RISK ASSESSMENT FOR: Archery **Reviewed by Ian Sheldrake 1st October 2025**

HAZARDS	Severity	Likelihood	LIST CONTROL MEASURES	OVERALL RESIDUAL RISK RATING (Low/Med/High)
Stray arrows, misfired arrows	Medium	Low	• Ensure full instructions and training are given, i.e. strict discipline maintained and no running within range • Erect netting or fencing behind target • Place warning signs at access points • Carry out visual check before each shot	Low
Arrows protruding from target	Medium	Low	• Approach target from sides • Instructors to teach participants how to remove arrows from target	Low
Injury firing arrows – muscle strain, cuts etc	Low	Low	• Issue ongoing instruction and training to all participants	Low
Bow string cuts arms, face etc	Medium	Low	• Issue instruction in correct technique • Ensure long sleeves or arm braces worn • Secure long hair and loose clothing • Remove all jewellery	Low

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Target/stand falls over	Low	Low	• Secure target and stand by pegging or tying • Remove target and stand in high winds • Check stability regularly •	Low
Unsafe behaviour from participants	Low	Low	• Clear briefing about required behaviour at the beginning. • Insistence that participants stay in the safe area and behaviour well whilst others are shooting.	Low
Equipment failure	Low	Low	• Establish inspection and maintenance programme • Instructor to check all before each session	Low
Adverse weather	Low	Low	❑ In advance: • obtain detailed weather forecasts and call off event if unsuitable • issue advice on appropriate clothing and footwear • Provide sun cream • Provide adequate food and drink • Establish emergency procedures and provide contact numbers	Low
Public access to range	Low	Low	❑ In advance • Identify any area where public could access area and red/white security tape off and use signage to keep public out of the area.	Low

Notes

- All leaders should be aware of **Venture Out** 'Emergency procedures' prior to delivering any sessions.
- All coaches to carry first aid kit and repair kit and appropriate equipment for weather conditions
- It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure equipment is safe and appropriate for use prior to each session.
- It is the responsibility of the coach to alert the Director (Ian Sheldrake) of broken or damaged equipment, or injury or near miss and to record this information in the Accident and Emergency book. If unclear how to complete this, then contact Ian immediately for support.
- If the coach is unsure of any relevant safety-related matters the problem should be resolved prior to the session
- This is an adventurous sport and some risk is assumed by participants. Removal of all risk is not only impossible but detrimental to the development of participants. However risk versus benefits have to be considered.