

Return to Clout Archery Competition



Neston Co Archers & Archery GB Pilot Competition

Monday 3rd May 2021

We look forward to seeing you on the 3 May and are excited to get back to Clout Archery competition, albeit with a limited event to test out the Return to Competition Guidelines.

Below you will find details of what to expect when you arrive at the competition and how the shooting will be organised during the day. We are still in early days of easing Covid-19 restrictions.

So we make no apologies in launching our notes with the following questions you should consider carefully when you head for the shoot on Monday morning:

NB. The Target List, this document and others will be forwarded to all competitors prior to the event.

Archers and Members **MUST NOT** come to the range if they show symptoms of any illness but in particular of Covid-19. These are highlighted on NHS Direct.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What to do if you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.
- Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.
- Follow all current laws and government guidance.

If the answer to any of these is **yes**, then **you should not attend the competition**.

- Do you have a high temperature? Yes/No
- Do you have a new, continuous cough? Yes/No
- Do you have a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste? Yes/No
- Are you in a household or bubble with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 in the past 14 days Yes/No

You should also **not attend** if any of the following apply to you

- Currently self-isolating as a result of showing Covid 19 symptoms or as a result of a positive Covid 19 test
- Been in close contact with/ travel from a high-risk region/ or living with a suspected or confirmed case of Covid 19 in the previous 14 days

Travelling

Directions to Neston Company of Archers.

Wirral RUFC, Memorial Ground, Thornton Common Road, Wirral, CH63 0LT

At this event we have no limits to people on the field, but please travel alone if you can and maintain social distance.

Drivers, parents and guardians will have to stay by/in the car. No spectators will be allowed on the field of play.

Arrival

Please time your arrival after 09:45am,

You will be met at the gate to the field for registration.

Please have your AGB membership card to hand rather than in the boot!

Parking

Is where you enter in the field, there's plenty of room so give yourself space to social distance.

Tent Areas

We have lots of room behind the shooting line, but to ensure we can all socially distance we're asking you to pitch your tents as defined on the plan along your targets lane edge, facing into the lane, this gives a 4m wide circulation space and plenty of room to get to the waiting area. See the diagram below.

We've extended the lane lines into the tent area to help with this.

Inspection

This will go ahead, but the judges will not touch any of your equipment.

Bow scales for compounds will be sanitised by the Judges between each use.

PPA & Sanitiser

Please provide whatever PPA you feel comfortable with and bring your own hand sanitiser. However, we will also have a couple of sanitiser stations on the field you are free to use.

Food and Drink

We have no food or drinks available during the day, so please bring everything you need for the whole day.

Loos

Are available on site; A Portaloo will be available during the day and the main club toilets will be opened during the short mid session break. Please observe social distancing when moving around paths and fields.

There will be a sanitiser station near the entrance.

Shooting Procedure

This will be much as you would expect, but with a little more choreography to ensure social distancing. Please keep bows and scopes in the waiting area boxes in front of the tents when not in use. You will be allowed to leave scopes on the line as the

layout shows with 5 archers per detail. The 1st and 2nd details will shoot at different locations.

Scoring etc

Scoring will be in line with Archery GB Clout Guidance Document, Option 1 Tassle Award Competitions (refer to details below)

Rubbish

Please take it home!

General Notes:-to further ensure the success of this pilot competition.

- 1 Target List and results will be emailed to archers contact emails by the Tournament Organise. Left hand archers to confirm on entry documents.
- 2 No spectators will be allowed at this event.
- 3 No entries will be allowed on the day.
- 4 Rule of 6 for gathering will **not** apply at this event
- 5 At finish of shoot archers to pack up all equipment and leave the venue. Results will be emailed to competitors later.
- 6 Keep social distance setting up and taking down equipment.
- 7 Archers should erect tents as detailed plan and generally keep themselves in the identified tent or equipment zone when not shooting.
- 8 Parents/guardians can help during initial set-up tent for junior competitors, but must stay in their car when not required for essential help.”
- 9 Tent locations on the rear line are for same Household groups who may be on different clout targets and will allow for competitors to use the rear defined circulation zone to safely return to their target areas
- 10 Portaloo will be sanitized at regular intervals during the shoot.
- 11 This event is being monitored, to see if Clout shoots can meet Covid-19 Guidance and continue to be participated in a safe and secure environment for archers, judges and the field party.
- 12 Painted target outer circle will also have standing locations 2m apart for archers to wait
- 13 We believe we have provided enough space to ensure that all archers can keep 2 m from competitors and judges, however please can all competitors bring / carry a face mask in case you cannot maintain a distance of 2m during movement in the circulation zone and when scoring in the clout circle. This will ensure that we meet the AGB guidance that states:-

"As an archer, you must practice social distancing at all times and maintain a distance of at least 2 metres apart. If this is not practical/possible, then other mitigating practices, such as face coverings or physical barriers such as protective screens, should be used as per the 1m+ guidance."

