



Return to Archery

Frequently asked questions

Phase one – Restricted shooting

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Why are you allowed to return to archery in England, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man?

Restricted archery is now permitted following the Government announcement on public space, outdoor activity and exercise published on 11 May 2020, which can be read on the [Gov.uk website](#). Archery GB has issued guidance for clubs, coaches and members.

Why can't I return to archery in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales?

There is no change to the current position in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and archery activity remains on hold. We will continue to work with Home Nations as the guidance changes in those territories. Please don't attempt to travel to an English club if you live in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

If I live in Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales can I travel to an English club?

No, this is against government guidelines and you will not be insured to shoot. Archers must not travel into a different territory to shoot.

Why is my club not open?

Club committees may need time to work through the guidelines and be confident that they can safely open the range. The choice to return to archery at this time is one that needs to be made locally by clubs, after carefully considering their own circumstances. There are many clubs who are keen to return to archery as soon as possible, but we appreciate there will be those that have genuine concerns, or their local environment will make shooting safely impossible at this stage. It is the responsibility of each club to make their own assessment based on their local environment and circumstances. Clubs that rely on external venues may need to liaise with the venue owner before archery can resume. Please be patient and respect your club's decision on whether opening at this time is feasible.

Can I attend a different club if mine is not open?

We encourage clubs to work together to help the archery community get back to archery. Clubs with sufficient facilities may wish to partner with other clubs in their locality, should sufficient space be available. We have had positive discussions with County Associations to help coordinate this where possible. Please be mindful that some clubs may wish to restrict slots to their own members while they adjust to the new guidelines, please be patient while we all take time to adjust to the new way of working, and we will do our best to support those that are unable to open just yet.

Is coaching activity allowed?

Yes, one to one coaching can take place in England, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man as long as social distancing is maintained.

Coaches can:

- Coach one person from outside their household at a time.
- Coach more than one person at a time so long as they are all from the same household.
- Coach persons that are able to shoot safely on their own without intervention.
- Coach only on a prearranged basis.
- You can meet with different archers in a single day as long as it is only via one-to-one sessions and you are maintaining social distancing.

Does Archery GB's insurance protect the club against claims if someone contracts Coronavirus whilst at the club?

Yes, the insurers would respond to defend the claim. As long as the club is following government guidance around social distancing and they can evidence that they have followed Archery GB's guidelines. It is essential that clubs record and evidence that they are working to and controlling the social distancing measures expected by the government, clubs should complete a thorough risk assessment. The person making the claim would need to be able to prove they contracted the virus at the club, which would be very difficult to do.

[If you have a question that hasn't yet been answered](#)

We appreciate that we haven't been able to answer every question yet, we are working our way through them and will update the FAQ's regularly. If you have any questions please email them to membership@archerygb.org or call 01952 677888 Monday to Thursday between 9am-5pm. Please note, many of the team are now on furlough, so it may take a little longer than usual to get back to you.