

## Risk Assessment

### Shooting in woodlands using NFAS approved equipment-RA008

#### Who is at risk?

Classification	Description / Examples	Risks
Archer	Those members shooting	Slips, trips and falls. Strains and sprains. Lacerations, abrasions and bruising. Insect bites and allergic reactions. Impact injuries and death.
Others attending	Those members not shooting	Slips, trips and falls. Strains and sprains. Lacerations, abrasions and bruising. Insect bites and allergic reactions. Impact injuries and death.
Others	Any other persons in the vicinity	Slips, trips and falls. Lacerations, abrasions and bruising. Insect bites and allergic reactions. Impact injuries and death.

No	Hazard Description	Who is at risk?	Hazard Likelihood	Possible Severity	Pre – Control Risk Rating	Control	Hazard Likelihood	Possible Severity	Post – Control Risk Rating
1	Woodland course environment	Archer. Others attending. Others.	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only NFAS registered members (Full, provisional or Associate) shall make use of a clubs or the Societies woodland course</li> <li>Appropriate signage shall be in place to warn non-members not to enter areas used for the course.</li> <li>NFAS rules shall be applied and used without exception.</li> <li>Caution shall be taken when walking around woodland to avoid holes, roots. vines and low / loose branches..</li> <li>At all times, Archers shall be observant for other woodland users (authorised or unauthorised).</li> <li>Archers shall be aware of the environment and the likelihood that animals may appear without warning.</li> </ul>	1	2	2



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2	Archery equipment - General	Archer. Others attending.	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only the necessary equipment required should be taken around the course</li> <li>• Any equipment used shall be in good condition and be used appropriately.</li> <li>• All knives shall be folded or sheathed.</li> <li>• All arrows shall be identified as per NFAS rules.</li> </ul>	1	2	2
3	Bows	Archer. Others attending. Others.	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All bows used shall conform to NFAS rules</li> <li>• All bows shall be shot following NFAS rules</li> <li>• Bows will be checked for safety before any use</li> <li>• High drawing is not permitted</li> <li>• Arrows will only be offered to the string when the Archer is in position to shoot</li> <li>• Arrows will only be loosed when aimed at the target and the target is clear</li> <li>• Bows will never be carried with an arrow strung on it</li> </ul>	1	3	3
4	Crossbows	Archer. Others attending. Others.	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Crossbows used shall conform to NFAS rules</li> <li>• All Crossbows shall be shot following NFAS rules</li> <li>• Crossbows will be checked for safety before any use</li> <li>• When drawing back the string on a crossbow, care shall be taken to avoid injury to the back, arms and shoulders by following good manual handling practices</li> <li>• Bolts will only be offered to the string when the Archer is in position to shoot</li> <li>• Bolts shall only be loosed when aimed at the target and the target is clear</li> <li>• Crossbows shall never be transported in the woodland when loaded</li> </ul>	1	3	3



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5	Targets	Archer. Others attending. Others.	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All targets shall be of appropriate materials to reduce possibility of 'pass through'</li> <li>All targets shall be of an appropriate size to accommodate the media attached (i.e. pictures)</li> <li>All targets shall be placed so as to offer a challenge but also to reduce the chances of ricochets and over shoots</li> </ul>	1	3	3
6	Searching for missing arrows	Archer.	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Care shall be taken to ensure any following groups are aware that you are searching for arrows; especially if searching to the rear of a target. Normally, one member would stand in front of the target whilst the others search. If only one Archer, place equipment visibly in front of the target</li> <li>Care shall be taken in certain woodlands in case Adders are disturbed. Seek advice from the owners of the woodland.</li> </ul>	1	3	3

**Additional Notes / Amendments:**

- See other relevant risk assessments
- At all times have care for the environment
- At all times follow the NFAS rules and etiquette

**Assessor sign:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Print name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Implemented by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position:** **Club Chairman**



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			SEVERITY		
			Trivial injury	Minor injury	Major injury
			LOW (1)	MEDIUM (2)	HIGH (3)
PROBABILITY AND LIKELYHOOD	Unlikely	1	1	2	3
	Likely	2	2	4	6
	Highly likely	3	3	6	9

1. The risk is assessed as high if the value is 7 to 9 (**Red**)  
It is unacceptable for this level of risk to remain and additional measures shall be put into place.
2. The risk is assessed as medium if the value is 4 to 6 (**Amber**).  
This activity can only take place with committee authorisation & additional measures should be looked at.
3. The risk is assessed as low if the value is 1 to 3 (**Green**).  
The activity can take place & no additional measures are required

Trivial injury:                      Basic 1<sup>st</sup> Aid or not requiring treatment at all

Minor injury:                        1<sup>st</sup> Aid and / or Requiring professional medical attention or trip to hospital

Major injury:                        Disabling, life threatening or fatal