

Guidance for the EFAA Club Secretaries regarding COVID 19

Introduction

The Government set out its proposal for returning the Country to normal on 22.2.2021 and while there is still some way to go it is looking highly likely that things could return to normal on 21st June 2021. That said, to ensure the safe and speedy resumption of our sport the Government Guidance should be followed to enable proposed route map to be followed.

Should there be another spike in cases the Government will close everything down yet again. The EFAA Committee will continue to update club secretaries and members via social media.

These additional COVID 19 rules are in addition to the general health and safety rules of the EFAA and should be read in conjunction with them.

Maintenance

Essential maintenance at club grounds is an essential part of our sport and as such people may travel to their club grounds if they are the club Range Officer and designated deputy to undertake maintenance, however the landowner's permission must be sought. This **MUST** be in line with Social distancing and Health and Safety, people from different households **MUST** stay 2 meters/6 feet apart and further if possible.

Further information on social distancing can be found here
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Practice

The Government have been clear in stating that no more than six people may be together outdoors or two households (if greater in number). To ensure safety at clubs it is essential that social distancing can always be maintained, that is people not from the same households **MUST** stay 2 meters/6 feet apart. Therefore, we are asking that:

1. **People must not leave home if you feel unwell, stay home and seek information from NHS111 on-line.**
2. Only once the grounds owners have agreed that archery can recommence can practice be allowed within our clubs.
3. Clubs, where possible, should display the QR code for the club and the archers are therefore responsible for scanning the code on entry to the grounds.
4. Archers should bring with them a supply of hand sanitiser (70% alcohol or more) and if bringing food or drink ensure they thoroughly clean their hands with sanitiser before eating or drinking.
5. Any food or drink should be left in their vehicle or carried with the archer, only if required during practice, not left out on picnic tables.
6. All archers should take with them a bottle of hand sanitiser and face covering.

Classifications

1. **Registration**

- a. **Do not leave home if you feel unwell, stay home and seek information from NHS111 on-line.**
- b. All archers attending a classification shoots must take in their quiver a bottle of hand sanitiser (70% alcohol or more) and a face covering. This should be checked as part of bow inspection.
- c. Classification cards shall be shown on registration.
- d. The shoot fee should be advertised prior to the event and archers should attend with the correct money or should have paid on-line prior to the event. They should place the money in an appropriate container and if a nominated scorer should take the appropriate number of score cards (half a set).
- e. Once the group have arrived, they should be told of any health and safety issues and sent to target one to start. Households should remain together, if possible, even if the group is larger than would normally be accepted.

2. Bow Inspection

- a. This will occur with a suitably trained EFAA person, who will be wearing PPE and using a cleanable table to rest the equipment on.
- b. The archer will be asked to lay the equipment on the table for inspection and will step away from the table whilst the equipment is inspected.
- c. Once complete the archer will collect their equipment and the table will be cleaned prior to the next person.
- d. The cleaner should be either a bleach based or anti-viral product.

3. Shooting

- a. If the archers are from different households then only one archer may shoot at a time unless 2m can be maintained and the rest of the group must stand such that they remain socially distant (2m apart).
- b. The social distancing shall remain throughout the walk to each target and whilst scoring the arrows. Once the scores have been recorded each archer shall pull their own arrows unless they are from the same household.
- c. The instruction has always been 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.
- d. Other archers' equipment should not be handled unless they are from the same household. If this is essential, then use the hand sanitiser before and after touching it and before touching anything else. COVID19 can remain on hard surfaces for up to 72 hours and more in some cases.
- e. If lost arrows are found, then direct the owner to them rather than collecting it for them.
- f. **Wherever possible do not touch your face, eyes, or other mucous membranes,** as this is a way, along with breathing the virus in that enables it to enter the body.

4. Administration

- a. On completion of the course and addition of the score cards the classification cards will be completed by the archer and will be checked by either the scorer or shoot organiser.

- b. The score cards will be placed into an appropriate box and either left for 72 hours or the appropriate PPE will be used to handle them.
- c. The shoot certificate can then be completed and sent to the Classifications Officer with any record/incentive claims and score cards – suitably labelled.

