

## Risk Assessment

**Activity Assessed:** Archery

**Date of Assessment:** 14.01.2024

**Assessor:** Chris Maddocks

\*\*\*\* Only Cox Wood low powered bows can be used on this range \*\*\*\*

Hazard	People at Risk	Control measure	Review date
<p><b>Range &amp; Terrain</b></p> <p>Risks associated with archery, e.g. Falling onto arrows while carrying them, Overdrawing a bow, Tripping on or being injured by stray/ deflected arrows.</p>	Archers, instructors, participants, spectators, bystanders, members of the public	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All sessions to be run in accordance with site rules and procedures.</li> <li>2. All sessions to be run according to published best practice as set by the GNAS.</li> <li>3. Range to be inspected for trip hazards before sessions begin.</li> <li>4. Appropriate length arrows should be used.</li> <li>5. Appropriate size bows should be used depending on age/size of participant</li> <li>6. Range danger areas/exclusion zones to be established and clearly marked out.</li> <li>7. Spectators restricted to designated viewing areas.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Equipment Failure</b></p> <p>Targets blown or falling over, bows and arrows.</p>	Participants, instructors.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Appropriate targets to be used and session will not be run if winds excessive.</li> <li>2. Pre-session checks must be carried out on all equipment to ensure it safe to use</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Behaviour</b></p> <p>Hazards arising from the actions of group members i.e. Overcrowding and Disorderly behaviour.</p>	Everyone involved with the session.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Range leader to be identified who will take overall responsibility for the session</li> <li>2. Authorized leaders to be available for crowd control/assistance</li> <li>3. Maximum number of participants not to exceed 12, maximum on range will be 4 shooting.</li> <li>4. Safe waiting area to be set up to avoid overcrowding on the range.</li> <li>4. Groups to be briefed on standards of expected behavior and safety measures.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Supervision</b></p> <p>Incidents caused by a lack of supervision or inadequate supervision</p>	Participant's instructors, members of the public.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Only qualified and authorized instructors to run sessions.</li> <li>2. Instructors to control participants on, during activities and off the archery range.</li> <li>3. Instructors to stop all archery activities immediately if the safety of the range, participants or any other site users/members of the public is compromised</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Weather</b></p> <p>Sessions may become dangerous due to adverse weather conditions</p>	All involved	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sessions to be cancelled in the event of adverse weather e.g. High winds, Cross winds, heavy rain, sleet, snow or reduced visibility.</li> </ol>	

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<p><b>Members of the Public</b></p> <p>Injury to people outside the immediate range.</p>	<p>Individuals approaching / encroaching range areas</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Range danger areas/exclusion zones to be monitored at all times.</li> <li>2. Instructors to be watchful for participants aiming obviously high or wide of targets.</li> <li>3. Sessions to be halted if people are seen straying into range/danger/exclusion areas</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Participnats</b></p> <p>Injury to participant</p>	<p>participants</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To avoid risk of string burn, participant encouraged to wear long sleeves, arm protection to be used.</li> <li>2. First aid kit to be available in case of injury.</li> <li>3. At least one leader in addition to main instructor to be present</li> </ol>	

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