

Returning to Archery: Outdoor 2021

Bowmen of Darentford Archer Rules and Procedures

Introduction

Archery GB have issued a set of guidelines for clubs to apply to allow archery to restart from 29th March 2021. These guidelines along with the advice are the backbone on which the committee have created these new rules and procedures for the club.

General Guidance

All users are to be alert/aware that they treat the school grounds and any equipment within those grounds as being in a contaminated state. Therefore, DO NOT touch anything other than your own equipment or club equipment as required.

All standard rules of shooting apply e.g. whistles, shooting lines etc. unless superseded by these rules and procedures.

Overview

Club activities will be limited to shooting and is restricted to pre booked sessions.

There will be no social activities.

Social distancing must be upheld at all times.

Glossary of Terms

Archer:	Person shooting
Family Unit:	Two to four members of the same household. They must have lived in the same bubble during the virus outbreak.
Field Crew:	5-7 club members, one being a key holder/committee member who will setup and take down the field as well as perform other duties running the field.
Lane	Area behind shooting line and up to the end of the overshoot directly in line with the place the Archer is designated to shoot from. Width is 1.5m either side of your spot, always ensuring 2m distance from other archers not in your household.

Facilities and club activities

Toilets will be open. If an Archer uses the toilet, they will decontaminate any surfaces touched. Cleaning materials will be provided.

The Field Crew will setup and layout the field with appropriate equipment for shooting but not scoring. No additional club equipment can be provided on the day. Please note: Scoreboards and score sheets are the Archers responsibility.

No social events will be run by the club.

Shooting times and days (Sessions) – pre booked only

Saturday: 11am sighters.

Sunday afternoon: 1pm sighters.

Rounds and Shooting

Saturday session: Any round is permitted

Sunday session: Any round of 9 dozen arrows or less is permitted

We will try to accommodate those who may not wish to shoot a set round but this may be difficult, this can be discussed at booking.

All ends are to be shot as six arrow ends.

- If less than six shot please inform Field Crew if looking for arrows.
- Field Captain may allow additional arrows per end to make up but all involved must ensure number of arrows is closely monitored

Archers will shoot in a double detail (i.e. 2 archers alternating.)

Archers need to maintain social distancing when collecting arrows by staying in their Lane.

Archers to score their own arrows

The Archer whose target face is used will pull all arrows. Hands to be sanitised prior to pulling and an arrow puller used. Arrows of the other Archer to be placed under the boss as they are pulled. Arrows should not be kept in the hand when pulling. (Gloves may be worn but this could contaminate the other Archers arrows)

Initial distance restrictions

For the first two sessions, an Archers maximum distance will be restricted to one below that of their classification. See table below.

The club requests that if the first two sessions are spent tuning or at short range (less than 40 yards) the Archer does not immediately go to their maximum distance on session three but builds up over a session or two.

Category	Classification	Max distance	Restricted distance
Gents	1st and above	100 yards	80 yards
Gents	2 nd	80 yards	60 Yards
Gents	3 rd and below	60 Yards	50 Yards
Ladies	1st and above	80 Yards	60 yards
Ladies	2 nd	60 yards	50 yards
Ladies	3 rd and below	50 yards	40 yards
Gents U18	Unclassified	50 yards	40 yards
Gents U16	Unclassified	40 yards	30 yards
Ladies U14	All	40 yards	30 yards
Ladies U12	All	30 yards	30 yards

Booking

Archery GB's guidelines have changed the minimum distance that the bosses have to be apart. It has reverted back to 3.66m. This means we can run all 12 spots.

Archery GB's Guidelines state that two people from separate households or one Family Unit can shoot per boss. This means that we can have 24 people shooting per session but double detail and a booking system will be required.

Every member can book both sessions per week but if demand is higher than expected we may have to reduce this to one per week.

The Records Officer will take bookings via email. Booking will open on Sunday evening/ Monday morning for the following weekend.

Please include session and round to be shot when booking. There will be no opportunity to move bosses on arrival at the field as it will be already setup before Archers arrive.

When booking your shooting space please also state availability to act as Field Crew.

Club members can just book as Field Crew if they want to help out and not shoot but must still adhere to all rules in this document.

A target list will be emailed on the Thursday evening prior to the weekend, and will also be displayed near the goal posts on the day.

Please try to let us know if you need to cancel your booking as soon as possible so that Field Crew aren't setting up unnecessary bosses.

Personal equipment required for each session – Archers responsibility

- Work type gloves
- Face covering
- Hand sanitiser – 70%+ alcohol based
- Standard archery equipment – Shelters will be allowed if shooting more than 6 dozen and must be placed carefully in your lane to allow for social distancing.
- Target face and pins (once issued)
- Score sheet and scoreboard - if scoring on paper
- Alertness/awareness – maintain social distancing

This equipment must be with the Archer for every session and is the Archers responsibility to bring. Failure to comply will mean the Archer cannot shoot and must leave the field until all items are present. Items cannot be shared unless the Archers sharing are part of a Family Unit. Gazebos can be shared but Archers from separate households must still maintain social distancing.

