



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Frequently asked questions

Updated 24 March 2020

All recent updates are listed first, highlighted in yellow and marked with today's date:

Q. Why can athletes still shoot at Lilleshall? (updated 24 March)

A. Up until Saturday 21 March athletes on the Olympic and Paralympic squads were still able to shoot at Lilleshall due to a government dispensation to keep elite training centres open, as long as strict protocols were in place. On Saturday 21 March we received notice from UK Sport that following their discussion with DCMS, the dispensation that was offered to Elite Training Centres was no longer applicable and will remain until wider guidance changes. The Olympic and Paralympic Games have been postponed until 2021, we are waiting for clarity around any possible implications for quota places already secured.

Q. Why can't you share the risk assessments and protocols surrounding the Performance teams so we can apply them at club level? (updated 24 March)

A. This is a fast-paced situation that is evolving continuously with much of it out of our control. UK Sport are in contact with the Government, specifically around Elite Training Centres, the previous dispensation from DCMS is no longer applicable and Lilleshall is now closed until wider guidance changes. The Olympic and Paralympic Games have been postponed until 2021.

Range Registration (updated 24 March)

All range expiry dates will have initially four months added, so when we are able to return to shooting, there is nothing stopping us, we will monitor and adjust as necessary. Any range assessments and site visits are on hold. These will be rearranged as soon as possible and we will continue from that point. If a range has had a historical dispensation (which was

accepted back in 2017), then this will be extended for four months. The expiry dates for ranges will be reviewed as and when required. For further information please email range@archerygb.org

Record Status Tournaments (updated 24 March)

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Q: If a Club has paid up front for a field rental (say 12 months), will the Archery GB Insurance cover this loss if they are unable to recover the loss from the third party? (updated 24 March)

A: 'There would be no cover under the Archery GB Liability Insurance for this circumstance. Unless someone is suggesting/alleging negligence, the Archery GB Liability Policy does not apply.'

If the Club has purchased separate Business Interruption Insurance with a loss of rent section the Club may, but the Insurers do say may, be able to refer to their separate policy cover to establish if there is any support, but it would be very dependent on the Policy the Club has purchased separately.'

Archery GB is working with our funding partners to get the very best advice and we will be sharing guidance and knowledge with our clubs, so they are best placed to navigate their way through this difficult time.

Q. Are our members covered to do essential ground maintenance? (Updated 24 March)

A. Our insurance is still valid, but we are asking all members to postpone all archery activity, which includes ground maintenance, this is even more important in light of the government lockdown announced on the 23 March.

Q. Why can't I shoot in a large field when no one is going to be there? Updated 24 March

A. Our insurance only covers members shooting at Archery GB registered ranges. Yesterday the Prime Minister instructed a complete lockdown of all non essential activity, full details can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> In previous government briefings, Chief Medical Officer, Professor Chris Whitty stated that the reason social distancing is so important and the reason the government are strongly advising that we should avoid all non-essential contact, is to delay the spread of the virus. This is to ensure that ICU capacity is not breached. It's crucial that people take social distancing seriously in order to protect the lives of others.

Insurance

Q. Are we still insured to shoot at our club?

A. Our insurance remains in place, but we would like to re-emphasise as there still appears to be some confusion among our members, that we are strongly advising that all archery in the UK is postponed for the foreseeable future, to reduce all non-essential contact with others.

We have not made the decision to postpone archery activities lightly and it is not based on advice from our insurers, it is based on the advice from the government so we can play our part in beating this global pandemic. Please do not ignore this advice.

Archery GB can only offer advice and cannot force clubs and archery providers to close. Our insurance remains in place and for transparency we are publishing the latest guidance from our insurers below:

'Within any Insurance Policy there is a reasonable precautions condition and if the club or members are deliberately ignoring advice from the Government, the National Governing Body and the Club Committees, it could be considered they are acting recklessly and this may impact on the Liability Indemnity being available.'

