

FAQS

Please find below, a list of **FAQs** relating to the new restrictions in England for the delivery of outdoor and indoor (*from 17 May*) archery activity. These **FAQs** provide further guidance and information, and will be updated as further detail is published by the Government and Sport England.

Where the government rules mention '**organised**' sport, this means sport which is formally organised by a qualified instructor, club, national governing body, company or charity and follows sport-specific guidance. If the sport is not organised by one of these groups this is considered to be informal or self-organised sport – and therefore the rule of 6 applies.

Taking part in **organised sport** sometimes means that other restrictions such as legal gathering limits don't apply when taking part. This is because the organising body has considered the risks and set out ways to mitigate them so people can participate safely. Informal or self-organised sport is not covered by any exemptions.

GENERAL

- **[NEW] Can we ask beginner archers to provide confirmation of a negative lateral flow test before attending the club?**

Sport is exempted from some Covid-19 requirements, and for now lateral flow tests are not compulsory. With the club following Archery GB's covid guidance, hygiene protocols and the risk assessments you have in place, then it shouldn't be needed, but you could encourage beginners to voluntarily supply confirmation of a negative test if you wish.

You may wish to encourage coaches and other officials to also provide a negative test result, if they are not already providing them in another setting, such as for work.

- **[NEW] Can the club open it's kitchen space for members to use?**

The Government guidance allows members to use clubhouses and hospitality facilities. There is available [guidance on hospitality settings](#), and there's specific [advice for sport facility operators](#).

Clearly in some cases archery clubs use much smaller facilities, and we would recommend that if your club agrees to open these spaces then a risk assessment must be undertaken, which details a cleaning protocol to be followed (by individual members or a specific task for a volunteer).

Depending on the space there should be a controlled entrance/exit procedure – either one-way or one-in/one-out. Members should wear a face covering; use their own mugs/flasks and avoid use of communal mugs; clean/wipe communal equipment and sanitise hands before entering and leaving the kitchen space.

- **Do you need to wear a face covering when not shooting?**

Face coverings are not required in an outdoor environment, except when social distancing isn't possible. For example the setting up of equipment by volunteers.

All members must wear face coverings when shooting **indoors** and in all **indoor environments**, except when actively shooting. Anyone with a medical condition or under 12 years of age is exempt.

■ ***If two archers on a boss are from different households, do they have to shoot in details?***

This will depend on the club setting. As long as social distancing is adhered to, then archers could shoot together or in details.

■ ***Can you have two archers from different households on the line at the same time shooting at the same target?***

Yes – again as long as social distancing is adhered to at all times.

■ ***What is the maximum number of archers allowed on the field? If I have 15 bosses can I have 30 archers?***

In England, there is no limits on sport, therefore there is not a maximum number of archers shooting as long as social distancing and the guidance is adhered to. This means your maximum number is decided by the facility size and safety.

■ ***Will outdoor activity be revised as national restrictions change over time before June 21? ie people per boss etc***

All guidance will be updated in line with government guidance. For now restrict archers per target boss outdoor to a maximum of 2. Indoors (from 12 April) the maximum will be 1 archer/household per target boss.

■ ***Can I restart my school club (indoor) from 12 April?***

Yes, indoor archery can start from 12 April for up to 15 young people, in line with guidance from the Department for Education and out of school setting guidance.

■ ***If you have say 10 archers shooting on the line and they step off how does rule of 6 operate?***

During archery activity there is no gathering limits. However, as soon as the activity has finished, and when archers are socialising, they must adhere to the rules of 6.

■ ***Are there any restrictions of number of members helping to set up the field for a normal shooting session?***

No, everyone must keep to social distance guidelines of 2 metres. Setting out bosses may need multiple people, so please follow the guidance set out in the document, and wear face coverings and other PPE if required.

■ ***Does normal club-based shooting, via a booking system count as 'organised sport'?***

Yes, an Archery GB affiliated club conducting club or competition shooting is classed as organised sport.

■ ***If it's 2 to a target. Does that mean each archer does not need their own target face anymore. Can the club just supply them and leave them on the target?***

Yes the club can supply the targets, or if you wish you may still provide target faces and one archer should put up a face for each session.

- ***If the targets are 5 m apart can we have up to 4 archers per boss for club shoots (social distancing to be applied)***

No, for now please restrict to 2 archers maximum.

- ***Is there likely to be new Risk Assessment implications for the new guidance?***

The risk assessment has been updated for 2021, however it is a template and it should be edited for your club situation and range.#

- ***Can I please ask that your guidance, when its ready, includes a reference to being vaccinated - i.e. that it doesn't exempt you from social distancing?***

Vaccinated archers are not exempt from social distancing or the guidance we have issued.

- ***Would it be reasonable to take the rule of 6 to include parents of junior archers? Can we run a junior club, if so how do we get around number of parents?***

Organised sessions for junior archers can take place and are not limited in numbers. If there are sufficient coaches and other volunteers then parents/guardians are not required to be present (subject to club rules). Parents/guardians should be gather in groups of more than 6.

- ***What are we expecting from the 12th April stage? eg reduce target gaps from 3.66 down ? More persons to a boss ?***

From 12 April indoor facilities may open – please see the Clubs guidance version 5.01.

Outdoor club archery from 12 April remains 2 archers maximum per target boss.

However as UK Record Status competitions may restart from 12 April please refer to the competition guidance for more detail.

