

COVID 19 Advice following the Government Announcement 22.02.2021

The advice provided below is supplied on the understanding that the Government do not have to change the timescale or trajectory of the plan to allow us out of lockdown.

From 29th March 2021

With the permission of the landowners all archery clubs may open for practice and classification shoots.

Practice – will be limited to either 6 people or 2 households per group and social distancing must be maintained throughout the time together. There is to be no mixing of households inside and as such club houses should not be used.

Classification Shoots – these may be held by any club. It is advised that a rolling start is used to ensure that social distancing can always be maintained and that archers leave the course once they have completed the round. As guidance at this point requires that travel is minimised, we would ask people to remain local wherever possible. People may eat their lunches together in their target group.

Two-day shoots for people outside of the club should be undertaken with caution as there is no availability for hotel or self-contained accommodation to be available for people to stay, nor is there any household mixing indoors.

From 12th April 2021

Practice – will continue as above.

Classification Shoots – these may be held at any club. It is advised that a rolling start is used to ensure social distancing and that archers leave the course when their round is completed. Again, we are asked to minimise travel so we would ask that archers remain local if at all possible.

Two-day shoots may occur as self-contained overnight accommodation will be available as will outdoor hospitality. This will allow clubs to provide food and beverages for the archers.

From 17th May 2021

Practice – can return to normal, with the exception of maintaining the rule of 6 or two households.

Classifications – to remain as above, except that rolling starts need only occur if there are more than 30 people expected to shoot, or if people cannot keep at a social distance, due to available space.

Two-day shoots may continue as above.

From 21st June 2021

All archery events may return to normal!

Additional rules that have needed to be taken during the pandemic that need to be maintained, until at least 21st June 2021, 1 and 2 below will need to continue indefinitely.

1. **No archer will leave home if they feel unwell, they should stay at home and contact the NHS111 service on-line for advice if they have any of the recognised COVID19 symptoms:**
 - a. **New continuous cough.**
 - b. **High temperature – the chest is hot to the touch.**
 - c. **A loss or change to the sense of smell or taste.**
 - d. **Additionally, diarrhoea, headache and body aches have all now been linked to the virus.**
2. All archers will carry an alcohol hand rub/sanitiser and face covering in their quiver, which will be considered as part of their normal equipment.
3. Please do not touch another archer's equipment if they are not from your household, if it is essential then use the hand sanitiser before and after touching it and before you touch anything else. COVID19 can remain on hard surfaces for up to 72 hours and more in some cases.
4. We have always been asked to brace the target whilst pulling arrows, this should not be done with the hand but with the arm, hip or knee to ensure that the hands remain clean.