All Club Committees should record their decisions and reasons to proceed or not with their activities and ensure that risk assessment and risk management is considered through their process and captured within the Club Committee Official Meeting Minutes, and these minutes are then distributed to all Club Members.

The Health and Wellbeing of everyone being of primary importance as per the Governments guidance. The easiest way to think about it would be to put insurance to one side and think about what we should be doing following Government guidance to protect all, especially those at risk.'

Archery GB will not be offering advice to clubs on carrying out risk assessments because our guidance is to postpone all archery activity.

Q. Are we insured to shoot at home/elsewhere?

A. Not under Archery GB insurance, we only insure members shooting at Archery GB registered ranges. If you attend a venue that allows you to shoot, you must check that you are covered by the venue's insurance or maintain your own. Once again, members are only insured to shoot at Archery GB registered ranges.

Q. Why can't insurance cover be extended to home shooting?

A. We cannot manage that level of risk, archery is a very safe sport because of the rules that we all adhere to. We cannot guarantee that home ranges will adhere to the rules of shooting and we don't have the resources to carry out the relevant risk assessments.

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Q. Are our members covered to do essential ground maintenance? (Updated 24 March)

A. Our insurance is still valid, but we are asking all members to postpone all archery activity in order to avoid non-essential contact, in line with government guidelines, this applies to ground maintenance.

Q. Why have you invalidated insurance?

A. We haven't invalidated insurance, our insurance remains in place, but we strongly advise that all archery activity is postponed to stop all non-essential contact. Please follow this advice.

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Q. Have you withdrawn insurance cover?

A. No, please refer to the guidance from our insurers above.

Refunds

Q. Can we have a refund on our membership fee?

A. We are not considering membership refunds at this stage, we are hoping the postponement of archery will be a temporary measure. We ask all members to consider the

huge financial implications across the sport and we hope people will continue to support archery providers where reasonably possible during this difficult time - so that when this is over we can all continue with the sport we love.

Q. How will Archery GB compensate the club for lost fees and revenues stemming from the statements made on social media by AGB which have already impacted the club?

A. Our advice is based on government guidance, we appreciate that many of you are facing your own challenges following the new restrictions, which will inevitably have financial implications across our sport, as well as implications for your personal and family life. Please be assured that we are aware of this and while we don't have all the answers, we are in the discussions with our partners and agencies and will proactively share any information on any grants or financial support for small businesses and sport providers. Our priority is to help the archery community through these challenging times so that financially we are able to weather this crisis and return to the sport we love.

Q. My course has been cancelled can I have a refund?

A. All Archery GB run courses and workshops until the end of April have been postponed, you can choose to have a credit on your account for use when the course is rescheduled or you can have a full refund. Please contact membership@archerygb.org for further details, please outline which course you had booked.

Future courses:

We are closely monitoring the situation and will be in contact with attendees of future courses if we need to postpone or cancel any more.

General

Q. Can you define grassroots archery are all members not equal?

A. Apologies for the misunderstanding, we received feedback asking for particular reference to grassroots archery because clubs felt our guidance didn't relate to them. All archery is equal and we have changed future statements to reference **all archery activity**.

Q. What about members that are immune and are no danger with corona virus? Why have you banned them from Archery?

A. We haven't banned anyone, we can only offer the advice that all archery activity is postponed for the foreseeable future. Yesterday evening in the Prime Minister's briefing, Chief Medical Officer, Professor Chris Whitty stated that the reason social distancing is so

important, and the reason the government are strongly advising that we should avoid all non-essential contact, is to delay the spread of the virus. This is to ensure that ICU capacity is not breached. It's crucial that people take social distancing seriously in order to protect the lives of others. Social distancing and stopping non-essential contact is NOT only about protecting yourself it's about protecting the lives of others. A significant portion of our membership are in the vulnerable group as defined by the UK government.

Q. We could have five archers shooting each with 10+ metres which is well over the UK government recommendation of two metres. Why is AGB giving instructions contrary to the Scottish government and the UK government? (Updated 24 March)

A. We are following government advice and advising that all archery activity is postponed for the foreseeable future which is in line with government advice, to be clear the government advice is:

Stay at home

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or essential work
- Stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

For insurance information please see insurance section above.