Arrival

Saturday session: No earlier than 10:40am to be ready to shoot at 11am

Sunday session: No earlier than 12:40pm to be ready to shoot at 1pm

The Field Crew will already have laid out the field.

Please park at least 2m from other vehicles.

Entry to field and access to your Lane

Unload and enter the field, maintaining social distancing (2m apart minimum).

Follow the ropes to access the shooting line.

DO NOT go to the container or wander around the field or school grounds.

A target list will be available near the goal posts. DO NOT touch it.

Setup equipment behind the long jump running track directly behind your spot

Keep the area between the long jump running track and the shooting line clear for other Archers to reach their Lane.

Archers may leave a scope and or bow on the shooting line but all other equipment to be behind the long jump running track at all times.

When equipment is ready, fit target face to boss provided Field Crew have finished lining it up.

Target faces and pins

A target face and set of pins will be issued to the Archer on their first session. The Archer is then responsible for this equipment.

One Archer on the boss will fit their face at the start of the session and remove it at the end. DO NOT touch the boss when fitting or removing face.

The Archer will take the face and pins with them to use for their next session.

If an Archer forgets their face or pins they cannot shoot.

If a face or pin is damaged at the club, replacements will be provided.

Archers are reminded that this equipment is to only be used at club sessions.

If possible, when this procedure changes and the club are fitting faces, the club would like the pins returned.

If an Archer requires a different face due to the round being shot, this will be provided on request. This request must be made when booking your session.

Distance changes

The Archers on each boss are responsible for moving their boss at distance changes, unless unable (see below.)

Work type gloves and face covering must be worn when undertaking the move.

If an Archer is not able to move a boss for any reason, please ask a member of the Field Crew to assist.

Scoring and records

Archers will self score using either:

- Appropriate score sheets. Please print your own copies and bring them along with a scoreboard/clipboard. Club equipment will not be available
- A scoring app

Photograph of score sheet or screenshot from app to be sent to Records Officer via email, WhatsApp or Facebook messenger. App screenshot needs to be of the actual arrow values, as well as the totals (please see images below.)

Archer still to sign for round but no target captain signature required. Records Officer will blanket sign as target captain for all rounds.

Line cutters: Please ask the Field Crew to judge but Archer to write down result. Remember to keep social distancing.

Errors: Archer to self correct. Please make the correction obvious (no need for a red pen but please cross through and rewrite rather than overwriting value.)

Archers are reminded of the need to be honest as you are only cheating yourself.

Classifications, handicaps, season highs and club records will be updated based on scores provided.

- 2 incidents of arguing with or venting frustrations at Field Crew

Consequences of infringement:

Minor infringement

- A member of Field Crew will remind Archer of rules

Infringement

- Field Captain will issue verbal warning

2nd Infringement

- Field Captain will ask Archer to leave field immediately. Archer may return to club for their next bookable session

Major infringement (or two 2nd infringements)

- Field Captain will ask Archer to leave field immediately. Archer is banned from shooting for a month.

Accidental Contamination

If you do touch any club equipment by accident, please let the Field Crew know so that it can be sanitised. Ensure you sanitise after any accidental contamination.

Finishing Session and leaving

Remove target face at end of round. Do not touch bosses. It is recommended to sanitise hands after removing or handling face and pins. Disposable gloves could also be used.

Pack up and leave field as quickly as you can.

Leave the car park as soon as you are loaded. Don't hang around chatting.

The Field Crew will take down the field at the end of the session.

Parents, Guardians and Carers

Only one parent, guardian or carer is permitted on the field per vulnerable Archer.

They must stay in their Lane.

All other rules and procedures as laid out in this document apply as if the person was an Archer.

Visitors

No non-shooting visitors will be allowed. Parents, guardians and carers are not classified as visitors.

Visiting Archers will be permitted provided we have a space available. Priority will be given to our members and associates.

Visiting Archers must be pre-approved by a member of the Committee who has previously witnessed the visiting Archer shooting the bow type they wish to shoot.

Green fees to be paid in cash into a box on arrival or via bank transfer to the Secretary in advance.

Visitors must provide their own target face, pins and scoring method, plus follow the rules and procedures in this document.

Illness

If an Archer becomes unwell and has recently shot at the club, the club must be informed so that we can provide a track and trace service to the other Archers at the session.

If an Archer has symptoms, has recently had symptoms or someone in their household is self-isolating due to the virus the Archer cannot attend the club for any reason.

Accident and Emergency

Face covering and gloves to be worn if providing assistance.

Notes

If you do not have access to a printer for score sheets or the methods of communication listed in this document, please let the records officer know and other arrangements can be made on an individual basis.

Please remember the Field Crew and all committee members are volunteers who are giving up their time for free to make sure the club can operate. If things go wrong, please try to avoid venting your frustrations on them as they do this for your benefit. Without them, there is no club!