

COVID-19 Update and Alert Level Guidance 19 October 2021

At the time of writing, Waikato is in Alert Level 3 (to be reviewed 22 October), and Auckland is in Alert Level 3 Step 1. All other parts of the country are in Alert Level 2.

Archery NZ has reviewed the current Alert Level 2 and Alert Level 3 guidance from Sport New Zealand and is providing this archery-specific summary to support clubs and archers in their planning and operations under these alert levels. This is not intended to preclude clubs from taking any additional safety measures should they choose to. Sport New Zealand recognises that applications of the restrictions are complex, especially for the range of activities involved in archery and the different settings we participate in.

Please note that the alert level restrictions, as well as Sport New Zealand guidance, can and will likely develop over time. Clubs should read the full Sport New Zealand guidance available here, which includes more detailed restrictions and scenarios, including summary posters which are periodically updated:

<https://sportnz.org.nz/covid-19-response/alert-level-information/>

Many clubs have already developed a COVID-19 management plan. We encourage all clubs to do so, and keep this updated as restrictions and alert levels change. We encourage you to contact your members about your requirements in advance of attending, so that they understand expectations.

We understand some clubs are grappling with whether to require vaccinations for those accessing their facilities. The Sport NZ COVID FAQs page provides the following guidance:

“We cannot provide general advice on whether vaccination can or cannot be made a requirement of entry because each case will be different and will involve balancing health and safety risks alongside the rights of those who, for whatever reason, are not vaccinated. If you are considering making vaccination a requirement of entry it would be advisable to seek independent legal advice.”

This issue is one that goes well beyond the sport and recreation sector. We understand that a broader government-wide approach to the issue of using vaccination status as a condition of entry to a facility or an event is being developed and will update our guidance as soon as we know more.”

For any queries, please contact the Administration Team (adminstration@archerynz.co.nz). Clarifications can be sought from our Sports Partnership Manager at Sport New Zealand if required.

Alert Level 2 Archery Guidance

At Alert Level 2, you can participate in archery (training, club shoots, novice coaching, private coaching, tournaments <100 people) if you can do it safely. If you or a member of your bubble are sick or awaiting a COVID-19 test result, stay home.

Physical Distancing requirements

In the latest guidance update, Sports NZ has clarified that there is no social distancing requirement associated with participants playing community sport. This means that there are no restrictions on the number of archers per target.

Before and after shooting, archers should try to maintain 2 meters physical distancing, including in club rooms. Consider what space is available for setting up equipment, and whether additional space is appropriate (e.g. outside under a gazebo).

Gathering Limits

Recent guidance from Sport NZ has clarified that community sport still needs to be limited to a maximum of 100 people for both indoor and outdoor events. However, clubs may choose to limit numbers to ensure 2m physical distancing in club rooms etc. can take place.

Face Coverings

Masks do not need to be worn when participating in archery but are recommended before and after at indoor facilities. Coaches and volunteers are encouraged to wear face coverings.

Contact Tracing Requirements

NZ COVID trader QR codes and a contact tracking register must be in place for all participants aged 12+. Clubs must take particular care to record the details of any spectators.

Cleaning and Hygiene

Archers should clean and wash hands before and after playing. Facilities, water, soap and towels/drier should be available. Where hand-washing facilities are not available, clubs must provide hand sanitiser containing at least 60% alcohol.

Sharing of equipment should be minimised as far as practical. Any shared equipment (e.g. novice coaching bows, arrows, finger tabs, arm guards, quivers) should be cleaned and disinfected before and after use.

It is recommended that archers pull their own arrows. When scoring, one person on the target should be designated to handle the scorecard.

Common touch points (e.g. gates, doors, portable target butt handles, safety equipment, bow weight testing equipment for tournaments) should be regularly cleaned and disinfected.

Bar/Café Facilities

Any bar/café facilities run by clubs can operate, but must have 2m physical distancing for customers, a WorkSafe plan for safe operation, and comply with all other Alert Level 2 and H&S obligations. Refer to [this link](#).



Alert Level 3 Step 1 Archery Guidance

Please note that Sport New Zealand Alert Level 3 Step 2 or 3 guidance has not yet been assembled, so we cannot provide guidance on this currently.

