



Returning to Archery

Supporting disabled
archers – Phase one

**Guidance Notes for
Supporting Disabled
Archers**

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FOR THE **LOVE** OF ARCHERY

INTRODUCTION

These guidelines currently apply to England, Guernsey, Jersey, Isle of Man, **Northern Ireland** and **[NEW] Wales**, and relate to the first phase of returning to archery (restricted shooting). They have been produced in line with the English Government guidance on public spaces, outdoor activity and exercise published on 11 May 2020, which can be read on the Gov.uk website - www.gov.uk/coronavirus

[NEW] Wales

In line with the First Minister's announcement, the Welsh Archery Association (WAA) is pleased to confirm that **clubs can now take the necessary steps to re-open and welcome archers back to archery from Monday 22 June**. Only outdoor shooting is currently allowed and everyone will need to follow the current [Welsh Government guidelines on social distancing and travel](#). Clubs in Wales will need to follow the current Archery GB Guidelines on returning to archery.

Scotland

[NEW] Scotland's First Minister (FM) has confirmed that Scotland will move into Phase 2 of the "Route Map out of Lockdown" Scottish Archery has published their Phase 2 guidance for archery: [The phase 2 guidance for Scottish Archery can be found by clicking here](#).

These guidelines should be read alongside the guidelines for returning to archery for clubs and archers.

SUPPORTING DISABLED ARCHERS

Archery is an inclusive sport and Archery GB is proactively working on solutions to ensure people with disabilities or long-term health conditions can continue to participate safely in the sport. For people who are shielding, we strongly recommend you follow [the Government guidelines on shielding and protecting yourselves which can be found here](#). It is an individual decision to return to archery which should be made in conjunction with the latest medical and government advice.

We encourage clubs to work with their archers to determine whether sufficient procedures can be put in place to accommodate their individual needs. Clubs should do everything practical to manage the risk associated with the transmission of COVID-19 and all risks need to be logged in a risk assessment with reasonable measures implemented to mitigate the identified risks.

If an archer requires additional support, where possible their carer or a member of their family or household is the preferred solution to providing the support required. If this is not possible, then please talk to the person concerned about how best to support them. Find solutions to enable them to participate, while providing appropriate protection for your workforce. Clubs/volunteers will need to use their discretion, in association with completing a risk assessment to identify the risks and possible solutions. Please be

mindful that most clubs are run by volunteers, and individual decisions should be made and respected when it comes to managing personal risk.

The sharing of equipment should be strictly limited, archers should use their own equipment where ever possible (or equipment that is loaned to them by the club and is kept by the archer for a period of time). Where this is not possible and is deemed a barrier to participation, clubs need to do everything practical to minimise the risk of transmission. These include:

- The frequent cleaning of objects, equipment and surfaces that are regularly touched, and make sure there are adequate disposal arrangements for waste.
- Sanitisation of all equipment after every use, before being used by someone from a different household.
- Wash/sanitise your hands thoroughly before and after use.

The COVID-19 Secure guidelines can be found by [clicking here](#).

To minimise potential cross-contamination, we recommend that for each session, a disabled archer is allocated a specific volunteer, or agent, who is responsible for providing support for that one archer. That volunteer will also be responsible for managing the target face (and target pins). A booking system may help facilitate the partnering of archers and volunteers.

An important task associated with supporting disabled archers is the collection of arrows.

This is a recommended procedure for arrow collection:

- Prior to shooting, the arrows and other equipment are cleaned thoroughly.
- Agents to consider face covering, and where possible avoid touching the target, pulling out arrows using an arrow puller, to reduce the direct handling of the archer's arrows.
- Where possible, maximise the number of arrows shot by the archer, to help minimise the amount of handling by the agent.
- The agent would transfer the arrows in a tube quiver which will be used when carrying the arrows back from the target to the archer.
- The quiver to be safely positioned by the archer so they can access their arrows.
- The archer can then take the arrows from this quiver and place them into their own quiver for the next round of shooting. This further reduces the handling of the arrows by the volunteer.
- The archer and agent frequently wash/sanitise their hands, before and after the collection of arrows.
- Physical contact with anyone outside of your household is not permitted.

Activity Alliance have produced guidance [Reopening Activity: An inclusive response](#), in consultation with partners across sport, leisure and disability equality. The resource covers areas such as session planning, engagement, and workforce. It complements and builds on other guidelines from government, Sport England, professional associations, and governing bodies.

For further information or support please email membership@archerygb.org

Please note guidance can change quickly and we will respond to any changes made by government as soon as is practicable to do so. Keep up to date with the latest information at www.archerygb.org/covid19