



Assheton Bowmen

Return to Archery – Phase 1

Introduction

These guidelines currently apply to Assheton Bowmen only and relate to the first phase of returning to archery (restricted shooting). They have been produced in line with the Government guidance on public spaces, outdoor activity and exercise published on 11 May 2020, which can be read on the Gov.uk website - www.gov.uk/coronavirus and Archery GB guidance Return to Archery published on 13th May 2020 which can be read at <https://www.archerygb.org/return-to-archery-phase-one/>

In line with government advice Assheton Bowmen will remain flexible and endeavour to communicate changes in access to their members quickly. We must respond quickly if there is an increase in the virus locally, nationally or if any of club's members or visitors to the range test positive for coronavirus.

This guidance applies to phase 1 of Archery GB's return to archery plan only – outdoor shooting. We will update our club guidance as and when we are guided by AGB. If you have any questions please contact secretary@asshtonbowmen.com and a member of the committee will be happy to help.

Guidance Notes for Assheton Bowmen archers:

Health and Safety:

- Archers MUST NOT come to the range/club if they show symptoms of any illness but in particular of Covid-19. These are highlighted on NHS Direct and include:
 - a new persistent and dry cough
 - A temperature
- If you are symptomatic, living in a household with a possible COVID-19 infection or if you are classified as extremely vulnerable on health grounds, the guidance is that you should remain at home.
- Archers must notify the club should they develop symptoms after attending the archery range.

- After the session, archers should sanitise their hands, clean their equipment and anything else used at the session.
- The club will provide hand sanitiser and disinfectant/sanitiser sprays and cloths for the bosses
- Club members must disinfect / sanitise all surfaces that are touched, for example container handles/gates, targets.
- Members are required to provide their own suitable PPE (face coverings and gloves) for periods when social distancing may be difficult – for example moving bosses.
- A Risk Assessment for the return to shooting outdoors has been completed by the committee. All members of the club are responsible for ensuring that sessions and archers observe the social distancing and other Government guidelines. In the interest of safety for all members the committee reserve the right to suspend shooting if guidance is not adhered to.

Before shooting/after:

- The clubhouse and indoor facilities will remain closed (as per AGB guidance) and there should be no group archery or club social activity at this time.
- Access to the container keys will be via new key safes located on the side of the container. The access code is the same as the main door except replace the X with A.
- Assheton Bowmen will provide each member with their own target face and target pins. These should be collected on your first visit to the club after lockdown and then kept with you to be re-used on subsequent visits. We ask that each archer only takes one to ensure there are enough for all members.
- The outdoor range has been marked at the shooting line with individual lanes 5m wide per target (as per AGB guidance). We will initially start with 6 shooting lanes.
- Targets should be positioned 5 metres from each centre. Distances have been marked along the 5m lanes. This minimum spacing take effect from 11 May 2020 until further notice, and supersedes Rule 301 (b) (i) and (ii).
- Booking a lane prior to shooting is essential. No archers will be able to shoot unless a lane has been pre-booked to ensure the number of archers on the field at once is limited. Family units may share a lane/booking if shooting at the same target. If more than one distance and therefore target is required a separate booking must be made for each target required.
- It is recommended that archers set up their equipment before arriving at the club to avoid congregating in the carpark as equipment is set up. If you do need to set you bow up

at your car please ensure that adequate social distancing is applied between yourself and a fellow archer also setting up. The same applies for packing down at the end of shooting.

- Unfortunately we are unable to leave bosses out. Boss moving should be kept to a minimum. Where possible the boss should be moved by the person/family unit who will be using it. Where this is not possible and more than one person is required to move a boss adequate PPE should be worn (members are required to bring their own face covering and gloves at all times). If when you finish shooting a member is about to start please remove your target face and disinfect the boss but leave it in position for them to minimise movement.

Shooting Rules:

- All archers must have read the AGB Guidance Notes for Archers before shooting.
- Shooting lanes must be pre-booked. Bookings are initially **limited to 2 hours** per archer per day, and **only 2 slots per week**. The committee reserve the right to further limit access to individual archers should demand for time slots outweigh availability.
- Slots can only be booked **7 days in advance**. The booking administrator will be overseeing the system and has authority to delete any bookings which do not follow these rules.
- Bookings will be made through Reservio.com – please see the separate “how to book” instructions.
- Archers must practice social distancing at all times and maintain a distance apart of at least 2 metres.
- Individual archers must shoot at a single target but archers from the same family unit may share a target if shooting at the same distance.
- During phase 1 shooting is restricted to a maximum distance of 70m.
- At the start of each time slot a field captain is to be mutually decided between the archers present. The field captain should be an archer who is available for the full 2 hour time slot in order to ensure safe shooting.
- Archers should use your own target faces and target pins (as provided by Assheton Bowmen on your first return visit) or provided by yourself. Please put up your own target faces and re-use or dispose of them at home.
- Archers must use their own equipment, or equipment loaned to them by their club (any loaned equipment should remain with the archer until government restrictions are lifted further – please contact the club secretary if you require an equipment loan). Sharing of equipment is not permitted. Please take all your equipment home.

- Archers must pull their own arrows, (unless from the same household) including any which land in the grass.
- Score sheets must not be shared between archers (unless from the same household). For this period only – archers do not need to double sign score sheets. This is purely based upon the trust of our archers. Any scores you wish to be submitted must be sent electronically to our records officer on records@asshetonbowmen.com. This could be a photo of your score sheet or a screenshot from your electronic device.
- In order to minimise contact, there is no need for archers to remain at the club if they are not shooting. We ask that setting up and packing down are completed as quickly and as efficiently as possible as change over times will be our busiest times.
- Spectators are not allowed with the exception of the attendance of a parent/guardian (non-participant) or a carer for a disabled archer if required, it should be limited to one per archer, with social distancing strictly observed.
- Coaching on a 1-1 basis is permitted under AGB guidance from a safe distance of 2m unless from the same family unit. Please see AGB Return to Archery Guidance for coaching for more information.