At Alert Level 3 Step 1, only limited archery activities are possible. You can train at home or outside with other people from one other household only (max 10 people total). Organised coaching can be undertaken for groups of up to 10 (no household limit). You can travel within your region to get to a destination for archery. If you or a member of your bubble are sick or awaiting a COVID-19 test result, stay home. We note that some clubs will have additional requirements imposed by landlords.

Under Alert Level 3 Step 1, clubhouses, toilets, showers etc. must remain closed, except for use by workers (with appropriate public health measures in place). For many clubs, this will mean that they are unable to operate in Alert Level 3 Step 1. The lack of access to rest rooms will be important, and clubs may decide that it is not appropriate to open their outdoor range during this Alert Level as a result.

For clubs to be able to offer archery in Level 3 Step 1, they would need to:

- Have a method of accessing target butts and safety equipment (e.g. flags, signage, ropes) without access to the clubrooms which must remain closed
- Implement a booking system to manage attendance and avoid overlaps
- Implement a system to enable cleaning of common touch points between participants (e.g. target butt handles, safety equipment, locks/gates for equipment access). Consider whether the effectiveness of the cleaning procedures will be sufficient to prevent spread of the virus (e.g. target faces may not be easily sanitised)
- Ensure hand sanitiser is available

We consider the most likely archery activity in Alert Level 3 Step 1 will consist of training at home, and professional coaching where applicable. Archers are reminded to ensure their home range is safe, with no chance of overshoots, ricochets, pass-throughs or misfires that might endanger others (including household members and neighbours). If in doubt, do not shoot, and ask for advice from an experienced coach or archer.

Physical Distancing requirements

Maintain a 2 meter physical distance from those outside your bubble. Where training with another household, this means staying 2m from them. It is recommended that different households do not shoot on the same target butt.

Gathering Limits

Outdoors only, with a maximum 10 people from maximum 2 households (or 10 people from 10 households, including instructor, for organised coaching). You must leave as soon as you have finished shooting.

Face Coverings

Archers should wear a face covering before and after shooting.

Contact Tracing Requirements

NZ COVID trader QR codes and a contact tracking register must be in place for all participants aged 12+.

Cleaning and Hygiene

Do not share any equipment outside of your bubble. Archers should pull their own arrows. If scoring, only one person should touch the scorecard.



Alert Level 3 Archery Guidance

At Alert Level 3, very limited archery activities are possible. You can train at home or outside within your bubble only. You can travel within your region to get to a destination for archery. If you or a member of your bubble are sick or awaiting a COVID-19 test result, stay home. We note that some clubs will have additional requirements imposed by landlords.

Under Alert Level 3, clubhouses, toilets, showers etc. must remain closed, except for use by workers (with appropriate public health measures in place). For most clubs, this will mean that they are unable to operate in Alert Level 3. The lack of access to rest rooms will be important, and clubs may decide that it is not appropriate to open their outdoor range during this Alert Level as a result.

For clubs to be able to offer archery in Level 3, they would need to:

- Have a method of accessing target butts and safety equipment (e.g. flags, signage, ropes) without access to the clubrooms which must remain closed
- Implement a booking system to manage attendance of single bubbles at a time and avoid overlaps
- Implement a system to enable cleaning of common touch points between participants (e.g. target butt handles, safety equipment, locks/gates for equipment access). Consider whether the effectiveness of the cleaning procedures will be sufficient to prevent spread of the virus (e.g. target faces may not be easily sanitised)
- Ensure hand sanitiser is available

We consider the most likely archery activity in Alert Level 3 will consist of training at home. Archers are reminded to ensure that any home range is safe, with no chance of overshoots, ricochets, pass-throughs or misfires that might endanger others (including household members and neighbours). If in doubt, do not shoot, and ask for advice from an experienced coach or senior archer.

Physical Distancing requirements

Maintain a 2 meter physical distance from those outside your bubble.

Gathering Limits

No gatherings are permitted outside of your bubble.

Face Coverings

Archers are encouraged to wear a face covering before and after shooting.

Contact Tracing Requirements

NZ COVID trader QR codes and a contact tracking register must be in place for all participants aged 12+.

Cleaning and Hygiene

Do not share any equipment outside of your bubble.