

Health & Safety Risk Assessment for Archery.

ARCHERY RISK ASSESSMENT						
Hazard/Risk	Who could be affected by hazard.	Likelihood of being affected	Worst consequence of being affected	Risk Level	How hazard/risk is mitigated	Residual risk level
Being Shot by another participant, or by oneself.	FST, VSA, VC	1	75	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Sessions conducted to Archery GB Standards. • All non-participants and spectators kept off shooting range by Range Marshall and safety cordon. • Group Control by VSA at safe waiting line. • All participants briefed on safety measures. 	LOW
Carrying and Stringing Bows.	FST, VSA, VC	1	20	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Sessions conducted to Archery GB Standards. • All participants briefed on safety measures. • One to one assistance provided as necessary. 	LOW
Carrying and handling of arrows.	FST, VSA, VC	1	75	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All arrows carried in quivers until needed. • Participants taught not to run towards Target Boss. • Participants shown how to withdraw arrows from Target. • Participants instructed to carry arrows under the arm 'Sergeant Major style' when returning arrows to quiver for next round of firing. • Arrows replaced in quiver with point down, after retrieval from Target. 	LOW
Lifting and handling of target bosses.	FST, VSA, VC	2	40	80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target Bosses only handled by FST and/or CGS. • Target Bosses set up by FST and checked for stability before use, guy lines used to ensure stability.. 	LOW
Third parties on Range.	FST, VSA, VC	1	75	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range Master responsible for ensuring third parties remain at safe distance using clear range boundary markers. • FST to ensure range complies with Archery GB Standards/ recommendations. • All gates and access to the range will be closed. 	LOW

Injury caused by bowstring.	FST, VSA, VC	5	10	50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants to be provided with their own bracers during all activities. • Bracers to be checked by participants and FST during the activity. • Instructor to ensure vigilance during session to correct any techniques that may cause the string to injure participant. • Low poundage bows to be used. 	LOW
Equipment failure causes injury.	FST, VSA, VC	1	40	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All equipment will be properly maintained and checked before use – and replaced when necessary. The results will be recorded. 	LOW
String catches in long hair, jewellery, loose clothing and causes injury.	FST, VSA, VC	2	20	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bracers provided for the duration of the activity. • Group members with long hair should tie back and secure hair before any firing can begin. • Jewellery removed before we can begin. 	LOW
Participant distraction, or horseplay results in unsafe shooting.	FST, VSA, VC	1	75	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group size will be no more than 12 with no more than 4 shooting at once. • Rules clearly explained to VC/VSA and remain vigilant along with VSA. • FST ensure that all children understand that firing into the air is extremely dangerous and prohibited. 	LOW

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