- ***Will we require range managers?***

All sessions should be managed by a field captain and follow your club range rules.

COACHING

- ***How many beginners can be taught at one session?***

Archery GB recommends coach ratios of 1:12, this is one coach to a maximum of 12 participants. Further information is available on the website:

<https://www.archerygb.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Archery-GB-Recommended-Coach-Archer-Ratios-23.09.20.pdf>

- ***Can coaches attend sessions if not shooting to help support archers back to shooting***

Yes this would be classed as essential for the activity.

- ***Would non-shooting club members be allowed to attend when shooting is taking place?***

If essential to the activity then yes. Reduce the number of non-essential volunteers for the time being.

- **Are beginners courses governed by rule of 6 - so 5 archers and a coach?**
No, beginners courses can restart with ratios of 1:12. Organised sport has an exempt from gathering limits.
- **When will "have a go's" be able to restart?**
We need to do some more thinking around how Have A Go sessions will work when there is shared equipment. For now, Have a Gos are not permitted.
- **What is the difference between 'have a go' sessions and 'taster' sessions?**
A Have a Go is 3 or 6 arrows per person with multiple members of the public; a Taster Session is 1 or 2 hours long with the same group of people.
- **Are coaching/instructor courses outdoors only?**
Some course may be able to go ahead indoors. Restrictions are changing from 12 April, and 17 May – further updates to come.

SUPPORTING DISABLED ARCHERS

- **Disabled archers - do they need to be registered disabled to be covered by insurance shooting indoors?**
The Government defines persons with a disability as those who have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on that person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. We suggest you ask your disabled archers to complete a self-declaration form, to declare that they are covered under the legal exemption for disabled people to attend the indoor archery range for the delivery of organised indoor sport.
- **We have archers who would classify themselves as disabled, previously over the last year they have shot outside within restrictions but are they allowed to shoot indoors under these restrictions?**
From 29 March, disabled archers have had an exemption to shoot indoors, in any number, and with volunteers/coaches needed to make the activity happen.

COMPETITIONS

- **Will the Tournament Calendar on both AGB & Sport 80 websites be updated?**
The tournament calendar is undergoing some maintenance on the website. The full list of tournaments is available by visiting <https://agb.sport80.com/events>.
- **Do the competition restrictions from 29/3 apply to club "in house" (not UKRS or WRS) competitions as well? Does this require filling in the paperwork and risk assessments?**
Yes all competition guidance must be followed whether the competition is record or non-record status.
- **Will GNAM go ahead and when?**

The GNAM is going ahead, but has a date change - 21-23 August. Further information available on the website.

- **Clout competitions, can start when? 10 archers per clout still. And should we collect own arrows as recommended last year**

Clout competition can take place with competition guidelines followed, all competitions must be local until the 17 May. <https://www.archerygb.org/shoot-compete/compete/return-to-competition/>

- **Guidance on travelling to competitions sounds really vague. I appreciate it's from DCMS, but knowing if I can travel 10 or 30 or 60 miles makes a big difference to the competitions I can enter. Are there any specifics on this?**

We are all being asked to minimise travel, however for organised sport, you may travel anywhere in England. If crossing a border please check the restrictions in the Home Nation you are travelling into.

- **We have scheduled a clout tournament for the 23rd May. What will the archers per target limit be.**

There is no limit on the number for organised sport. The limit will be decided by your field size under the guidance for return to competition.

Webinar specific to competitions <https://youtu.be/tPUBOSvdwFg>

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

- **Can we allow archers to move the bosses?**

It is preferred that bosses are left out permanently and not moved. However, the setting up of equipment, and movement of target bosses, is permitted. Please ensure that risk assessments have been updated and the guidance is followed.

- **Club house to remain closed or open? Is our club tuckshop allowed? What is the guidance relating to other club facilities such as tea coffee making facilities?**

From 12 April clubhouses and hospitality facilities can be used in line with government guidance on hospitality settings - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/restaurants-offering-takeaway-or-delivery>

People using clubhouses and hospitality facilities must adhere to legal gathering limits and wider government guidance (including face coverings).

- **Can we run a junior club, if so, how do we get around number of parents?**

Children will be able to attend organised indoor children's activity, including sport permitted in Step 2 from 12 April (England).

Children's indoor sport and physical activity sessions must be done in groups of 15, in line with guidance from the Department for Education and out of school setting guidance.

- ***What specific support can be given to clubs using school facilities?***
A letter from the CEO, copy of guidance and supporting information is available if your club is experiencing issues reopening on a school sport. For more visit - <https://www.archerygb.org/covid19>
- ***Where can we find information about QR codes, what we have to do and what we have to provide?***
Further information available here: <https://www.gov.uk/create-coronavirus-qr-poster>
- ***Are archers allowed to enter a storage facility to get stands/bosses out?***
Yes as long as social distancing guidance is adhered to, face coverings and other PPE may be required if social distancing isn't possible.
- ***Some people in our club are very unconvinced with pre-booking for some reason, can we have them just turn up (they are happy to leave again if there is no space) as long as we record their presence at the session. i.e. is pre-booking required? Do archers have to PRE book or is it acceptable to keep details of attendees? do we have to have a booking system***
As a club you may decide what is easier but every archer/volunteer/parent that visits the range must be recorded for track and trace purposes and information kept for 21 days. A booking system is beneficial in this regard.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact your Regional Development Officer, email membership@archerygb.org or call 01952 677888.