



Returning to Archery FAQs – December 2020

Following the webinar, we hosted on Tuesday 1 December and the recent enquiries received, please find below a list of the main questions asked, and our response. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

SHOOTING

Q. In tier 1 and 2 areas, do the 2 archers need to shoot in detail?

A. The archers need to maintain 2m social distancing at all times, so this will depend on the size of the indoor venue you have.

Q. Tier 3 - why one target face per household?

A. We have removed this stipulation. You can have multiple faces for one household.

Q. The 4 archers to a boss - is that in details? Are details limited to bubbles?

Q. Does the rule of 6 apply at an outdoor range?

Outdoor sport is now no longer restricted to gathering restrictions, provided that the Covid-secure Archery GB guidelines are followed. If your club has the required methods in place, archers can shoot in two details of two archers. All archers, shooting or not, should maintain 2m social distancing at all times.

Q. What are the exemptions for disabled archers?

A. Disabled people face more barriers to taking part in sport and physical activity, so an exemption is in place from Government to keep these opportunities to participate open, safe, and accessible. Disabled archers are able to travel without restrictions and sessions can take place in any number.

The exemption only applies to disabled people, and not to anyone in a session with a disabled archer.

Q. Are screens required on the shooting line and up at the targets?

Q. Why have you added screens for indoor shooting if everyone is at 2m spacing on and off the shooting line?

A. For indoor activity, screens are needed on the shooting line only. For collection of arrows, ask archers to alternate collection e.g. targets 1, 3, and 5 and then targets 2, 4, and 6 – where there is multiple archers per target. Screens are an added mitigation when archers are standing at 2m apart and provide additional confidence to archers that the sport can resume safely during this time.

Q. Not all clubs can afford this additional equipment, is there any financial support available?

Your club may consider applying for funding from the Sport England Return to Play funding streams: <https://www.sportengland.org/news/return-play-fund-launched>

Other Sports Councils are also providing grant support to clubs. Local Authorities have also recently received more grant funding to support business rate payers. Some clubs were able to receive a grant from their council, and there are numerous funding opportunities available for clubs and organisations that have been impacted by Covid-19. We would also suggest you contact your County and Region/Home Nation - most have been very generous in either providing grants or reduced fees.

Q. For outdoor shooting do we still require a non-shooting field captain and volunteer crew members?

A. As long as the shooting session is managed and the social distancing and hygiene methods are enforced, there is no longer a need for a non-shooting field captain.

Q. Now that 4 people are allowed per target (outdoors) does this mean that archers do not need to take their own face away and bring it back each time they shoot?

A. If you are allowing 4 archers to shoot, then one archer can be responsible for putting up the face. All archers should avoid touching the face when retrieving their arrows, and it can be used again or disposed of as you see fit.

TIER 3 RESTRICTIONS

Q. In tier 3 areas, the Government says people should not take part in any indoor sport or physical activity with people from outside their household. This includes indoor team and individual sports, training sessions and exercise classes. How can archery continue?

A. Sport England and DCMS have confirmed that indoor archery at tier 3 level, can continue, however it can only be archers shooting on their own or as part of a household/bubble. You may have multiple households in the same indoor space.

However, only one household/bubble can set up the equipment and pack away; therefore, shooting indoor at tier 3 may be possible only by a small number of clubs.

Q. The new guidance issued effectively rules out our own club indoor shooting because we generally have only one person from each household attending, therefore we cannot shoot because, as a set of households, we cannot meet in the same room!

Q. Our local committee have said "Households cannot mix indoor therefore you cannot use the Hall!"

A. Multiple households/bubbles are allowed in the same venue. Tier 3 shooting could take place as long the Archery GB guidance is followed, and that archers shoot only in households with no mixing. We recognise that this may be too restrictive for some, however we know that there are clubs that will be able to make it work locally.

TRAVEL

Q. Can I travel from tier 2 to shoot at my club in a tier 3 area?

Q. Can you travel from one tier 3 area to another tier 3?

A. Members are advised not to travel in or out of tier 3 areas, including for sport, unless this is necessary to enable individual exercise or to exercise with people from the same household or support bubble.

This doesn't apply to travel where it's necessary to enable disability sport, sport for educational purposes, elite sport or supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s to take place.

Q. Isn't the tier 3 area classed as one area; can I travel to my club in another county?

A. Each area – roughly the same as a county – is classed as a separate tier 3 area, therefore members are advised not to travel in or out of a tier 3 area.

FACILITY

Q. Is there any merit in obtaining and using a QR code for our venue?

A. Clubs that own or lease their venue are legally required to have an NHS QR code for track and test purposes. If you hire facilities from a leisure operator or community centre, then the operator will be responsible for supplying the QR code.

A booking system and a list of participants, volunteers, and anyone else at the range must be kept for 21 days after each and every session, regardless of whether a QR code is used or not.

OTHER

Q. Are there any documents which I can use to help the discussions with our indoor leisure centre where we shoot to allow us to restart archery?

A. The Archery GB 'Returning to Archery' documents have been drawn up in line with the Government guidance. Archery as a sport does not need Government approval because it is an individual sport. The Government provides Archery GB with the authority to write the Covid-secure guidance as we see fit. If you continue to have issues with your indoor operator then please get in touch with us, and we will happily assist where we can.

For other support or questions please do not hesitate to contact us – email membership@archerygb.org or call 01952 677888.