

As you will expect there are several alterations to the usual format of how the tournament normally runs due to concerns re COVID.

Please read the notes below - apologies for the length of this missive.

1) We will be using the IANSEO software to record scores, but pen & paper evidence is still required - please make sure that you have a blue or black pen with you: you might not be the scorer, but you will need to sign your score sheet at the end!

2) Assuming that the Government doesn't close Sports Centres in the next week due to the pandemic or for holding a party, I am reducing the number of bosses this year to 15 which will increase the space between bosses. Please respect everyone's personal space before, during & after the competition.

3) To limit the number of people in the Hall at any one time:

I am discouraging visitors & observers, except for Juniors' & Disabled Archers' accompanying adults;

Sorry, but there will be no presentation at the end of the afternoon - I aim to email out results within 24 hours of the last arrow shot & any medals will be sent by post as soon as we recover from checking the scores! (I will endeavour to sort out trophies at a later date.)

Barring hold-ups, I am hoping that the morning session Archers will have gone home (to their roast dinners?!) before the afternoon shooters arrive from 1.15 p.m. onwards, but please be patient if there is a delay.

4) If possible please bring your own chair - the less Hall chairs we use, the less we have to sanitise at half-time! It would also be helpful if you could limit the amount of equipment you bring into the Hall.

5) There is currently no cafe at Hutton Moor, so if you need 'fuel' you will have to bring it yourself. (Please remember all archers are subject to drugs testing!) However, hopefully there will be an urn of hot water on the boil during the day with tea & coffee available, but please bring your own mug / cup.

6) On 26th January AGB issued new guidance on Covid 19 and Archery:

<https://www.archerygb.org/clubs-facilities-development/club-information-covid-19/>

We ask that:

You comply with all UK government and AGB rules concerning Covid 19 that are in force on the day.

AGB recommends the all members, except if medically exempt or under the age of 11, wear a face covering in indoor places, which are crowded and enclosed, and where they may come into contact with people they do not normally meet. Face coverings can be removed by archers when actively shooting

(replaced when collecting arrows or waiting off the shooting line). You regularly clean or sanitise hands and shared equipment.

N.B. It is currently not mandatory at Hutton Moor to wear face coverings and will be a personal choice for everyone in the building; we ask that all Archers / visitors respect people's personal decisions on this matter. Hand sanitising stations will be kept in the venue and we recommend regular use of them during the duration of your visit. Lateral flow tests can be a useful way of detecting the virus.

Whilst not a requirement, we would prefer that:

You do not attend if you have been in contact with anyone who is suspected of having Covid 19 or is self-isolating due to Covid 19: it's the personal responsibility of the individual to ensure every action has been taken to help stop the spread of COVID.

Under no circumstances should you attend if you have COVID symptoms or may have come into close contact with anyone who is infected. If you fear you may be infected, please keep others safe by isolating at home.

We are committed to making the Tournament an inclusive and safe environment for everyone: as such we are asking all Archers / visitors to work in partnership with us to do their part to help stop the spread of COVID and be kind and considerate to all.

Whilst the above means the Tournament will be a little different to previous ones, my main aim has always been to offer Archers the chance of an indoor tournament whilst being as safe as possible. I am pleased that we have had a good response from most of our region & a few visitors; I am also delighted that we have a few Archers shooting a Tournament for the first time, so whatever happens, they will shoot a 'Personal Best!'

I will need to have sight of your AGB membership card (hard copy or on your 'phone) when you arrive: if you haven't proof of membership, your Club's Secretary or Treasurer should have given you some evidence.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday; should you have an urgent query please email me at [robin9longbowsrus@btinternet.com](mailto:robin9longbowsrus@btinternet.com) or I can be contacted on 01934 750865 and, on the Tournament day: 07864 074696.

Good shooting,

Robin

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