- 14 Any archer wishing to remain at the shooting line due to disability should let the TO know so we can plan the target list to ensure minimum distances.
- 15 We will record the contact details of all participants, including archers / driver / parent / field party / judges and monitors in line with Track and Trace requirements.

All persons entering the field must be able to answer **NO** to all these questions-

- Do you have a high temperature?
- Do you have a new, continuous cough?
- Do you have a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste?
- Are you in a household or bubble with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 in the past 14 days

APPENDIX 3 – CLOUT ARCHERY

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“Shooting Line

- *Shooting will be in two details.*
- *Shooting positions will be marked at 2-metre spacings. (Or at such distancing as is laid down Nationally at the time)*

(NB This event will have 3.2m spacings refer to plan below)

- *Entry will be limited to 10 archers maximum per clout, dependent on width of the flag lane to safely space at the required intervals.*
- *Archers must keep alert and make sure they keep distance from other archers at all times, particularly when walking to and from their shooting position, and when walking to the clouts and back. And of course, while scoring the arrows.*

**Note that mixing right & left-handed archers on the same targets should be avoided, ideally left-handed archers would be on the left of the field.*

Scoring

Record status and tassel award competitions

- *Each Clout to have 1 x Score Rope Handler*
- *Only the rope-handler may touch the rope*
- *The scoring rope is to be taken round the clout circle and up to two archer per revolution follow it, identify their own arrows one by one, and pull them from the ground.*
- *Before pulling an arrow from the ground the archer must make sure the scorer and other witnesses are aware that an arrow value is about to be called, and before pulling the scorer must confirm that they agree the call is fair.*
- *If there is any doubt about arrow values the owner of the arrow is to step away enough for the second archer and/or the scorer to approach and confirm. (Judge if necessary)*
- *The scorer will record the score value as each arrow is identified. This will be a departure from normal practice where arrows are called in descending value.*
- *The archers will need to take care to avoid arrows in the ground.*
- *They must also take care to keep properly distanced at all times.*

Non record status shoots – Tassel awards only

- *Each Clout to be marked with circles on the ground to reflect the individual scoring zones. The mark for which will be wholly within the higher zone.*
- *A Scoring rope is also to be provided and used by one sole handler should the need arise.*
- *Archers take it in turns to enter the scoring zone and walk round the zone scoring to identify their own arrows one by one.*
- *Before pulling an arrow from the ground the archer must make sure the scorer and other witnesses are aware that an arrow value is about to be called, and before pulling the scorer must confirm that they agree the call is fair.*
- *If there is any doubt about arrow values, such that it is within the scoring line on the ground, the owner of the arrow is to step away enough for the scoring rope handler to place the rope next to the arrow to determine the score. (Judge if necessary)*
- *If the score is believed to be a record or a score for a tassel award you must score using the rope to confirm the record or award.*
- *The scorer will record the score value as each arrow is identified. This will be a departure from normal practice where arrows are called in descending value.*
- *The archers will need to take care to avoid arrows in the ground.*
- *They must also take care to keep properly distanced at all times.*

Touching other archers' arrows or equipment is strictly prohibited at all times.

These procedures and measurements are designed to ensure 2m separation, measurements for Covid-19 specific arrangements are therefore given in metres. “