Courses and workshops

Q. I recently received your email saying the course I booked on was cancelled because of the COVID 19 virus how and when do I get refunded?

A. Please contact membership@archerygb.org to request your full refund, please can you include the details of the course.

DBS Checks

Q. I am self isolating and unable to get my forms signed off, is it acceptable for me to scan my documents and send them to you?

A. Unfortunately we are not able to accept scanned copies, please see link below on validating Identification forms during COVID-19:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-changes-to-standard-and-enhanced-id-checking-guidelines>

Tournaments and competitions

At this time, we are cancelling or postponing all events in April and May. We are working with National Tour hosts and other event hosts to manage the process and support where we can.

So far, the events we, or the club hosts of the events, have made decisions about are as follows:

Event Name	Date(s)	Decision
Compound Youth Squad	28/29 March	Cancelled. Restart in October 2020.
AGB Competition Day	5 April	Cancelled. Will return in 2021. Full refund offered.
Compound Team Selection	4 & 5 April	Postponed until further notice.
British 3D champs	2 & 3 May	Pentref Bowmen have moved the event to 4 & 5 July. Contact organisers for further information.
Bucks or Bounty National Tour Stage 1	2 & 3 May	Cancelled. Contact organisers for further information.
NT Stage 2 Scotland	9 & 10 May	Cancelled. Contact organisers for further information.
Junior Masters @ Deer Park Archers)	16 May	Cancelled. Contact organisers for further information.
Youth National Tour	May - Sept	Cancelled for 2020. We hope that the JNOC and Youth Festival will take place as normal.
British Field Championships	23 & 24 May	Postponed. We hope to reschedule this event for the Autumn.

Youth Selection Shoot	25 May	Reschedule for later in the year – further information to be announced.
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We are not taking anymore entries for any other competitions or events for the time being. This includes the National Tour Stages 3 and 4, UK Masters and Youth Festival. Other events have not opened for entries as yet and therefore are not mentioned. We will make decisions on events in June, July and August in due course.

Q. Can the application fee for the record status be refunded or transferred to 2021? (updated 24 March)

If you have registered a World Record Status tournament, you can either request a refund or transfer the tournament to 2021. At this time we are not allowing Tournament Organisers to reschedule for later in 2020 as this could create saturation and conflicts in the tournament calendar. The only exception will be Field tournaments.

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Q. Can I reschedule my competition later in the season?

A. We do need to be careful about too many events being scheduled for the same dates, so we will work closely with Tournament Organisers once we have more information on the ever-changing events.

Q. Can I have my entry fee refunded?

A. For Archery GB events/tournaments/workshops, you can ask for a full refund, or for us to hold the money in credit for future events. Please contact membership@archerygb.org with full details on the event you have entered.

Q. What will happen to rankings?

A. National Rankings will be suspended with immediate effect until the competition calendar commences. At this time, we have no clear guidance on when that will be. If by the time the competition calendar opens, it is deemed that the rankings cannot be operated fairly for all archers, then they will not run this year, and will be held in suspension until 2021.

Q. What will happen to the National Tour?

A. At this time Stages 1 and 2 are cancelled. Stage 3 and 4 are not taking any more entries. A final decision will be made on the Tour and Finals in due course.

If you have a question that hasn't yet been answered

We appreciate that we haven't been able to answer every question yet, we are working our way through them and will update the FAQ's regularly. In particular the outstanding questions regarding tournaments which we are working on with our partners and tournament organisers to provide the answers as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions please email them to membership@archerygb.org or call the team on 01952 677888 Monday to Friday between 9am-5pm.

Please treat our staff with the courtesy and respect they deserve, we will not tolerate abuse or bad language. Our team are working long hours to try and provide the latest and best advice, while balancing the impact of coronavirus on their own lives, please be kind and respectful.

Thank you

Everyone at Archery GB