

Jolly Archers of Houghton and Wyton

Policy to deal with Covid-19

1. It is unlikely that we can revert to shooting as we did before Covid-19 without adopting some new practices.
 - a. Archery at Jubilee Park has some features that are positive in a relaxation of policy. We are:-
 - i. An outdoors activity
 - ii. An individually based, no contact, sport
 - iii. We have our own ground available 24/7 which allows archery to be spread over a whole week keeping gatherings to an acceptably low level.
 - iv. We have enough room to keep our social distance easily.
 - v. Our ground is closed to the public
2. Government guidelines to be observed.
In particular:-
 - a. Social distancing to be maintained
 - b. Gatherings to be limited
 - c. Wash your hands, or use sanitiser gel, regularly
3. Archery GB guidance notes to be followed
4. Additional risks associated with Covid-19
 - a. Anyone infected with the virus, or associated with anyone who has or had Covid-19 symptoms going to the field
 - b. Unable to maintain social distancing
 - c. Gathering in significant groups
 - d. Sharing the same equipment
 - e. Touching infected surfaces
5. Our ground is safe with limited access
 - a. It is registered as an archery range with ArcheryGB
 - b. It is a private ground of approximately three acres
 - c. It is hedged on all sides with restrictions at all entrances
 - d. No easy access to members of the public
6. **Changes we will adopt**
Field layout
 1. Space up to eight bosses 18ft apart using our tournament distance markers (positions 1,3,5,etc). This meets the 5m requirement.
 2. The bosses are set at variety of distances, to hopefully limit the amount of moving required
 3. Tables on the field to be set out at each shooting position.
 4. Clubhouse is not available.
7. **New Shooting Rules at Jubilee Park**
 1. Every member shooting at Jubilee Park is responsible for policing these rules to ensure that we can keep shooting in a safe environment in these difficult times. The rules may seem excessive but are essential to allow us to shoot at all and are aimed at protecting our personal wellbeing.
 2. ArcheryGB Rules of Shooting apply, except when our new practices exceed its provisions.
 3. Please read ArcheryGB guidance note "Returning to Archery Phase 1. Restricted shooting"

4. Members must not come to the range if they:-
 - Show symptoms of Covid-19 or any other infectious disease
 - Have had symptoms of Covid-19
 - Has someone in their family that is symptomatic of Covid-19 even if you feel well
 - Symptoms of Covid-19 include:-
 - A new persistent and dry cough
 - A temperature
5. Please notify the club through the Chair, or any committee member, if you develop symptoms after attending the range.
6. Toilets are to be used only in an emergency.
7. Use sanitary gel before and after shooting. Gel is available both outside, and inside, our signing-in container.
8. Always maintain social distancing of two metres.
9. The Club Calendar will remain suspended and there will be no club activities for the time being. "Turn up, shoot, go home".
10. To minimise the need to touch the lock and main gate. If when you arrive there is already one car in the car park leave the gate open to remove the need for following members to touch the gate or lock. When you leave shut the gate unless there remain two cars in the car park.
11. The lock box to the container is a potential risk area. It would be sensible to use the gel before/after opening the container. To limit the need to use the container we are suspending the need to sign in each time you shoot.
12. Shooting is to be on an individual (not as a club) basis.
13. Two archers can use the same boss but must shoot as two details (ArcheryGB 8/7/2020) unless they are members of the same household.
14. If all bosses are taken then go home, you must not wait or queue, even in the car park. To minimise contact do not remain at the club if you are not at a boss shooting or doing club maintenance. Initially we do not propose to have a booking system, with all its associated difficulties, but this relies on members spreading their attendance over the week.
15. You must use your own equipment, or equipment loaned to you by the club (any loaned equipment should remain with you until the government restrictions are lifted further). Sharing of equipment is not permitted. Take all your equipment home.
16. Only use target faces and target pins allocated to you by the club, or provided by yourself. New faces and pins can be taken, initially, from the club container. Put up your own target face and re-use or dispose of it at home. Using gloves to put up and take down faces may be necessary to minimise contact with the boss
17. Draw your own arrows from the boss.
18. If you need to move a boss it should be moved by one person, where possible, wearing gloves
19. After the session, archers should sanitise their hands, clean their equipment and anything else used at the session.
20. The club will not record scores, and therefore the achievement of awards is suspended, for the moment. This avoids any risk associated with using score boards and pens.
21. Where attendance of a parent/guardian (non-participant) or carer for a disabled archer is required, it should be limited to one per archer, with social distancing strictly observed while watching the session.
22. Coaching is allowed but ArcheryGB Covid-19 rules need to be followed