Diagram 1
TENT AND SHOOTING LINE ARRANGEMENTS:
Max 10 Archers per Clout Target

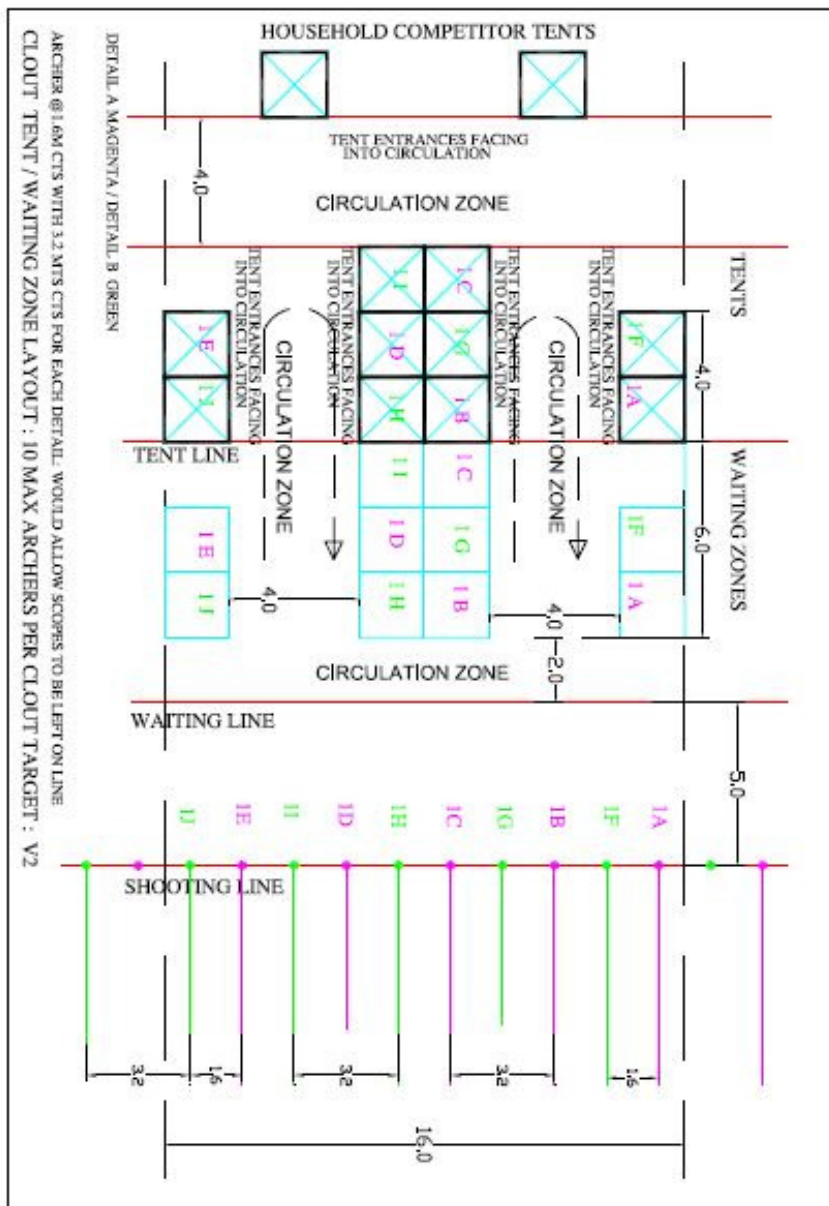


Diagram 2
TENT AND SHOOTING LINE ARRANGEMENTS:
Max 6 Archers per Clout Target

Likely Junior or Gent Compound Clout Targets only, with reduced numbers.

