

Beaumanor Park Risk Assessment Archery

<i>Risk Assessment - Archery</i>			
Hazard	People Harmed	Risk Control	Further Action
Shot by an arrow	All Participants	<p>Safety information stated in the brief and reinforced throughout the session.</p> <p>Safety command explained and reinforced throughout the session – <i>“fast”</i> or <i>“stop”</i> to be used.</p> <p>Arrows only to be touched following the command <i>“Fire When Ready”</i> or <i>“load”</i>.</p> <p>No one to load their bow until they are standing astride the firing line</p> <p>Once a participant has shot all three arrows they are to sit down on the bench or retire from the firing line and await further instructions.</p> <p>No one is to distract a person when they are in the act of loading an arrow or shooting.</p> <p>No one to collect arrows until the command <i>“Collect Your Arrows”</i>.</p> <p>No one to move forward of the firing line until told to do so.</p>	<p>Staff to position themselves in such a position as to be able to see all participants who are shooting.</p> <p>Firing Line identified to the participants.</p> <p>Bench to be set up behind the firing line to act as a safe “waiting” area.</p> <p>Team benches to be set out behind the “waiting” bench. Participants are not to be allowed to leave these until told to do so.</p> <p>Staff vigilance throughout the session.</p>

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		The Gym or shooting area are to be set out with a team spectators area and a waiting area. Movement between these areas to be controlled by supervising staff only.	
Falling onto an arrow	All participants	Participants warned not to run when carrying arrows. Arrows to be carried with points safe –pointing to the ground.	Staff vigilance throughout
Running into an arrow	All participants	When moving around the shooting area participants are not allowed to run at any time. Participants always approach the targets from the side or between never straight on.	
Hit by an arrow	All participants	If more than one participant is shooting at a target only one collects their arrows at a time. Staff to organise when each participant approaches the target. Participants to be told to check behind them before pulling out their arrows	Waiting area identified for the other person.
Hit by falling target	All participants	Participants to place their hand on the target prior to pulling out the arrow to anchor the target. Difficult to reach or deeply embedded arrows to be withdrawn by staff only.	Staff to be present at the target when arrows are being withdrawn.
Damaged or broken equipment	All participants	All equipment checked prior to use by supervising staff	Damaged equipment withdrawn. Regular checks of and maintenance to

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		<p>Damaged equipment to be taken out of service and recorded in the withdrawn log until repairs are carried out or the item scrapped.</p> <p>Damage happening during the session to be either repaired at the time or the item withdrawn as above and a replacement drawn from the store.</p>	equipment as necessary.
Hit by bow string	All participants	<p>All participants to wear as a minimum a short arm guard on the inner forearm of the hand holding the bow.</p> <p>Long arm guards to be available for those needing them.</p>	
Sore fingers	All participants	Finger tabs to be available to all participants should they need them.	
Strained joints	All participants	Bows with appropriate draw strengths to be used for participants.	
<i>Additional for archery Outdoors</i>			
Danger to others	Third parties	<p>All other group leaders to be made aware of an archery session in progress.</p> <p>Exclusion zone created around the activity as detailed in the GNAS handbook</p> <p>Sharp lookout maintained by supervising staff and an audible means of warning to be at hand.</p>	

