

# ARCHERY SPECIFIC RISKS

In Conjunction with Overall General Activity Risks

## Group Run Activity

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Risk	Outcome if risk occurred	Existing Risk Control Actions	Residual Risk Assessment			Group Leader Required Risk Control Actions
			Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Rating	
<b>People Dangers</b>						
Lack of Supervision and Unqualified Instruction	Injury	Adult leader with experience in the activity (preferable but not essential) Teaching notes are provided prior to camp Best Group size: 12-16 participants	2	4	M	Provide adequate supervision and leader for the activity Suitable First Aid Kit Give Activity Instruction Notes and this Risk Assessment to activity leader to read so they know Activity Procedures and Safety Standards
Hit by an Arrow	Puncture wounds Potentially fatal Cuts, abrasions	Archery area is facing away from other activities Designated area for shooting and procedures for collection of arrows	2	4	M	Establish safe procedures as outlined in Teaching Notes Demonstrate the shooting and arrow retrieval procedure
Behavioural Issues • Don't follow the rules • Lack of control	Injury Disappearance	Teaching notes provide suggested procedures and safety rules for running the activity. The Shooting line is behind a wooden barrier that no one is allowed in front of while shooting is occurring. Bench seats are provided for waiting participants to sit on.	2	2	L	Provide adequate supervision for the activity Outline safety procedures, prerequisite skills and consequences as outlined in the teacher's notes before participation in the activity. Regular head count and spatial awareness
Contagious Illnesses	Covid-19 Flu	Hand sanitiser provided at main building	2	3	M	Group leader to have participants sanitise their hands before leaving the building prior to activity. Limit social contact if appropriate.
<b>Equipment Dangers</b>						
Broken/Damaged Equipment	Injury	Regular checking and maintenance of equipment to keep it in good order	2	2	L	Correct instruction so equipment does not get damaged Group Leader to check the area around the activity prior to beginning to ensure there are no hazards that could cause injury to participants.
Bow string hitting participants arms on release	Bruising to forearm	Full Arm shields are provided for all participants to wear	3	2	L	Ensure all participants are wearing an arm shield prior to shooting and shooters keep elbows away from bow string Teach that the different coloured fletching faces outward away from the bow when hooked to the string
Rough timber/Sharp edges at Archery Range	Splinters, cuts	Regular checking and maintenance of Archery Area	2	1	VL	Check area prior to commencing activity Report any concerns to management

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