



Background

HMG allows outdoor sport to resume from 29 March 2021. We are still awaiting guidance from AGB on this latest return to archery.

Archery GB (AGB) had previously issued guidance, 13 May 2020, on the phased return for archery. There are 3 phases: 1 to 3, moving from higher to no restrictions in social/physical contact, respectively. AGB will continue to issue and update guidance as the situation changes. We assume we will be in Phase 2.

WAC has updated its risk assessment in compliance with requirements for a return to shooting which must be read in conjunction with this protocol and is available on the main and booking websites. This protocol only refers to shooting at the Warlingham Park School field (WPS) during the Summer 2021 season and will be updated following further advice from AGB.

Who can/cannot shoot at WPS?

You can shoot at WPS if:

- you have paid the WAC membership fee together with the affiliation fees; and,
- you have successfully booked a place for a session; and,
- you agree to inform the Club should you develop Covid-19 symptoms or have been tested positive for infection within 10 days of attending the shooting session.

You must not come to WPS if:

- you have shown symptoms or have tested positive for Covid-19 within 14 days prior to the date of the session; or,
- you have been in contact with anyone who has shown symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 within 10 days prior to the date of the session; or,
- you have not been allocated a place on the shooting session.

It is recommended that you do not come to WPS if:

- you are classed as having a medical condition that has been identified as increasing your vulnerability to serious consequences of Covid-19 infection; or
- you are in a “support bubble” with anyone classed as having a medical condition that has been identified as increasing their vulnerability to serious consequences of Covid-19 infection; and,
- **the vulnerable person has not received your 2nd Covid-19 vaccination within 2 weeks of the event.**

However, this is only a recommendation. If you consider the precautions listed below and in the risk assessment sufficiently reduces or eliminates the risk to you or others in your “support bubble” then you may attend – at your own risk.

Precautions to take whilst at WPS

WAC will provide hand sanitiser and disinfectant spray (both with 70+% alcohol) for use during the session. You can use your own hand sanitiser if you prefer provided it contains 70+% alcohol. You must bring a mask to wear, as described below. (Remember, your mask will protect others not you). **It is also recommended to wear suitable gloves (e.g. close fitting builders/gardening gloves) when handling Club equipment (bosses, faces, etc). It is advised to disinfect gloves prior to removal and sanitise hands after removing gloves.**

Maintain a 2 metre distance whenever possible. If conditions don't allow this, wear a mask.

You must not use the WPS chairs and tables. Avoid using toilets – if you must then sanitise hands before and afterwards.

Last person to leave the grounds will disinfect (spray/sanitiser) toilet door handles and the car park gate bolt and lock.



Setting up and taking down the field

Arrive as usual (by 9:45am) to help set out field and then prepare your equipment.

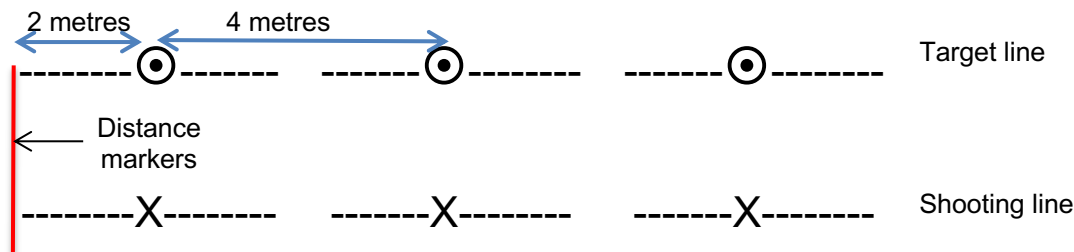
As far as is practicable only 1 person will be in the equipment shed at any one time to retrieve/replace equipment. When this is impractical (re-racking bosses after the session) then those in the shed (2 archers) must wear face masks **and gloves**. Spray the trolley handle with disinfectant before closing/locking shed (spray can also be used on hands).

When handling equipment (faces, pins, line, distance markers, etc) you should sanitise your hands prior to and immediately after contact. **If you where gloves, disinfect hands after removing.**

Sanitiser bottles should be placed by the porch (x1), either side of field (x2) and behind the shooting line (x3)

The field will be laid out depending upon responses received when slots are booked. Bosses will be set with their centres set 4 metres apart, below:

Suggested field layout, the target line and shooting line distances:



Shooting arrangements

There will be a maximum of 2 archers/boss. If numbers allow, you will have your own boss.

Archers will shoot in 2 details – either 2 sets of 3 arrows or 1 set of 6 arrows – as designated by the Field Captain – so only 1 archer is present/boss on the shooting line at any one time.

When behind the shooting line maintain a 2+ metre distance between archers. If not possible, wear a mask.

As usual, do not touch any other archer's equipment.

When indicated to score and collect arrows, and if there are 2 archers on a boss, wear a mask **and gloves** until you've returned behind the shooting line.

If you have opted for your score to be recorded by the Records Officer then you can score your own arrows (Club score sheet or electronic device). At the end of the shoot, results must be sent to the Records Officer by electronic transfer (recordsofficer@warlinghamarchers.uk). Take any paper score sheet home to either keep or destroy.

Pulling arrows – archers should pull their own. If an arrow proves difficult to remove so that another archer's assistance is required both archers should wear masks **and gloves**.

Missed/lost arrows – in the grass. Initially try to find your own arrows. If assistance is required to find arrows buried in the field archers must wear face masks and gloves. If the detectors are used then the operator must **disinfect handle after use**.

If you wish to continue shooting after the end of the session – inform the Field Captain. You must decontaminate WPS facilities, as described above.