Risk Assessment Archery

Hazard	People who could be harmed/risk level	Risk control	Further action
Weather- (Cold, wet, sun, winds, storms)	Participants and others	Instructors to advise group leaders to ensure participants have appropriate clothing/protection for conditions.	Cancel session if necessary
Non participant hit by arrow	All Likelihood – 1 Consequence 2/3/4	Range laid out to Archery GB specifications. Instructors to do visual check prior to session. Instructors brief participants on where they may shoot their arrows.	
Participant hit by arrow	Participant Likelihood – 1 Consequence 2/3/4	As above. Groups should have a leader with them to assist in maintaining range discipline. Instructors to ensure all arrows have been shot before retrieving arrows from targets.	Suitable briefing re leaders and conduct to be sent out with the booking
Participant interference at the shooting line	All Likelihood -1 Consequence 2/3/4	Instructors give full briefing re range procedures	
Retrieving arrows	Instructors and others Likelihood – 1 Consequence 2/3/4	This should not be done without checking all arrows have been fired	
Bow string contacts arm when shooting	Participant Likelihood -2 Consequence 2	Participants should wear long sleeved tops and correctly positioned arm brace and receive a safety briefing.	
Arrows rebounding from target area	All Likelihood – 2 Consequence 2/3	Thorough checks on equipment and range	
Unsupervised access to equipment	All Likelihood -1 Consequence 2/3/4	Instructors to brief participants on not handling equipment unless told to do so. Equipment locked in store. Equipment accounted for at end of session	
Muscle injury	Participants Likelihood 2 Consequence - 2	Instructors to check for poor technique	

Current Control measures-activity run with qualified instructors only; instructors must have current Archery GB Leader certificate: two instructors to 12 participants (or for small groups, one instructor for 6); equipment checked & logged: group supervisor must read & sign COU form.

Are these adequate? Yes **What other measures are necessary?** None

Monitoring -Check accident book; set up equipment log book system; equipment to be checked monthly.

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How likely is an accident

1 - Unlikely,2 - Possible,3 - Quite possible,4 - Likely,5 - Very likely,l

If an accident occurs, what is the consequence

1 - No injury,2 - Slight injury,3 - Injury over a 3 day duration,4 - Death or serious injury,5 - Multiple death