still wish to reference and/or use.
- **[UPDATED]** Face coverings are mandatory, except for those medically exempt or under the age of 11.
- Respect other members and archers with their personal decisions. Please respect the decision of the club and the committee also – which may not always be the same as your personal opinion – they are considering all members.
- **[UPDATED]** Anyone testing positive or contacted by NHS Test and Trace must self-isolate when told to do so.

Club Activity:

- All archers and members should still monitor symptoms and self-isolate when necessary.
- Booking systems and keeping data for 21 days is not mandatory, but recommended for NHS Test & Trace purposes.
- Clubs can still maintain current target spacing and numbers of archers per target boss should they/members wish – this is a local decision.
- **[UPDATED]** Indoors – To discourage transmission of virus, members should wear face coverings when not actively shooting, except where medically exempt or under 11 years old.
- Ventilation for indoor venues is key and should be used effectively for indoor venues.
- Shared equipment – If equipment has to be shared, sanitise hands before/after and wipe down the equipment.
- Clubs to re-enforce the need for members to monitor themselves for symptoms and to stay away from club activity when necessary.
- Clubhouses and hospitality facilities can be used, again this will be at the discretion of the club, and should be subject to regular cleaning and part of the overall risk assessment.

Members

- Some members may be anxious or nervous still. Everyone's personal circumstances are different, and it goes without saying therefore that Archery GB reminds members to be considerate of each other.
- Any additional measures as detailed in previous guidance can be kept or brought in depending on local situations, member's wishes and decisions by clubs.

Club officials & volunteers:

- Club management teams should continue to assess the risk to members, volunteers and officials, putting in place measures as you would at any time to ensure the safety of volunteers.
- Member's wishes should be sought on removing or keeping measures in place.

Tournaments:

- At National Tournaments we will continue to use the Pre-Event Information, and for local tournaments and competitions, we recommend the use of the same Pre-Event Information.
- TOs should consider other necessary measures that reduces transmission to volunteers and archers – this may be dictated by the facility used (one-way systems, indoor space) and should fall in line with any guidance by the facility owner or operator.

Judges:

- Judges may not touch archer's equipment, although if they do need to (i.e., checking binoculars) then they will sanitise before and after.
- Archer's equipment must conform with the rules of shooting as normal for the event.
- Where bow-scales are used, they will be sanitised before and after use.

Coaches:

- All activity should continue to be planned and a risk assessment on behalf of the coach and club/organisation.
- Inform your archers about what measures you are still taking. This will give you, and them, confidence to take part and help archers understand how the session will take place.
- Guidance for revised practice remains available should you wish to use it.
- Please ensure that you are still working within our policies and codes of conduct. You can re-familiarise yourself with these [here](#).