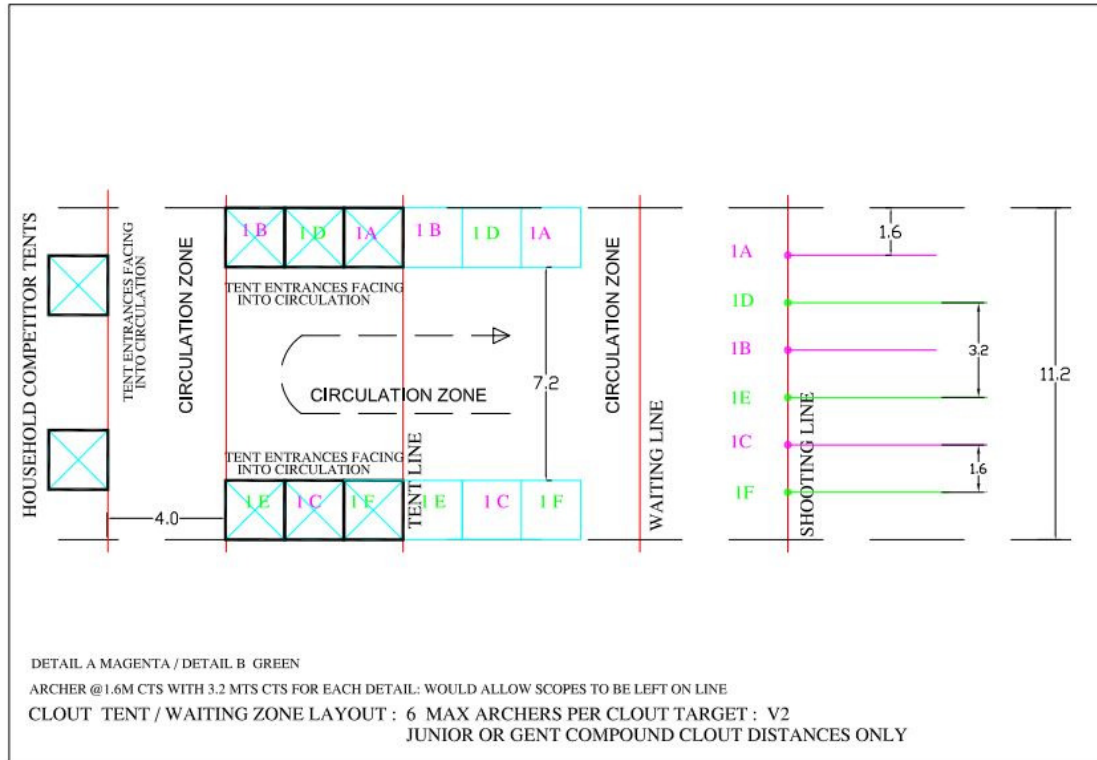
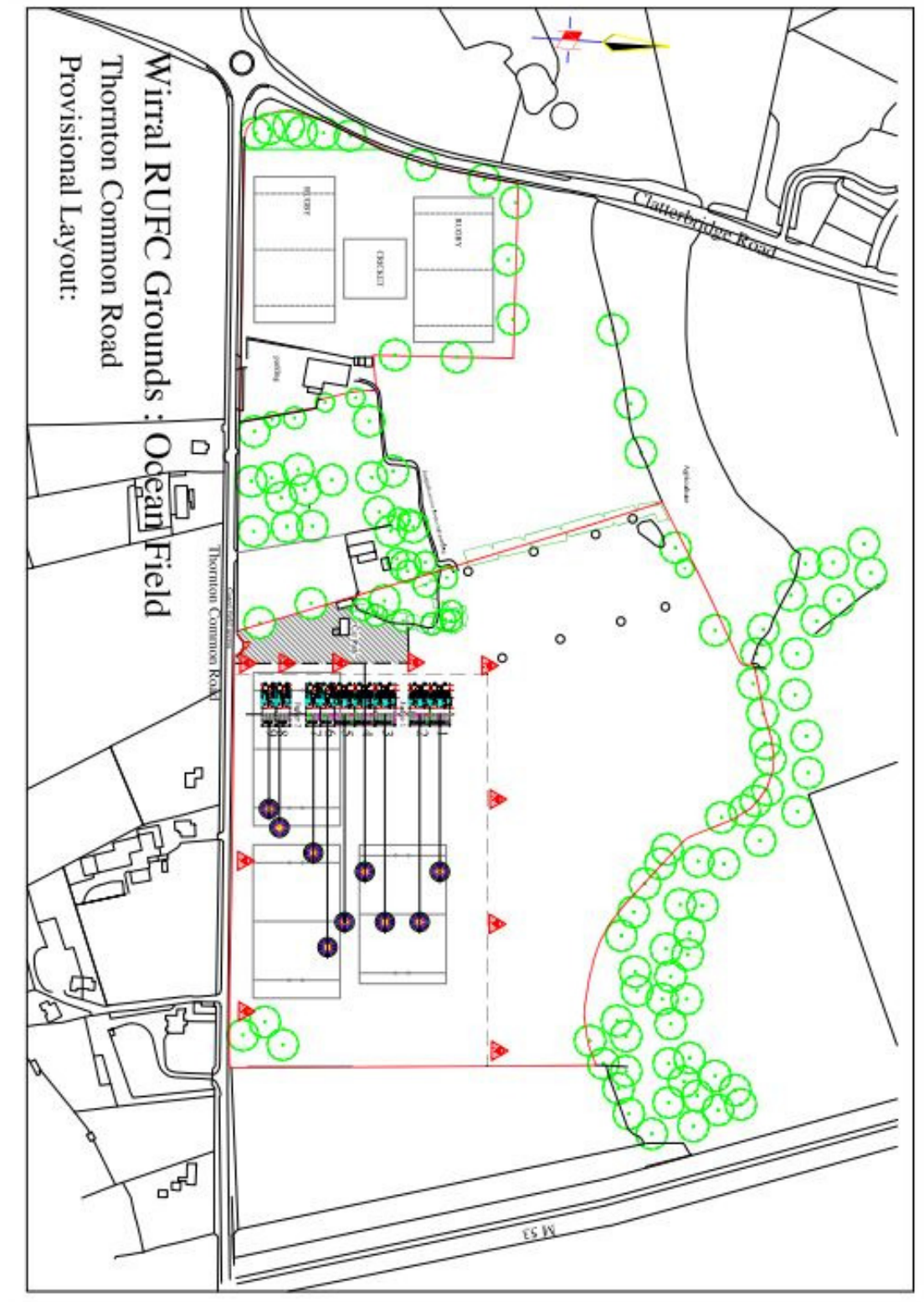


Diagram 3
PROVISIONAL LAYOUT:



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