



Return to Archery

Frequently Asked Questions

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The key point to remember is that this is NOT a return to normal shooting. This is still a restricted shooting phase, where archery can be practiced under current Government guidelines.

From 24 September, the sport remains in Phase 2 and these guidelines have been updated to reflect this change. We will continue to update archery specific guidance as and when the government advice is updated.

[NEW] Q. The “rule of six”, do we have to restrict activities to six people or stop altogether?

A. The “rule of six” recently announced by the PM affects social gatherings. Only six people from multiple households (two households in Scotland) can meet indoors and outdoors, and in Wales only indoors.

Organised sport is exempt, and archery can continue. We require all clubs and members to continue to follow the guidance we have issued.

[NEW] Q. Does AGB have a view on whether the "rule of six" applies to other activities, such as our committee meetings?

The sport is exempt, meetings are not. Our recommendation would be to run committee engagement via electronic communications and virtual meetings. Should you wish to go ahead with a face to face meeting, then please then the need to meet in person should be documented. We have issued support for online meetings and AGMs -

[NEW] Q. Can we have more than six archers at an indoor archery session?

A. As archery is not a team sport, indoor archery sessions for more than six archers can take place, subject to the Archery GB guidelines, and any guidance of the venue, are implemented.

Activity can continue for children (under 18s), and organised activity for adults (including coached sessions and club nights held indoors) is permissible. These can take place in larger numbers in COVID-19 secure venues, provided sub-groups of more than six do not mix. There is an exemption for activity for disabled people, which can take place in any number.

[UPDATED] Q. Are we able to run beginners’ courses?

A. Yes, we recognise that some clubs and organisations are ready to resume the delivery of archery experiences for beginners. It is recommended that only licensed Archery GB instructors and coaches lead sessions for beginners. All experiences should be registered within the Club’s profile on the

Membership Portal (Sport80). [To download the latest guidance on coaching beginners please click here.](#)

[UPDATED] Coaching outdoors: Sessions can take place in groups of more than 6. Archery GB's recommended group ratio is 1 coach to 12 participants.

[UPDATED] Coaching indoors: Sessions limited to group sizes of no more than six, including coach(es).

[NEW] Coaching disabled people: Sessions can take place for disabled people in groups of any number, indoors or outdoors.

You can organise a coaching session that has two or more groups of six (with each group including a coach) involved in the session, as long as the groups are kept separate, and everyone is socially distancing.

[NEW] Q. Is there any financial support from Archery GB for clubs?

A. Yes, we currently have open the Re-Build Activity Fund. Archery GB's Rebuild Club Activity Fund was launched on 15 July. Archery GB has allocated a total of £6,467 of funding so far, in collaboration with a number of County and Regional Associations. Awards have been used to purchase additional equipment such as bows, arrows, limbs and arm guards in order to reduce the sharing of equipment on beginners' courses. Enhanced cleaning products to be Covid-19 compliant, pull-up banners, new signage, coaching fees, and additional indoor venue hirer to deliver beginners' courses.

To find out more about the Re-Build Activity Fund, you can read the full guidance here - <https://www.archerygb.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Rebuild-Activity-Fund-1.pdf>

[UPDATED] Q. What's the process for reporting a case?

A. If anyone develops [symptoms](#) of coronavirus (COVID-19) at the club they should be sent home and advised to follow the [stay at home guidance](#) for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

If you or a member, need clinical advice, they should go to [NHS 111 online](#), or call 111 if they don't have internet access. In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. Do not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.

[NEW] All clubs are also asked to notify Archery GB using this simple survey, of any archer or volunteer that reports a positive test, where NHS Test and Trace have been in touch or other related incident – no personal information is required. Click here to complete the survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/agbcovid-reporting>

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. If you have any questions please email them to membership@archerygb.org or call 01952 677888 Monday to Thursday between 9am-5pm. Please note, many of the team are now on furlough, so it may take a little longer than usual to get back to you.