

2.Guidance for the EFAA Club Secretaries regarding COVID 19 issues 17.5.21

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.

The latest evidence has shown that it is very unlikely that COVID 19 can be spread by touch and therefore the criteria we had in place regarding not touching equipment of others and the issues with money and score cards no longer exist.

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

With the landowner's permission course maintenance may be undertaken by club members. 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>

Club Hut

All clubs need to assess their club huts to determine how many people they can have in there and maintain social distancing, up to a limit of 6. This number should be advertised at the entrance, so all members/visitors are aware.

Practice

The Government have been clear in stating to ensure safety 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. 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.
3. Archers should bring with them a supply of hand sanitiser (70% alcohol or more), a face covering and if bringing food or drink ensure they thoroughly clean their hands with sanitiser before eating or drinking.
4. 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.

Classifications

1. Registration

- a. Do not leave home if you feel unwell, stay home and seek information from NHS111 on-line.
- b. Currently groups of 30 people can meet outdoors (socially distanced) so any archery event would need to be less than 30 people or must commence with a staggered start approach.
- c. 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.
- d. Classification cards shall be shown on registration.
- e. 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.
- f. Once a group have arrived, they should be given the score cards 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. Our original method of bow inspection may now resume.

3. Shooting

- a. If the archers are from different households then only one archer may shoot at a time unless social distancing can be maintained and the rest of the group must stand such that they remain socially distanced (2m apart).
- b. The social distancing shall remain throughout the walk to each target and whilst scoring the arrows.
- 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.

4. Administration

- a. On completion of the course and addition of the score cards the classification cards will be completed by the shoot organiser.
- b. The shoot certificate should then be completed and sent to the Classifications Officer with any record/incentive claims and score cards – suitably labelled.

